

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS - The Board of Directors and Staff will discuss the following items, and the Board will consider taking action, if so inclined.

The Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item.

When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared, if you wish to be identified for the record then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three-minutes to provide their public comment.

5. BOARD TO CONDUCT CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR FILLING VACANT BOARD SEAT

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Board to conduct individual interviews while in a public, open session;
- 2) Invite Public Comment;**
- 3) Board President to ask for a motion to appoint a candidate to the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Board of Directors;
- 4) Roll call vote should be taken;
- 5) The candidate who receives a majority of at least three (3) votes will be appointed as a Director to the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Board of Directors;
- 6) Subsequently, Candidate will be sworn in, date and time to be announced;
- 7) After the Candidate has been sworn in, they can officially be seated as a Board member at the next Board of Directors' meeting.

6. VOTE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY (ACWA HBA)

Board to consider voting for one nominee from the list provided for the Association of California Water Agencies Health Benefits Authority open director seat.

7. AMES/RECHE GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Board to consider approving the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Management Agreement.

8. SEA TO SIERRA WATER TOUR

Board to consider authorizing attendance for the Sea to Sierra Water Tour scheduled for March 1-2, 2012 at an approximate cost of \$2000 per Board Member.

9. CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) WEBINAR TRAINING

Board to consider authorizing attendance for two Webinars: Form 700- Easier Than It Looks, scheduled for February 2, 2012 & Must Have Communication Protocols for District Board Members and Staff, scheduled for February 8, 2012. The estimated cost for each webinar is \$169 per Board Member.

10. GOVERNANCE FOUNDATION WORKSHOP CONDUCTED BY CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA)

Board to consider authorizing attendance for a Governance Foundation Workshop to be held in Mira Loma, scheduled for February 16, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$500 per Board Member.

11. PROPOSITION 218, PROPOSITION 26 & RATE SETTING WORKSHOP CONDUCTED BY CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA)

Board to consider authorizing attendance for a Proposition 218, Proposition 26 & Rate Setting Workshop to be held in Irvine CA, scheduled for February 24, 2012, at an estimated cost of \$525 per Board Member.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Any person may address the Board on any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction on items not appearing on this agenda.

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13. VERBAL REPORTS - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings.

- a. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
- b. DIRECTORS' REPORT
- c. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

15. ADJOURNMENT

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

(Deadline for consideration is 4:30 p.m., January 5, 2012)

Name: J. Dennis Staley Contact Phone Number: (760) 364-2928

Home Address: 55524 New Dixie Mine Rd, Landers, CA 92285

Registered Voter Residing Within Agency Boundaries: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please state your reasons for wanting to become a Director of the Agency:

1. TO Help IN CONTINUING GOOD WATER
SERVICE TO THIS AREA.
2. TO Help PROVIDE INSIGHT TO WATER problems
FOR NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE.

List any community activities:

None

Signature: J. Dennis Staley Date: 12/14/11

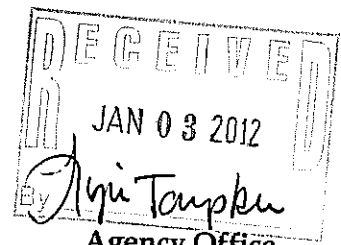
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(Deadline for consideration is 4:30 p.m., January 5, 2012)

Name: Alpha E. Richards Contact Phone Number: (760) 364-3631
Home Address: 170 Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Registered Voter Residing Within Agency Boundaries: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please state your reasons for wanting to become a Director of the Agency:

To serve in my immediate community as a voice for the people is keeping with the agency's mission statement. I am grateful to bring my gifts, abilities and commitment to serve others in regards to this precious life supporting necessity - Water.

List any community activities:

1. Facilitated monthly meditation workshops @ Yucca Valley Public Library
2. Member of High Desert Healers - Dr. Chuck Greenwood *
3. Hospice of Morongo Basin "No One Dies Alone" / Kay Star +
4. Prayer Practitioner - Garden Club
5. Mentor for female teens - references upon demand.

Signature: Alpha E. Richards Date: 1/2/2012

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* See Article in Hi-Desert Star & vitae.

Inhale joy, exhale peace

Teacher shares meditation techniques

By Jutta Biggerstaff

HI-DESERT STAR — In today's hectic society it's hard to take a few minutes for quiet introspection, to slow down and relax.

But, according to Yucca Valley resident Alpha Richards, in doing so one can reduce stress, look younger and be healthier. And benefits can be achieved in as little as 10 minutes a day without special clothing or equipment.

Richards, a meditation teacher and healer, instructed a small meditation class Monday afternoon in the Yucca Valley library meeting room. In a class, she repeats monthly for beginners and seasoned meditators alike. It is free.

However, the class is more like a workshop in which students actively meditate, oxymoronic though that may sound. In short, it is not a class in which the teacher simply lectures, reciting dry textbook material, but a class in which the students participate.

Monday, the students were arranged on mats in a circle, sans shoes. They sat cross-legged, back straight, with their hands on their knees, palms up — a posture believed to invite energy.

Richards, dressed in a loose chocolate brown tunic and trousers, began by making sure everyone was comfortable and emphasizing that they should relax, close their eyes if they wished, and concentrate on breathing. Still and quiet.

She explained that she would ring a bell at intervals to re-focus attention on the breathing.

"But pay attention to the breath, even when the bell is not sounding," she instructed.

Novices found that stillness is deceptive, for the mind races on. After focusing on a few breaths, the untethered mind thinks "What am I going to have for dinner? How will I pay the phone bill? Where did I put my nail clippers?"

"Back to the breath," Richards intones quietly. "Inhale joy, exhale peace."

It's not as easy as it looks and requires practice, she assured the small class.

"It's all about a willingness to try," she said.

A few participants meditate on a regular basis, and they sit motionless and appear tranquil while a couple of beginners struggle with the stillness and sigh and yawn.

Richards reminded the class that meditating at home alone in a quiet place will be easier.

Outside the darkened meeting room of the library, babies cry and horns honk. Patrons check out books, browse the Internet and read the newspaper. It seems they are conversing, laughing and coughing much too loudly.

"Back to the breath," Richards reminds gently. "When you hear the breath as it comes in, you notice whether it's fast or slow. All of your thoughts go to the breath."

She explains that when outside thoughts or noises intrude on the focus of the breathing, one should simply push



PHOTOS BY JUTTA BIGGERSTAFF FOR THE HI-DESERT STAR

Crystal Shaw of Yucca Valley concentrates on her breathing during the meditation class at the Yucca Valley library Monday afternoon. She has been practicing yoga and meditation since she was a teenager because "it instills calmness and peace."

the thought aside, delegate the noise to the background and re-focus on breathing.

"Every time you do that you're releasing a stress and that's the beauty and joy of meditation," Richards said.

Meditation has been practiced for hundreds of years and is a component of many religions. It is used to enhance creativity, achieve a higher state of consciousness and connect to a higher power.

Many people believe, and studies seem to suggest, that people who meditate are healthier.

In fact, according to a 2003 Psychology Today article, neuroscientists from the University of Massachusetts Medical School found that meditators shift their

brain activity to different areas of the cortex — brain waves in the stress-prone right frontal

cortex move to the calmer left frontal cortex.

In other words, they were calmer and happier.

Crystal Shaw of Yucca Valley has been meditating for about the last 10 years and attended the session as an opportunity to seek new inspiration. For her, the practice instills calmness and peace.

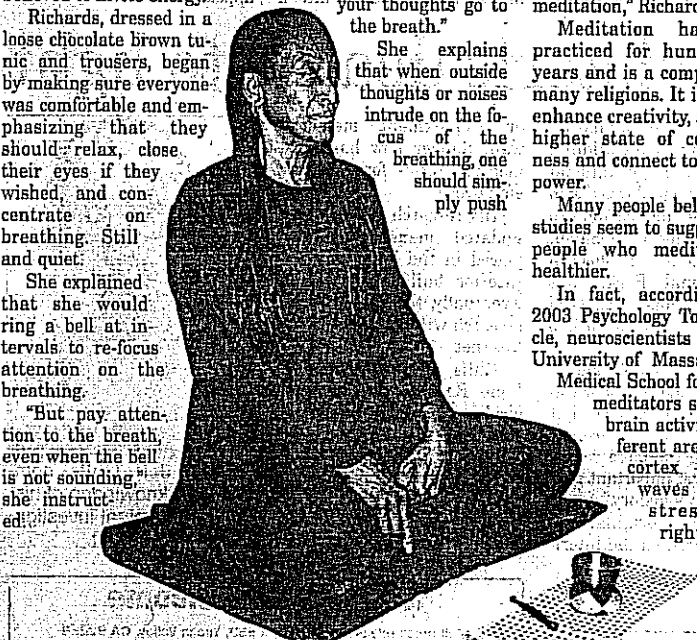
"Meditation takes me to a deeper level," she explained. "I also think it gives you a connection to a divine source."

Richards agreed that connection with a spiritual source is one of the peace-instilling benefits of the practice, but she began meditating in the early 1970s as a way to help deal with her asthma.

