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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOHNSON VALLEY WATER SUPPLY SURVEY AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 10:30 AM

The BDVWA Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey Ad Hoc Committee meeting is announced as a joint meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of strict compliance with the Brown Act. Members of the Board not assigned to this Committee who attend will participate only as observers at the meeting.

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Public Participation - Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item. You may wish to submit your comments in writing to assure that you are able to express yourself adequately. When giving your public comment, please first state your name and have your information prepared. Due to time constraints, a three-minute time limit may be imposed. Per Government Code Section 54954.2, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the meeting, should contact the Board Secretary at 760-364-2315 during Agency business hours.

- 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - Any person may address the Board on any matter within the District's jurisdiction on items not appearing on this agenda.
- 2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS** - The Committee and Staff will discuss the following items and consider taking action, if so inclined.

a. TABULATE THE JOHNSON VALLEY WATER SUPPLY SURVEY - RESPONSES RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Committee to review, tabulate, and publicly announce the results of the JV Water Supply Survey; and
- 2) Direct staff to prepare a report of the results to be presented at the next Regular Board meeting.

3. ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA

4. ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Section 54954.2, this agenda has been posted in the main lobby of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency, 622 S. Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time above. All written materials relating to each agenda item are available for public inspection in the office of the Agency Secretary. Backup material for the Agenda is available at the Agency offices for public review and can be viewed online at the Agency's website: www.bdvwa.org.

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**BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY AD HOC COMMITTEE
JOHNSON VALLEY WATER SUPPLY SURVEY TABULATION
AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL**

Meeting Date: August 11, 2010

To: Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey
Ad Hoc Comm. of Board of Directors

Budgeted: N/A
Budgeted Amount: N/A
Cost: N/A
Funding Source

From: Marina D. West

General Counsel Approval: N/A
CEQA Compliance: N/A

Subject: Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey Tabulation

SUMMARY

The Board of Directors authorized staff to prepare and mail a water supply survey to all properties within the "Johnson Valley" area. The layout and content of the survey was reviewed by both standing committees. Approximately 1,165 surveys were mailed into two separate areas of the Agency. Approximately 390 were returned. The responses will be tabulated at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee tabulate the survey responses and report the results to the full Board on August 24, 2010.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Board of Directors authorized staff to prepare and mail a water supply survey to all properties within the "Johnson Valley" area (see attached). The layout and content of the survey was reviewed by both standing committees. The surveys were anonymous except that they were colored based on tax rate area. Tan survey cards represent properties very near to the existing pressurized water system. Blue survey cards represent properties further to the west and farther away from the existing pressurized water system (Figure 1).

The "blue" survey area represents 886 properties. There were 324 blue survey cards returned for a response rate of approximately 36%.

The "tan" survey area represents 236 properties. There were 70 tan survey cards returned for a response rate of approximately 30%.

According to our research, response rates vary widely for surveys. Customer satisfaction and market research surveys, like the Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey, often have acceptable response rates in the 10% to 30% range. The majority of mail surveys distributed achieve a

response rate between 15% and 25%. Therefore, the Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey could be considered a reasonable representation of the property owners' opinions.

The survey response card provided space for written comments. The most common written comment was that the property owners were not provided any cost projections. The cost of a pressurized water supply system is based on many variables such as the size of the system (miles of pipeline) and appurtenances such as reservoirs, pump stations or water supply wells that might also be needed to satisfy demand, delivery and storage requirements. Therefore, it is nearly impossible to estimate the individual property cost share in a new water system until a proper engineering analysis is completed. The intent of the survey was to determine if a majority interest in a pressurized water system exists in order to justify initiation of a cost analysis. Of course, this project would entail a specific benefit area or assessment district from which these funds would have to originate. The property owners would have to approve this through a formal process described in the Government Code.

As directed by the Board, staff only counted the returns to determine the response rates. There has been no tabulation of the actual responses. The responses will be tabulated at the meeting.

The Board of Directors will be asked to "receive and file" the tabulated survey responses and provide further direction to staff on August 24, 2010.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION(S)

- 4/27/2010 - Board of Directors approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for tabulating the responses received by the Agency from the Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey and appointed two Directors to the AD Hoc Committee during the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
- 3/23/2010 - Board of Directors authorized General Manager to proceed with production and mailing of Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey during the Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
- 3/10/2010 - Development of a Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey discussed during the regular FPREP Committee Meeting
- 2/18/2010 - Development of a Johnson Valley Water Supply Survey discussed during the regular PLEGS Committee Meeting
- 12/5/2009 - Discussed task of developing a Direct Mailing to Johnson Valley property owners pertaining to their interest in a pressurized water system as a "Goal" during Directors' Workshop and Special Meeting

Blue Survey to
Tax Rate Area:
088015

(247)

Old Woman Springs Rd

Tan Survey to
Tax Rate Areas:
094036 and
094043

Figure 1

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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Letter from the President of the Board...

Over the years, the possibility of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency providing piped water in the areas of Johnson Valley and North Landers has come up many times. There seems to be folks on both sides of the question, however, the most vocal have been those who oppose the idea.

Some benefits of piped water are an assured supply of potable water, accessibility for fire protection services plus increased property values - all of which have a positive effect on the availability and cost of insurance to our ratepayers. Alternatively, a second well would provide at least the assurance of a water supply in the event that Well #10 fails.

Please take the time to reply to this enclosed survey before **June 30, 2010**. Your opinion counts.

Thank you!

Terry Burkhardt, President

Agency Mission Statement:

To provide a high quality supply of water and reliable service to all customers at a fair and reasonable rate.

Our Vision:

To demonstrate accountability by taking economically responsible action today to secure our water supply for tomorrow.

Our Values:

We pledge to use all available resources for maintaining our existing facilities as well as plan, design, finance, and construct our future infrastructure for benefit to our customers in our service area.

Our Integrity:

Staff and Board are committed to a comprehensive evaluation of the most important issues while establishing a record of fairness to all customers.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD @ 1720 NORTH CHEROKEE TRAIL, LANDERS, CA 92285

- ❖ Board Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of every month - 6:00 PM
- ❖ Finance/Personnel/Public Relations & Education (FPREP) Committee meetings: Second Wednesday of every other month - 4:00 PM
- ❖ Planning & Engineering/Legislative/Grant/Security (PLEGS) Committee meetings: Third Thursday of every other month - 8:45 AM

1. How do you currently receive your water supply?

- ☐ Private Well ☐ Don't Use Water (Vacant Land)
☐ Commercial Water Hauler ☐ Haul My Own Water

1a. Would you support improvements to the Johnson Valley bulk water supply system (such as a second supply well)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Projecting into the future, when would you like to see pressurized water available to your property?

- ☐ 3 - 8 Years ☐ 17 - 26 Years
☐ 8 - 17 Years ☐ Never

2a. Are you willing to support the creation of an Improvement District to issue long-term bonds to provide funds for a pressurized system or other desired improvements.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

2b. Are you willing to support the Agency in efforts to secure outside grant funding to offset the capital cost for building a pressurized system?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Your opinion counts. Please provide any additional comments: _____

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