"I saw an improvement immediately," she recalled. "Meditation eased my breathing and settled my mind."

A few minutes later as the relentless mind once again engages in random deliberations, the bell tolls, its vibrant tone reverberating in the quiet room, another gentle reminder to return attention to the breath.

Joy is inhaled and peace is exhaled. The result is serenity.



Alpha Richards of Yucca Valley presides over a meditation class Monday afternoon at the town library. She has been meditating since the early '70s as a way to deal with her asthma and now teaches free classes monthly at the library.

VITAE

NAME OF AUTHOR: Alpha E. Richards
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York City
DATE OF BIRTH: June 18, 1949

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

Hampton University
State University of Stony Brook
State University of New Paltz
University of Arizona
Georgia State University
University of Central Florida
University of California at Los Angeles

DEGREES AWARDED:

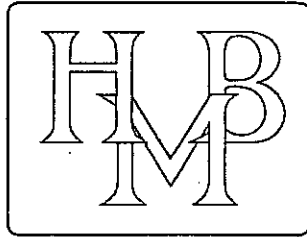
Bachelor of Science, 1971, Hampton University
Master of Arts, 1983, St. Univ. of Stony Brook

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

Emotionally Disturbed Clients
Disruptive Adolescents
Consultant to Emotionally Handicapped Teachers
Teaching Parents to Cope & Deal Effectively with
Disruptive Behaviors
Coordinator / Mainstreaming Components
Affective Ed. Programs / At - Risk Students

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Public School Teacher - State of New York - 1971-74
Math Instructor - State University of Stony Brook - NY- 73/74
Public School Teacher - State of Arizona - 74-79
Resident Advisor - Tucson Job Corp. - State of AZ - 79-80
Public School Resource Teacher - St. of AZ - 80-81
Instructor/Business Colleges - State of Georgia - 81/82
" /Severely Emotionally Disturbed Adolescents -St. of GA - 83/84
Public School Teacher/Severely " Disturbed " - GA - 84/85
Public " Teacher/ Severely Emot. " Primary - St. of FL - 85/86
" School " of The Learning Disabled - State of AZ - 1987
Public Sch. Teacher/Emotionally Handicapped/Self Contained-
Intermediate - State of AZ - 1987-1991
Respite Care Provider -DES & The Casey Family Prog. - AZ - 89-93
Facilitator/After School Program for Multiple Personality Client
State of Arizona - 1991-92
Certified & Licensed by the states of New York & Arizona to adopt and
do foster care as a single parent



Hospice of Morongo Basin

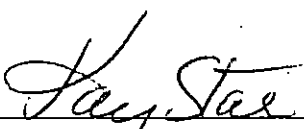
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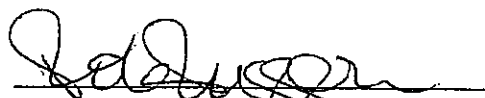
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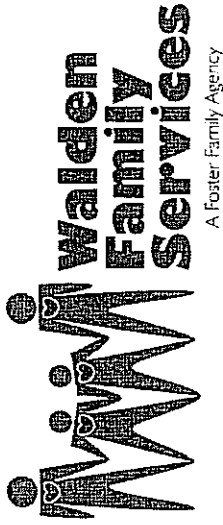
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KAY STAR
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



ROBIN RUGGERI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Riverside District

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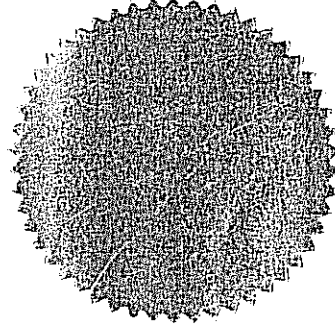
ALPHA RICHARDS

**Completed Walden's 30-hour
Professional Parent Pre-Certification Training:**

E.P.I.C

21st November, 2009

Facilitated by:
Terri Awoko, M.A.



Signed _____

Terri Awoko
Terri Awoko, M.A.



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

AWARDED TO

Alpha Richards

For completing
Introduction to Developmental Disabilities

October 10, 2009

Pat S. Colery

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**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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(Deadline for consideration is 4:30 p.m., January 5, 2012)

Name: Duane D Lisiewski Contact Phone Number: 760-364-1972

Home Address: 1471 Cherokee Tr Yucca Valley CA 92286

Registered Voter Residing Within Agency Boundaries: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please state your reasons for wanting to become a Director of the Agency:

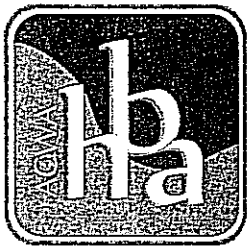
I WAS FORMALLY A DIRECTOR WITH BDVWA

List any community activities:

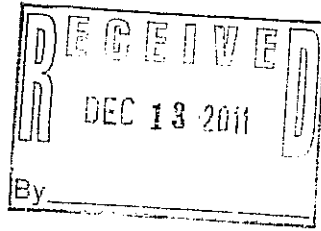
Signature: Duane D Lisiewski Date: 4 Jan 2012

Please return completed application to the Executive Secretary at the Agency address, provided above





**ACWA
Health Benefits
Authority**



IT'S TIME TO VOTE



**ACWA Health Benefits Authority
Board of Directors**

ELECTION FORMS ENCLOSED

Please take a moment to cast your vote

**Ballots to be received during the period of
December 23, 2011 and January 23, 2012**

**Please use the enclosed envelope
to return your ballot to our office**

***Thank you for your continuing participation
and engagement in the ACWA HBA plans***

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY

BALLOT - PAGE A


This Ballot is to vote on the selection of the ACWA Health Benefits Authority (HBA) Board of Directors as provided in Article III, Section 8 of the HBA Bylaws Amended and Restated as of June 1, 2010. For this election to be valid, the HBA Inspectors of Election must receive properly completed Ballots during the Balloting Period from no less than 20% of the HBA Membership.

This entire Ballot is comprised of two separate pages; Page A and Page B. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your Ballot is properly cast and valid.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Ballot Page A:**
 1. Fill in the information block indicating your Agency name and address.
 2. Ballot Page A must be signed by the designated Agency Representative to the HBA that was appointed according to Article III, Section 1 of the HBA Bylaws.
- **Ballot Page B:**
 1. Mark your selection for ONE Director from the selection listed.
 2. Do not place your signature or Agency name on Ballot Page B.
- **Ballot Return:**
 1. Place the entire Ballot comprised of both Ballot Page A and Ballot Page B in the envelope provided.
 2. The entire Ballot must be received by the HBA's Inspector of Election during the Balloting Period which begins on December 23, 2011 and ends at 5:00 P.M. on January 23, 2012.
 3. The sealed envelope containing the entire Ballot may be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Bruce McLaughlin, ACWA HBA Inspector of Election
ACWA Health Benefits Authority
4600 Northgate Blvd., Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95834-1121

This information block MUST be completed in order for this Ballot to be valid.	
Agency name	Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
Agency address	622 S. Jemez Trail Yucca Valley CA 92284
Agency representative (printed)	MARINA D. WEST
Agency representative (signature)	

The Ballots shall be counted publicly by the Inspectors of Election at 10:00 A.M. on January 26, 2012 at: ACWA Health Benefits Authority, 4600 Northgate Blvd., Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95834

ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY

BALLOT - PAGE B

1. There is one (1) ACWA HBA Director position currently open. ACWA HBA Member Agencies may cast ONE (1) vote for this position.
2. Do not place your signature or Agency name on this page (Ballot Page B).

Vote for no more than ONE (1) of the following nominees

- The person selected will serve on the ACWA HBA Board until December 31, 2012. ☐ Steven M. Ruettgers (*bio included*)
- The person selected may come from any ACWA HBA Agency. There is no requirement on the number of participating employees. ☐ Judy Corl-Lorono
- *Please note that ACWA HBA Agencies of any size and location may vote for this representative.* ☐ Joan C. Finnegan
- ☐ Ronald S. Richard

Kern County Water Agency

3200 Rio Mirada Drive
Bakersfield, California
(661) 634-1400

Candidate Statement: ACWA HBA Board of Directors

Steven M. Ruettgers

Business Manager, Kern County Water Agency

Steven Ruettgers has been with the Kern County Water Agency since 1990 and as Business Manager for the past 14 years. The 2010 ACWA HBA bylaw changes expanded the ACWA HBA Board to 11 members: 10 elected seats and 1 appointed seat. Currently, Steven fills the appointed seat, which term ends on December 31, 2011, and is seeking an elected position to continue to serve the ACWA HBA member districts. Additionally, the ACWA HBA Board is currently in the process of an Executive Director search and choosing professional support services. It is important at this time that the ACWA HBA Board maintains stability and continuity. I would appreciate your support to continue to serve the ACWA HBA member districts, and am available to answer questions at any time.

Current Committee/Board Work:

ACWA – Insurance and Personnel Committee (16 years)

Kern County Special Districts Association Board of Directors (14 years)

ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority – Audit-Finance Committee (10 years)

ACWA Health Benefits Authority (appointed seat, term ending December 31, 2011)

Education:

Oregon State University – B.S., Business Administration (Finance), minor in Economics

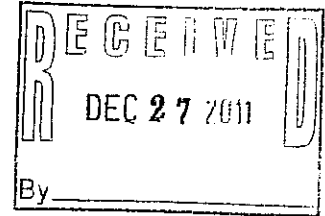
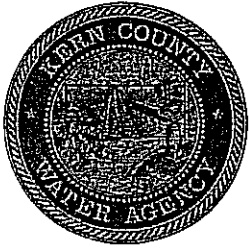
California State University, Bakersfield – Master of Business Administration

Community Involvement:

Standard School Board Trustee, 13 years

North of the River Recreation & Park District Director, 10 years

North of River Sanitary District No. 1 Director, 4 years



December 22, 2011

Directors:

Ted R. Page
Division 1

Terry Rogers
Vice President
Division 2

Randell Parker
Division 3

Michael Radon
President
Division 4

Adrienne J. Mathews
Division 5

William W. Van Skike
Division 6

Gene A. Lundquist
Division 7

James M. Beck
General Manager

Amelia T. Minaberrigarai
General Counsel

Bighorn-Desert View WA
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Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Dear Ms. Lyni Thompkins:

I am writing to respectfully ask you to elect a member of my staff to a recently vacated Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Health Benefits Authority (HBA) seat. Effective oversight of ACWA HBA by a responsible board is essential for a successful organization which focuses on providing high-quality, low-cost employee insurance products. To that end, I am asking you as the ACWA HBA representative to vote for Steven Ruettgers.

Steve has been with the Kern County Water Agency (Agency) since 1990, serving currently as the Business Manager since 1997. His education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (Finance) and a Master of Business Administration degree. His previous committee work includes serving on the ACWA/JPIA Audit-Finance Committee for 10 years, the ACWA Insurance & Personnel Committee for 16 years and on the California Special Districts Association Finance Corporation for 4 years.

I have worked with Steve over his entire career at the Agency and believe he possesses the working experience, committee experience and education necessary to be part of an effective board. As HBA continues to move forward with the selection of an Executive Director and other support services, Steve will be an effective part of the entire ACWA HBA Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Beck".

James M. Beck
General Manager

(661) 634-1400

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 58
Bakersfield, CA 93302-0058

Street Address

3200 Rio Mirada Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93308

E. G. "Jerry" Gladbach
27491 Hillcrest Place
Valencia, CA 91354

December 21, 2011

Ms. Lyni Thompkins
Bighorn-Desert View WA
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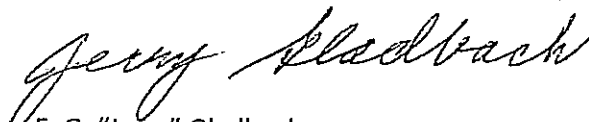
Dear Lyni:

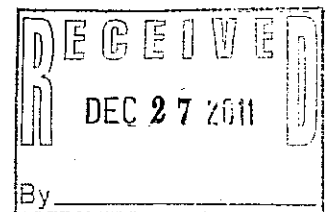
I am writing to you today to solicit your support in voting for **Steven Ruetters** as one of our directors of the Association of California Water Agency Health Benefits Authority. The ACWA HBA Board is in the midst of some significant decisions, such as selecting a new Executive Director, deciding upon professional support services, setting up ACWA HBA as an employer, and other vital decisions. Therefore, your vote is very critical to ensure the continued success of ACWA HBA's services and insurance products it provides to your district.

During my several years on the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee, I have known Steve through his work on the ACWA JPIA's Finance & Audit Committee, where he has consistently and conscientiously provided valuable input for more than 10 years. He has been employed with the Kern County Water Agency for 21 years, where he has been the Business Manager for the past 14 years. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration (Finance) and a Master of Business Administration degree. He has served on the ACWA Insurance & Personnel Committee for 16 years and the California Special Districts Association Finance Corporation for 4 years. Additionally, he concurrently continues to serve within his community on three other public boards (school, recreation & park, and sanitary districts).

At my agency we voted to support and concur in the nomination of Steven Ruetters, as did several other agencies. I believe Steve possesses the education, experience and judgment necessary for an effective board member. As ACWA HBA moves forward through these critical decision points, choosing capable representation for your agency is vitally important. With that in mind, I urge you to vote for Steve Ruetters.

Sincerely,


E. G. "Jerry" Gladbach



P.S. Please vote and send in your mail ballot during the official balloting period of December 23, 2011 through January 23, 2012.

Judy Corl-Lorono

Born in Redbluff, California, Judy is a mom to three great children and has seven grandchildren, one of whom lives with her. She has lived in several places including Hawaii, Santa Maria, Costa Mesa, Palm Desert, and Landers.

Judy's career includes credit union management experience and a range of small business experience. She was a bookkeeper for a lumber mill near Eureka, a licensed real estate broker, ran a slipcover and drapery business, was office administrator for a security company, and more recently ran a thrift store in Yucca Valley.

Judy became interested in the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency after attending several meetings. At that time she believed she could make a difference in helping Bighorn's effectiveness in continuing to deliver clear, affordable water to the community.

Judy became a Director in 2007 for two years and was appointed to the Board again to fill a vacancy in 2010. During her time with Bighorn, she has attended many courses and meetings of other agencies and water organizations to keep up with the ever changing field of water management. She earned the Director of Distinction certification after four CSDA courses and an examination.

Of particular importance to Bighorn is its relationship to the community and the wise use of water resources. Judy contributed to this effort by presenting a seminar to the Landers Elementary School, which was well received and appreciated.



December 15, 2011

Street Address:

18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, California 92708

Mailing Address:

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Ms. Lyni Thompson
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 S Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Dear Ms. Thompson,

I am writing to respectfully ask for Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency's vote in electing me to the vacant seat on the Association of California Water Agencies Health Benefits Authority (ACWA/HBA) Board of Directors. I am a longtime member of ACWA who has served as vice president and interim president of the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA), as an ACWA Region 10 board member, and as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors. I am seeking election to the ACWA/HBA Board so I may continue to serve the ACWA membership and ensure that their health insurance coverage and related employee benefits needs continue to be met in an effective and efficient manner.

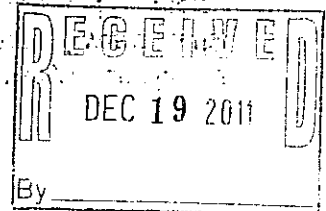
I have had the privilege and honor of serving the water industry as an elected water policy maker for more than 25 years, including the past 11 years on the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Board and 15 years before that as a board member of Coastal Municipal Water District, prior to its consolidation with MWDOC. Additionally, I have held other leadership positions including past president of the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO), past president of the Orange County Water Association, and appointed member to the Orange County Water Taskforce.

I am eager to serve your district and the entire ACWA/HBA membership and believe that my experience, knowledge, and personal commitment will allow me to do so effectively for the duration of the current term. It would be my honor to earn the support of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency and receive your vote in electing me to the ACWA Health Benefits Authority Board of Directors.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (949) 548-3690.

Sincerely,

Joan C. Finnegan
Board President



**JOAN C. FINNEGAN
BOARD PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, DIVISION 4
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY**

Joan Finnegan currently serves as Board President of the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and represents the Division 4 communities of Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. She was elected to the MWDOC Board of Directors in 2000 as part of a consolidation with Coastal Municipal Water District. Director Finnegan also served on that district's Board of Directors from 1985 until the consolidation, including two terms as board president and vice president.

Director Finnegan is a past president of the Water Advisory Committee of Orange County (WACO) and is the current treasurer of the Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC). She was active with the County of Orange Water Task Force and has been a past president and lifetime member of the Orange County Water Association.

Director Finnegan has also served as an Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10 board member, as the elected vice president and acting president of ACWA's Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA), and as a member of the ACWA Board of Directors.

Director Finnegan was selected in 2003 by then-Assemblyman Ken Maddox as Woman of the Year for the 68th Assembly District. She was also selected as Costa Mesa Woman of the Year in 1980. She served on the Orange County Grand Jury in 1980-81 and was employed by Mesa Consolidated Water District for more than 21 years as its office manager and auditor.

Finnegan has lived in Orange County for six decades and resides in Costa Mesa with her husband, Robert. They are the parents of two children and the grandparents of four. Her interest in water also extends to an interest in Japanese Koi fish.

**BIGHORN DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY
AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL**

Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

To: Board of Directors

Budgeted: N/A

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Cost: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

From: Marina D. West

General Counsel Approval: Obtained

CEQA Compliance: MND filed June 2010

Subject: Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Management Agreement

SUMMARY

Attached is the final *Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Management Agreement* (Agreement). This Agreement is the product of many years of negotiations between Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD), County Service Area Zone W-1 (Landers) and W-4 (Pioneertown), Mojave Water Agency (MWA) and Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) along with their general counsel representatives and the referee attorney, James Markman. Since the Board's review of the draft in July 2011 the negotiations have focused on the language in Paragraphs 6, 8 and 15.

The purpose of the new Agreement is to provide for managed control of our groundwater resources using mechanisms that are better defined than the existing Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement, more flexible in meeting the water supply demands of the groundwater basin's "region" and most importantly inclusive of all the municipal producers. This is also a conjunctive use project which provides a recharge facility ideally located to supplement the producers with an outside water source via the Morongo Basin Pipeline/State Water Project.

The attached Agreement was approved by the Hi-Desert Water District on December 14, 2011. Staff anticipates that the County of San Bernardino will approve the Agreement in February 2012. Mojave Water Agency is also scheduling the Agreement for approval in the near future.

In order to implement the approved formal Agreement, Hi-Desert Water District and Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency shall enter into a Stipulation to Enter an Amended and Restated Judgment which supersedes the Ames Valley Water Basin Judgment and which embodies the terms and conditions of this Agreement. County Service Area 70/W-1 (Landers), CSA70/W-4 (Pioneertown) and Mojave Water Agency will seek to intervene as Parties in the case and join in a joint motion of all Parties hereto for the entry of the Amended and Restated Judgment.

This project has been funded through an EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) and matching funds from the Mojave Water Agency.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board considers taking the following action:

1. Approve the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Management Agreement.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The attached *Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Management Agreement* (Agreement) is the product of many years of staff level negotiations followed by five formal negotiating meetings between Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD), County Service Area Zone W-1 (Landers) and W-4 (Pioneertown), Mojave Water Agency (MWA) and Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) along with their general counsel representatives and the referee attorney, Mr. Markman. Since the Board and public last commented on the draft Agreement in July 2011 there has been on-going facilitation to obtain approvals for this final Agreement.

The attached Agreement was approved by the Hi-Desert Water District on December 14, 2011. Staff anticipates that the County of San Bernardino will approve the Agreement in February 2012. MWA is also scheduling the Agreement for approval in the near future.

Since the Board's review of the draft in July 2011 the negotiations have focused on the language in Paragraphs 6, 8 and 15.

- Paragraph 6: This paragraph stipulates that BDVWA will receive credit for 5% of all State Water Project percolated at the facility. The language has been altered to clarify who pays for the water transferred to the BDVWA storage account. The change reconciles a particular situation in which MWA requests a party use MWA's "pre-stored" water in Ames/Reche when no other water is available to be delivered for percolation elsewhere. In other words, if HDWD has capacity to store 100% of a water purchase in the Warren Basin but the only water that MWA has to sell is "pre-stored" in the Ames/Reche then MWA will be responsible to transfer 5% to BDVWA, allowing HDWD to retain 100% of their purchase quantity. MWA views this as a short-term risk since the guaranteed water allotments (not capacity) in the Morongo Basin Pipeline cease to exist once the ID M Agreements terminate in 2022.
- Paragraph 8: This paragraph originally tried to distribute the available recharge capacity of the facility to the participants using a "proportional" formula which was based on the capacity allotment guarantees in the ID M contracts. However, the ID M Agreements terminate in 2022 and capacity allotment to the Morongo Basin Pipeline is still uncertain. After much deliberation, the parties agreed to the language as presented in this version.

- Paragraph 15: This paragraph was amended to clarify that if the parties fail to execute an Amended and Restated Judgment intended to supersede the Ames Valley Water Basin Judgment then the later will remain in full force and effect.

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The components of the attached draft Agreement are as follows:

- Inclusive of all active municipal producers unlike the Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement affecting only HDWD and BDVWA.
- Provides regional solution to water supply sustainability in the Ames Valley Water Basin including the upper watershed producer, CSA 70 W-4 (Pioneertown).
- Each Party is provided a production baseline derived from their documented 5-year average production between calendar years 2004 and 2008. Unused production can be carried over for up to two (2) years. Under the Agreement BDVWA receives a baseline of 641 Acre-feet per year. In 2011, BDVWA produced a total of 405 Acre-feet per year.
- Any production needs above the defined baseline must be mitigated with imported State Water Project Supplies to the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage facility to be constructed and operated by MWA.
- MWA may pre-store water in the storage facility at no cost. Upon transfer of pre-stored MWA supplies to a project participant, BDVWA will be allocated 5% of the transferred amount.
- Annual reporting of groundwater production, measured water levels and water quality sample analysis by municipal producers to MWA. MWA will provide additional monitoring of "non-producing" wells. The monitoring program (attached) has been drafted for approval at the management level with the Agreement (Exhibit C) defining the wells that will be monitored. Every 5-years MWA shall compile a report that will make recommendations regarding the Parties ability to produce their Annual Baseline amounts.
- Includes drought mitigation measures which might temporarily raise baseline production allocations with a Court approved written motion.
- Ability to construct transfer agreements between parties such as the proposed "wheeling" arrangement contemplated between HDWD and Pioneertown aimed at solving their complicated local water quality problems.

Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached Agreement as it will provide for managed control of our groundwater resources using mechanisms that are better defined than the existing Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement, more flexible in meeting the water supply demands of the groundwater basin's "region" and most importantly inclusive of all the municipal producers.

Staff would like to recognize the Mojave Water Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency who have provided the necessary funding to enable Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency to lead this project on behalf of the region.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION(S)

12/14/2011 Hi-Desert Water District Board of Directors approves Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Management Agreement.

7/26/2011 Review draft Agreement Concerning Management of the Pipes and Reche Groundwater Subbasins of the Ames Valley Groundwater Basin for the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Groundwater Management Plan; information only.

6/29/2010 Resolution No. 10R-04 Approving the Water Infrastructure Restoration Program: Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program and Pipeline Installation/Replacement Program.

6/15/2010 BOD Public Hearing: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Pertaining to the Water Infrastructure Restoration Program: Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program; and Pipeline Installation/Replacement Project

3/23/2010 BOD review of Draft "Principles of Agreement" between Bighorn Desert View Water Agency, Hi Desert Water District, County Special Districts (W-1 and W-4) and Mojave Water Agency for the Reche Groundwater Subbasin.

3/19/2010 PLEGS Committee Review of Draft "Principles of Agreement" between Bighorn Desert View Water Agency, Hi Desert Water District, County Special Districts (W-1 and W-4) and Mojave Water Agency for the Reche Groundwater Subbasin.

2/18/2010 PLEGS Committee California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Water Master Plan Update.

1/26/2010 BOD overview of the Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement.

8/25/2009 Motion to authorize staff to execute Memorandum of Understanding by and between Mojave Water Agency and Bighorn Desert View Water Agency regarding Project Management of Phases for Phase I and II Planning and Design of the Ames-Means Recharge Project (aka Reche Recharge Facility) and accepting financial participation from Mojave Water Agency in the amount of \$279,495.

7/28/2009 Draft financial participation MOU with MWA presented to Board for information and discussion only.

1/27/2009 R09-03 Resolution of Board of Directors approving the Guidance Document for the Development of a Groundwater Management Plan and Construction of an Artificial Recharge Project in the Reche Groundwater Subbasin of the Ames Valley Groundwater Basin.

1/15/2009 PLEGS Committee recommending the "Strawman" Guidance Document for the Development of a Groundwater Management Plan and Conjunctive Use Program for the Ames Basin be brought before the full board on January 27, 2009.

8/26/2008 BOD introduction of the "Strawman" Guidance Document for the Development of a Groundwater Management Plan and Conjunctive Use Program for the Ames Basin.

6/16/2008 Motion to authorize staff to seek formal partnerships with interested parties to participate financially in the Agency's EPA Grant Program – Water Infrastructure Restoration Program CEQA/NEPA documentation.

2/26/2008 BOD receive and file *Ames Groundwater Basin Report* dated February 26, 2008 by General Counsel Trager. A chronology of Ames activities from the 1970's to 2001.

1/22/2008 BOD review and discuss the status and history of monitoring of the Reche Subbasin pursuant to the Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement (aka Stipulated Judgment).

9/18/2007 Board Workshop to discuss the results of the Basin Conceptual Model and Assessment of Water Supply and Demand for the Ames Valley, Johnson Valley, and Means Valley Groundwater Basins by Kennedy/Jenks/Todd, LLC.

4/24/2007 Motion to accept the Basin Conceptual Model and Assessment of Water Supply and Demand for the Ames Valley, Johnson Valley, and Means Valley Groundwater Basins by Kennedy/Jenks/Todd, LLC.

4/24/2007 Motion to accept Water Master Plan Report by Don Howard Engineering which includes recharge facilities.

12/20/2006 06R-18 Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency declaring its intention to draft a Groundwater Management Plan for the Ames/Mean/Johnson Valley Groundwater Basins.

3/28/2006 06R-04 Resolution authorizing General Manager to enter Grant Agreement of \$477,000 (EPA STAG).

11/8/2001 Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement: Court's Ruling and Related Order on Hi Desert Water District's Motion to Reform the Judgment

2/6/1997 Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement Amendment No. 2

6/12/1993 Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement Amendment No. 1

1/10/1991 Execution of the Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement

**AMES/ECHE GROUNDWATER STORAGE
AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement ("the Agreement" hereinafter) is made and entered into by and among Bighorn Desert View Water Agency ("BDV" hereinafter), County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 70 Zone W-1 Landers ("W-1" hereinafter), County of San Bernardino Special District County Service Area No. 70 Zone W-4 Pioneertown ("W-4" hereinafter), Hi-Desert Water District ("Hi-Desert" hereinafter) and Mojave Water Agency ("MWA" hereinafter) who are collectively referred to herein as "Parties" and individually referred to herein as a "Party."

A. Recitals

(i) Bighorn Desert View Water Agency is a public entity organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Bighorn Desert View Water Agency Law, California Water Code Appendix, Sections 112-1 *et. seq.*

(ii) Hi-Desert Water District is a County Water District organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the County Water District Law, California Water Code Sections 30,000 *et. seq.*

(iii) Mojave Water Agency is a public entity organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Mojave Water Agency Law, California Water Code Appendix Sections 97-1 *et. seq.*

(iv) County of San Bernardino Service Area No. 70 W-1 Landers is a public entity governed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Sections 25210 *et. seq.*

(v) County of San Bernardino Service Area No. 70 W-4 Pioneertown is a public entity governed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Sections 25210 *et. seq.*

(vi) BDV and Hi-Desert entered into an agreement entitled "Ames Valley Water Basin Agreement" effective January 10, 1991 ("the Original Agreement" hereinafter) which was the result of a CEQA complaint against Hi-Desert by BDV's predecessor agency.

(vii) The Original Agreement provided for the settlement of a lawsuit protesting the adequacy of an environmental impact report through the entry of a Judgment by which a water production well referred to as the Section 24 Well (Main Stream Well) and other water production facilities owned and operated by Hi-Desert would be governed, the groundwater basin monitored and the water supplies therein protected.

(viii) That Judgment, dated June 3, 1991 was entered in Riverside County Superior Court Case No. 211504 ("the Judgment" hereinafter).

(ix) The Original Agreement was amended twice, as of August 12, 1993 and then as of February 3, 1997 and the Judgment was amended pursuant to a Court order dated November 8, 2001.

(x) Portions of the groundwater basin referred to in the Original Agreement and the Judgment as Ames Valley Groundwater Basin now are commonly referred to as the Pipes and Reche Groundwater Sub-basins and, together with that area commonly referred to as Pioneertown, form a management area for purposes of this Agreement that is referred to herein as "the Basin." The boundaries of the Basin are generally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B hereto. The Parties hereto have conducted studies which indicate that substantial portions of the Basin are likely overdrafted and that approximately 400,000 acre-feet or more subsurface storage space is available in the Basin. The studies conducted by the Parties have also estimated the amount of water available perennially in the Basin due to natural supplies, the amount of water produced from the Basin from calendar year 2004 through calendar year 2008, and the feasibility of a project by which MWA would import and recharge state project water to the Basin through facilities located on property owned by the federal Bureau of Land Management and leased by BDV, thereby supplementing the local water supply. For purposes of applicable environmental laws, BDV is named the lead project proponent for this project known and referred to as the Ames/Reche Spreading Grounds and Recovery Program.

(xi) BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert all wish to increase the amount of water available in the Basin and to make the Basin a more reliable source of water to be served to residents and businesses. MWA supports the efforts of those Parties and wishes to enhance its ability to store water resources and increase the reliability of regional water supplies.

(xii) In furtherance of this Agreement and the Ames/Reche Spreading Grounds and Recovery Program, the Ames/Reche Groundwater Management Plan is being developed to provide a basis for long-term management of local groundwater resources.

(xiii) The purposes of the Agreement are to establish mechanisms for the management and water supply reliability of the Basin, to bring the Basin demand and supply into operational balance, and to establish the groundwater production and storage rights of the Parties within the Basin.

(xiv) In order to implement the Agreement, the Parties shall enter into a Stipulation to Enter an Amended and Restated Judgment which supersedes the Judgment and which embodies the terms and conditions of this Agreement. W-1, W-4 and MWA will seek to intervene as Parties in the case and join in a joint motion of all Parties hereto for the entry of the Amended and Restated Judgment.

B. Agreement

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Upon the Recharge Facilities described in paragraph 3 below being fully completed and operative, the Parties will promptly enter into and jointly file a Stipulation for Entry of an Amended and Restated Judgment embodying the terms and conditions of this

Agreement including, but not limited to, an injunction prohibiting the production of water from or storage of water in the Basin by any Party which is not based on production and storage rights articulated herein, and take any and all actions necessary to support the Court's entering said Amended and Restated Judgment. W-1, W-4 and MWA shall at the same time move to intervene as Parties to that Amended and Restated Judgment.

2. There hereby is established for BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert the following water production allowances ("Annual Baseline Amounts" hereinafter) based upon a methodology agreed to by the Parties. The Annual Baseline Amounts are based upon 135% of amounts produced from the Basin by the Parties from calendar year 2004 through calendar year 2008, as verified by meter readings or energy usage data:

<u>Party</u>	<u>Annual Baseline Amount</u>
CSA 70 .Z. W-1 (Landers)	267 Acre Feet
CSA 70 .Z. W-4 (Pioneer Town)	35 Acre Feet
Hi-Desert Water District	703 Acre Feet
Bighorn Desert View Water Agency	641 Acre Feet

Commencing upon entry of the Amended and Restated Judgment referred to above, each Party shall have the right to produce native water from the Basin in each fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) equal to its Annual Baseline Amount, prorated for any partial fiscal year on a 365 day year basis, subject to the terms and provisions hereof. Any Party withdrawing less than its Annual Baseline Amount in any fiscal year may carryover its right to produce that unproduced amount for the next two fiscal years. The first water produced at any time by any Party shall be deemed to be water credited to the Party which has been carried over for two fiscal years and the next water produced by that Party shall be deemed to be water credited to that Party which has been carried over for one fiscal year. Any Annual Baseline Amount not produced by that Party, or any transferee of that right, for more than said two fiscal years shall be deemed to be abandoned and the right to produce it knowingly and intentionally waived and relinquished. No Party or other person or entity shall have the right to produce such abandoned carryover which shall serve to provide protection against over production of Basin water. Further, the Parties hereto hereby waive and relinquish any right they might assert to produce return flows emanating from state project water percolated into the Basin on their account through the Recharge Facilities referred to below.

3. MWA will employ its best efforts to construct at its sole cost, and then to own, maintain and operate recharge facilities ("the Recharge Facilities" hereinafter) on that land leased by BDV described and depicted on Exhibit C hereto. Such facilities are to include pipeline and ancillary structures and equipment necessary to connect those Recharge Facilities to MWA's Morongo Pipeline, all as described in "Bighorn Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) Mitigated Negative Declaration for Water Infrastructure Restoration Program (WIRP): Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program; and Pipeline Installation/Replacement Program and the Ames/Reche Groundwater Management Plan." MWA must comply with all the Mitigation Monitoring Provisions of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, all

stipulations placed on the project's constructions, operations and maintenance activities under permits obtained from United States Fish and Wildlife Service, California Fish and Game, Army Corps of Engineers and other permits identified or obtained as part of the project. The Recharge Facilities are designed for a capacity of approximately 1,500 acre feet per year. MWA shall complete the Recharge Facilities so that those facilities are fully operative no later than December 1, 2012. If the Recharge Facilities are not fully operative on or before December 1, 2012, any Party hereto may terminate the Agreement by written notice provided to each Party hereto on or before February 1, 2013. In light of the Parties' extensive time and effort to formulate this Agreement and to complete regulatory approvals for and completion of the Recharge Facilities, the Parties shall attempt in good faith to agree to a new date if construction of the Recharge Facilities is substantially complete but the facilities are not fully operative by December 1, 2012. Each party hereto agrees to support the completion of the Recharge Facilities and not to impede in any way the implementation of the recharge process through the completion and operation of the Recharge Facilities.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 and 8 hereof, BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert may purchase state project water from MWA to be percolated into the Basin at the Recharge Facilities and later withdrawn from the Basin by the purchasing entity. MWA shall maintain storage accounts reflecting the amount of water in storage in the Basin by each other Party due to state project water percolated in the Basin on its behalf by MWA. Amounts withdrawn above a Party's Annual Baseline Amount must be based on water then credited in that Party's storage account. State project water purchases are not subject to the maximum two year carryover imposed on the production of Annual Baseline Amounts. No Party shall produce water from the Basin not based upon either the Party's available Annual Baseline Amount or water present in its storage account except pursuant to an order of the Court obtained in accordance with the procedure referred to below, except pursuant to adjustment of the Annual Baseline Amounts in accordance with paragraph 10 hereof. No person or entity not a Party to this Agreement shall store or be allowed to store water in the Basin.

A Party may by written motion seek an order of the Court which provides that it may produce water from the Basin in excess of water based upon its Annual Baseline Amount, carryover rights or stored water in its account provided that the following criteria are met:

A. The hearing of the motion must be upon at least 90 days' written notice provided to the other Parties hereto; and

B. At a minimum, the moving Party shall provide substantial evidence demonstrating that it has exhausted all reasonably available means to meet its demands based on water rights allocated hereunder, including, but not limited to, seeking in writing to purchase or lease other Parties' production rights at reasonable prices.

5. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 and 8 hereof, MWA may percolate state project water into the Basin for its own account for subsequent sale, production and use in any location within MWA's physical boundaries so long as such activity does not substantially impair or inhibit any other Party's use of the Basin as a source of water for its residents and businesses.

6. Five percent (5%) of all state project water percolated into the Basin at the Recharge Facilities pursuant to orders from and for the banked credit of Hi-Desert, W-1 or W-4 shall be credited to the BDV storage account in consideration of various efforts and expenses undertaken by BDV in connection with this Agreement and the use of the site leased by BDV for the Recharge Facilities without regard to which Party hereto other than BDV has purchased or owns the right to such water when so percolated. The Parties also recognize that BDV production results in return flows to the Basin to a degree substantially greater than the other Parties. For example, if MWA chooses to sell the water in storage to meet its IDM contractual obligations, MWA will charge the buyer only for the water credited to the buyers account (95% of original water stored) with the balance credited to the BDV storage account. If a buyer requests transfer of water stored by MWA into buyers account, MWA will charge the buyer for the entire amount (100% of original water stored). All charges will be at the then current pricing policy of the MWA Board.

7. Water production rights as specified herein may be transferred from any Party hereto to any other Party hereto permanently or for any delineated period of time. The execution of this Agreement does not constitute a transfer of any water right from one party to another. A transfer of rights carried over by a Party as provided in paragraph 2 hereof shall not extend the two year period in which those rights must be exercised.

8. MWA shall offer water available for storage and later extraction through the Recharge Facilities to the other four Parties, Bighorn Desert View, Hi-Desert Water District and the County of San Bernardino W-1 and W-4, hereto whenever such water is made available to MWA from time to time in accordance with the policies and agreements concerning water allocation adopted by MWA as may be amended from time to time.

9. MWA shall administer a monitoring program to ensure protection of the Basin as a water supply and storage facility for the Parties hereto and their end users. The monitoring program will utilize the wells identified in Exhibit C hereto at a minimum. At MWA's direction, additional wells may be added to or removed from the program to provide a more accurate depiction of the state of the Basin as to maintenance of supplies and water quality. In accordance with schedules and protocols reasonably satisfactory to and approved in writing by the other Parties' general managers, the participants will take groundwater level measurement and samples for quality testing. BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert agree to provide to MWA each year, no later than July 10, for the immediately prior 12 months (July 1 – June 30), the water level and water quality laboratory analysis collected during the prior year in accordance with the approved monitoring program.

10. BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert agree to provide to MWA each year no later than July 10, the meter readings, electrical records and any available data reflecting the production of water from the Basin from all of the entities' wells for the immediately prior 12 months (July 1 - June 30). On or before the following September 1, MWA shall provide to the other Parties a report which compiles all water production, water quality and Basin well elevation data for the immediately previous fiscal year (June 30 - July 1). Every five years, the MWA report shall make recommendations on the Parties' ability to produce their Annual Baseline Amounts commencing in the following current fiscal year and any other recommendations for actions which MWA believes are required to protect the Basin water supply based on the Ames/Reche

Groundwater Management Plan. To ensure maintenance of Basin elevations at acceptable levels and still allow withdrawals and utilization of basin resources, and with the unanimous agreement of the general managers of BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert, the Annual Baseline Amount for each such Party may be reduced or increased by the same percentage for an annual or other specified period. The first determination on such potential reduction or increase shall occur within 90 days of MWA issuing its first report required hereunder. Records of any changes to Parties' Annual Baseline Amounts made pursuant to this paragraph shall be made and maintained by MWA, and included in each annual report required hereunder, yet shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement or the Amended and Restated Judgment, and shall not require approval by or notification to the Court.

11. Each Party shall indemnify, hold harmless and assume the defense of the other Parties, their officers, agents, employees, and elective boards, and that Party shall pay all court costs and reasonable attorneys fees relating thereto, in any action, with respect to a claim, loss, damage or injury, asserted by a third Party against any Party entitled to indemnification under this Agreement, and arising out of a negligent act, error or omission, or willful misconduct, of an employee or agent of the Party whose actions under this Judgment gave rise to such third Party claim.

12. Any notice, tender or delivery to be given hereunder by any Party to another Party or Parties shall be effected by personal delivery in writing or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed communicated as of mailing or in case of personal delivery, as of actual receipt. Mailed notices shall be addressed as set forth below, but each Party may change its address by written notice in accordance with this paragraph 12.

To: Hi-Desert Water District
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Attention: General Manager

To: Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
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To: Mojave Water Agency
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Apple Valley, CA 92307
Attention: General Manager

13. Full jurisdiction, power and authority shall be retained and reserved by the Court for the purpose of enabling the Court, upon application of any Party hereto by motion and upon at least thirty (30) days notice thereof, after hearing thereon, to make such further or supplemental orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction, enforcement or implementation of this Agreement, and the Amended and Restated Judgment entered based on this Agreement, including independent review of any decision presented to the General Managers of BDV, W-1, W-4, Hi-Desert and MWA under paragraph 10 of this Agreement which is not unanimously approved. A responding and/or defending Party who is determined to be a prevailing Party in any such hearing shall be entitled to recover as costs upon the conclusion of such hearing all attorneys fees or other costs actually incurred in connection with resolving the dispute by the making of such motion and the hearing thereon.

14. If a dispute arises regarding breach or enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement, a responding and/or defending Party who is determined to be a prevailing Party therein shall be entitled to recover all attorneys fees or other costs actually incurred in connection with resolving the dispute, but only to the extent such resolution is achieved by an order or decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.

15. This is an entire Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements oral or written between any of the Parties, and their agents, on the same subject matter, and cannot be amended unless in writing, with specific reference hereto by the Parties authorized to be charged; provided, however, this Agreement does not supersede nor affect the interpretation of any existing agreement between MWA and any other party hereto regarding the construction, operation and financing of the Morongo Basin Pipeline Project nor does this Agreement in any way alter or obligate current and/or future capacity in the Morongo Basin Pipeline Project. Failure by any Party to enforce any provisions shall not constitute a waiver of said Party's right to enforce subsequent violation of the same or any other provisions. Pending satisfaction of the conditions subsequent in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, Hi-Desert shall continue to have the right to produce groundwater as set forth in the Original Agreement and Judgment.

16. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties.

17. If any section, clause or phrase of this Agreement is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or unlawful, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

18. The persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the Parties hereto represent and warrant that (i) such Party is duly organized and existing, (ii) they are duly authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party and to bind that Party, including its members, agents and assigns, and (iii) by so executing this Agreement, such Party is formally bound to the provisions of this Agreement.

19. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original but all of which shall constitute one agreement.

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BIGHORN DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

Dated: _____ By: _____

By: _____

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70 ZONE W-1

Dated: _____ By: _____

By: _____

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70 ZONE W-4

Dated: _____ By: _____

By: _____

HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT

Dated: _____ By: _____

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MOJAVE WATER AGENCY

Dated: _____ By: _____

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Exhibit B

Geological map of the Winters, California area, showing faults, topography, and infrastructure. The map includes labels for various faults such as Johnson Valley, Emerson, and Pinto Mountain. It also shows towns like Winters, Aberdeen, and Yucca Valley, and features like Whalen's Wash and Pipes Wash. A scale bar and north arrow are present in the bottom left corner.















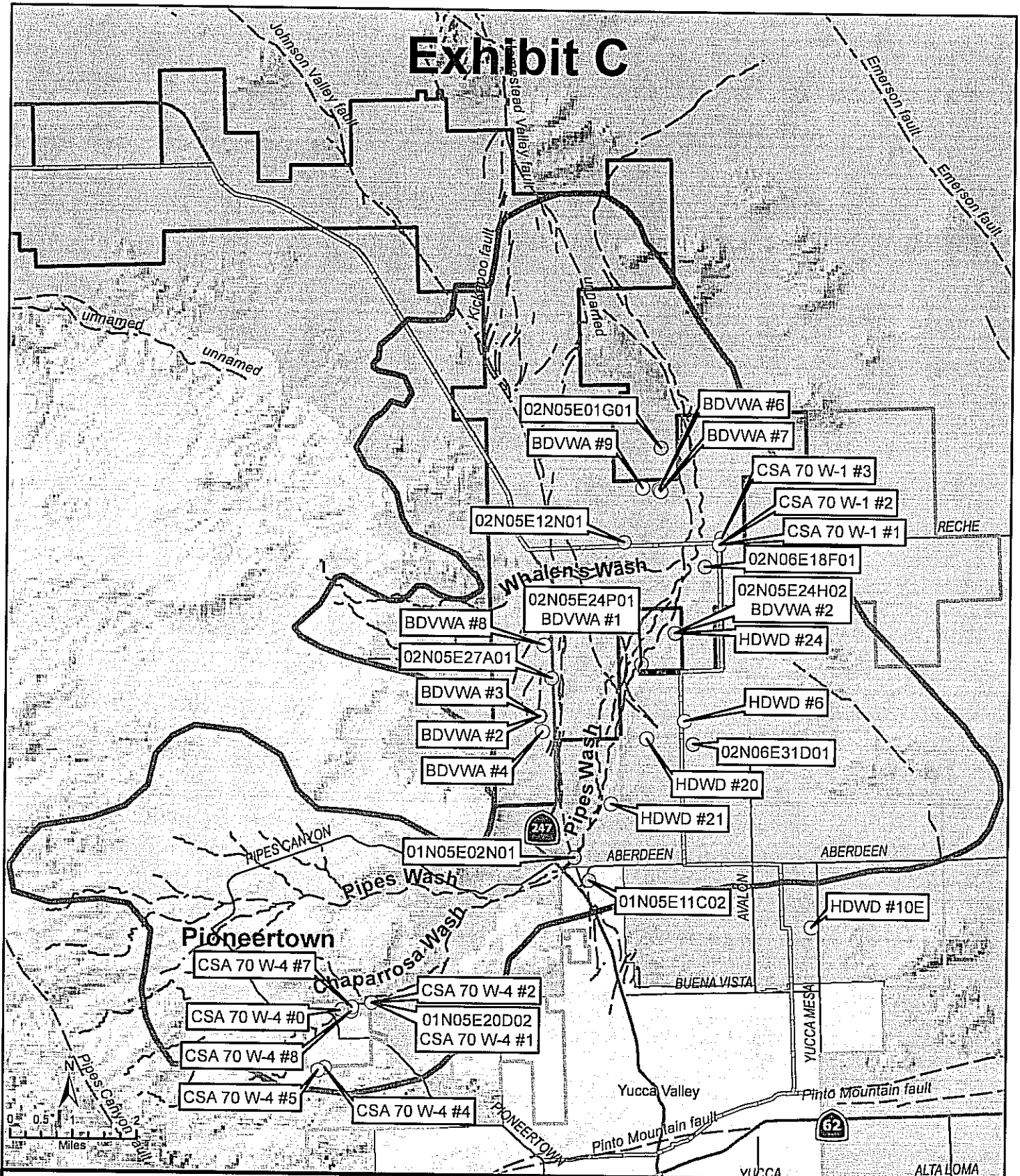
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**AMES/RECHE GROUNDWATER STORAGE
AND RECOVERY PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

MONITORING PROGRAM PLAN

A. Recitals

i Bighorn Desert View Water Agency is a public entity organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Bighorn Desert View Water Agency Law, California Water Code Appendix, Sections 112-1 *et. seq.*

ii Hi-Desert Water District is a County Water District organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the County Water District Law, California Water Code Sections 30,000 *et. seq.*

iii Mojave Water Agency is a public entity organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Mojave Water Agency Law, California Water Code Appendix Sections 97-1 *et. seq.*

iv County of San Bernardino Service Area No. 70 W-1 Landers is a public entity governed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Sections 25210 *et. seq.*

v County of San Bernardino Service Area No. 70 W-4 Pioneertown is a public entity governed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Sections 25210 *et. seq.*

vi The Parties have formed a management area for purposes of this Agreement that is referred to herein as "the Basin." The boundaries of the Basin are generally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B hereto. In support of this Agreement are the Ames/Reche Spreading Grounds and Recovery Program and Management Agreement and the BDV Ames/Reche Groundwater Management Plan which provide a basis for long-term management of local groundwater resources.

vii The purposes of this Agreement are to establish the monitoring program and participant responsibility for the monitoring program which is a mechanism for the management, water supply reliability and protection of the Basin.

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B. Agreement

MWA shall assist with administration of a monitoring program to ensure protection of the Basin as a water supply for the Parties hereto and their end users. The monitoring program will utilize the wells identified in Exhibit C hereto at a minimum. At MWA's direction, monitoring points may be added or removed over time, as practical and necessary, from the program to provide a more accurate depiction of the state of the Basin as to the maintenance of supplies and water quality. Any changes to the monitoring program shall be approved in writing by the other Parties' general managers with the consent of all parties. MWA's staff and the participants will take groundwater level measurements and samples for quality testing on a schedule and in accordance with protocols reasonably satisfactory to and approved in writing by the other Parties' general managers herein.

Production Wells

Production wells located within the management area are listed in the following table and shown on Exhibit C.

Groundwater Production: BDV, W-1, W-4 and Hi-Desert agree to provide to MWA each year no later than July 10, the meter readings, electrical records and any available data reflecting the production of water from the Basin from all of the entities' wells for the immediately prior 12 months (July 1 - June 30).

Water Levels: The well owner shall monitor water levels in these wells on a quarterly basis or better and turn all water level records over to the MWA annually on or before July 10.

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Water Quality Sampling: The owner shall collect and have analyzed Title 22 water quality samples from these active wells in accordance with their own California Department of Public Health (CDPH) requirements. Production wells listed below shall be sampled for Total dissolved Solids (TDS), Gross Alpha and Uranium by the respective well owner annually for the first 5-years of the program initiating on or before September 1, 2012.

SWN	Description
01N05E02A01	HDWD #21
01N05E19B01	CSA 70 W-4 Well 0
01N05E19B04	CSA 70 W-4 Well 7
01N05E19B06	CSA 70 W-4 Well 8
01N05E20D01	CSA 70 W-4 Well 2
01N05E20D02	CSA 70 W-4 Well 1
01N05E30C01	CSA 70 W-4 Well 4
01N05E30D02	CSA 70 W-4 Well 5
01N06E17A01	HDWD #10E
02N05E12B01	BDVWA #6
02N05E12B02	BDVWA #7
02N05E12C02	BDVWA #9
02N05E22J01	BDVWA #8
02N05E24H01	HDWD #24
02N05E27K02	BDVWA #2
02N05E27K03	BDVWA #3
02N05E27R01	BDVWA #4
02N05E36C01	HDWD #20
02N06E07Q03	CSA 70 W-1, Well #3
02N06E18B01	CSA 70 W-1, Well #1
02N06E18B02	CSA 70 W-1, Well #2
02N06E30N01	HDWD #6

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Monitoring Wells

Monitoring wells located within the management area are listed in the following table and shown on Exhibit C. The MWA shall monitor water levels in these wells on a semiannual basis or better. The MWA shall collect and have analyzed water quality samples from 02N05E24H02 (BDVMW #2) and 02N05E24P01 (BDVMW #1) annually. Analyses will include general minerals, gross alpha, uranium and inorganic constituents. Water level measurements and water quality data will be posted to the USGS National Water Information System (NWIS) website.

SWN	Description
01N05E02N01	NWIS water level records available from 1952 - 2011.
01N05E11C02	NWIS water level records available from 1998 - 2010.
02N05E01G01	Gubler Farm Well
02N05E12N01	NWIS water level records available from 1971 - 2010.
02N05E24H02	BDVMW #2
02N05E24P01	BDVMW #1
02N05E27A01	USGS MW #6
02N06E18F01	BH-1
02N06E31D01	NWIS water level records available from 1971 - 2010.

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Communications: Mailed notices shall be addressed as set forth below, but each Party may change its address by written notice to the Parties.

- To: Hi-Desert Water District
55439 29 Palms Hwy.
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Attention: Ed Muzik, General Manager
- To: Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency
622 S. Jemez Trail
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
Attention: Marina West, General Manager
- To: County of San Bernardino Special District
County Service Area No. 70
12402 Industrial Blvd., Building D, Suite 6
Victorville, CA 92395
Attention: Jeffrey Rigney, Director Special Districts Department
- To: Mojave Water Agency
13846 Conference Center Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307
Attention: Kirby Brill, General Manager

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Dated: _____ By: _____
By: _____

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SPECIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70 IMPROVEMENT ZONE
W-1

Dated: _____ By: _____

By: _____

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W-4

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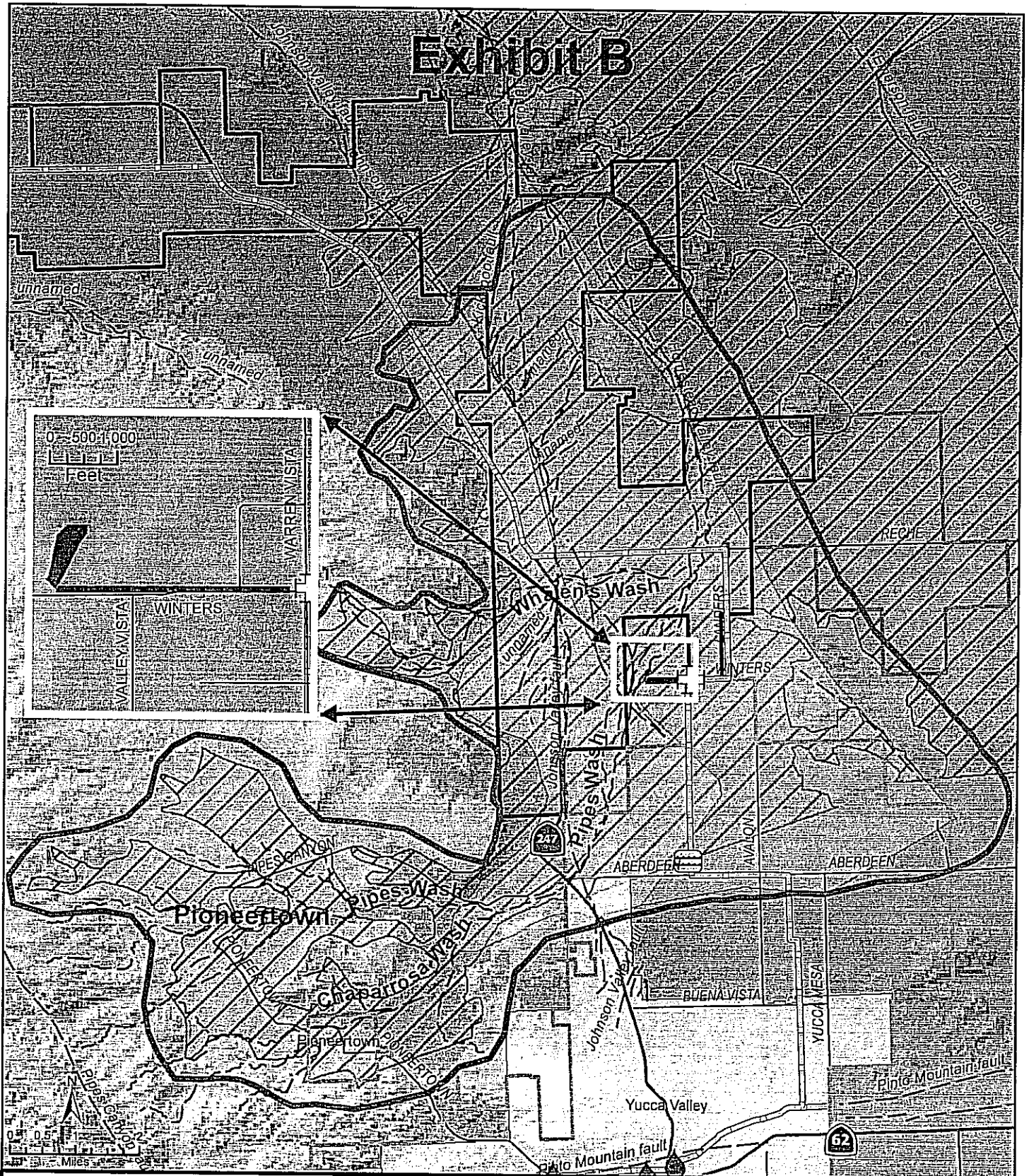
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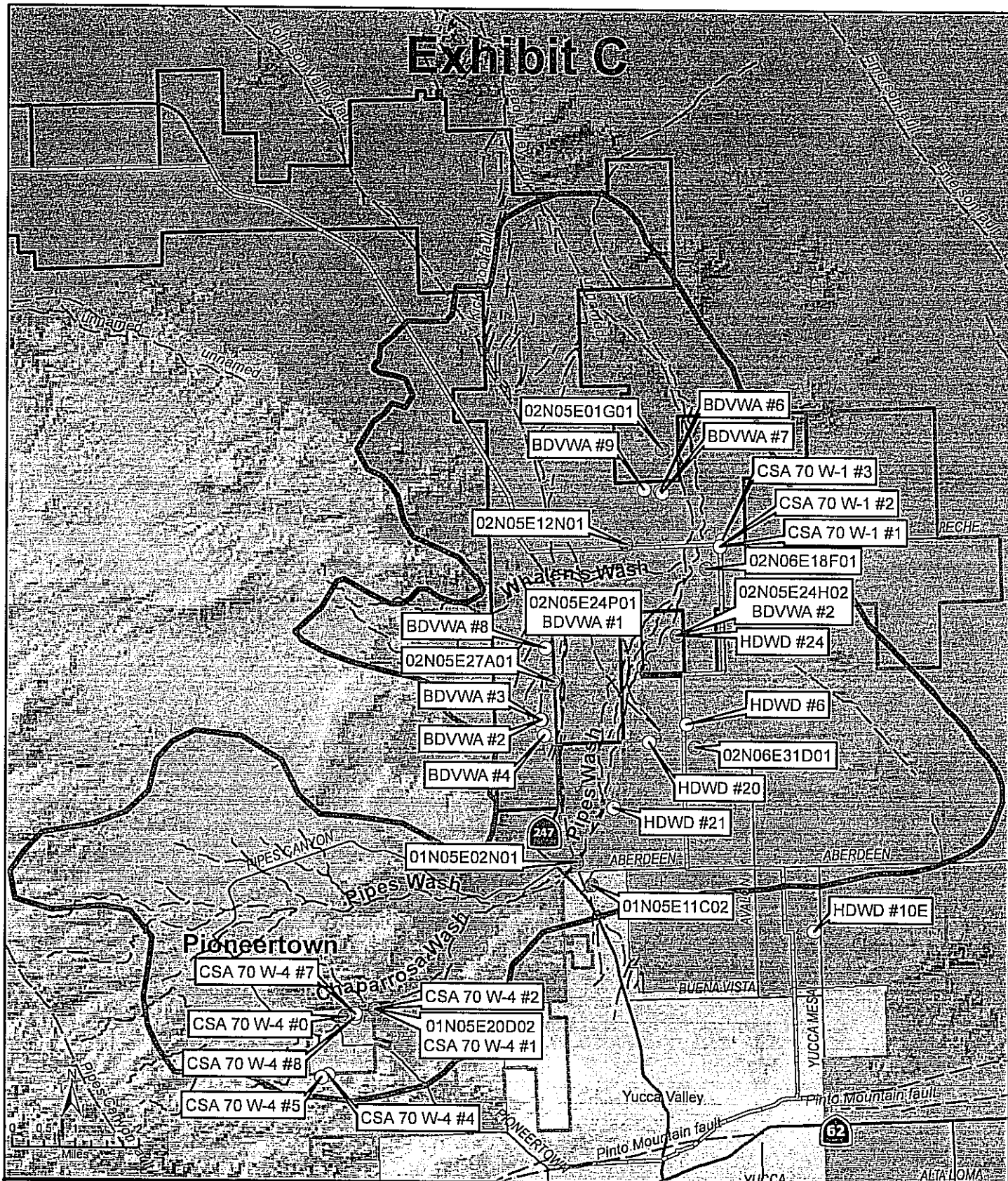
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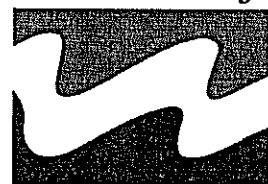


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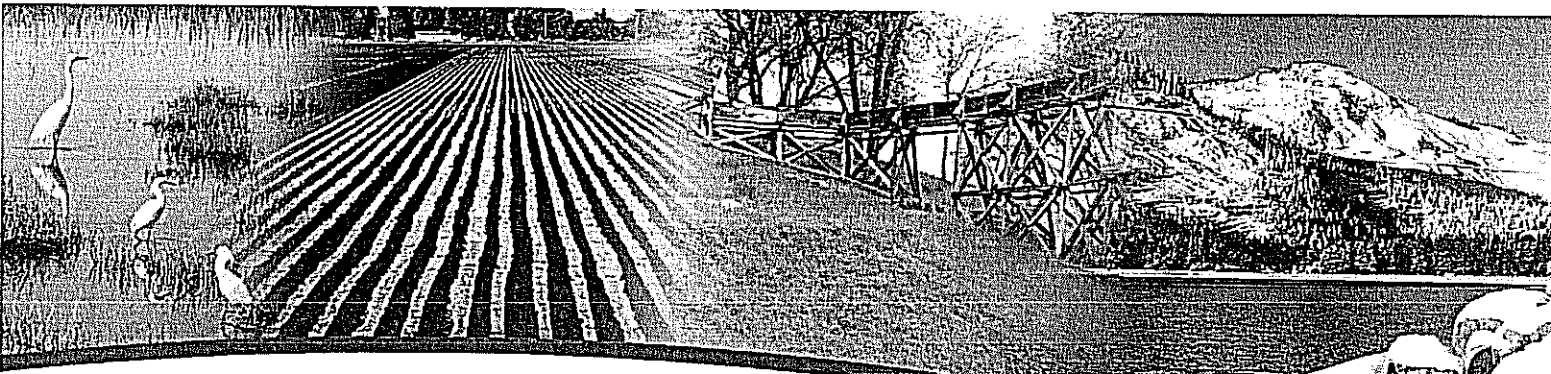
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Enjoy a comfortable seat in the rail car, stretch your legs with a walk to the glass dome car and enjoy lunch in the lovely dining car.

Make your reservation today. Contact the Water Education Foundation, 916-444-6240.



We will meet at the Amtrak train station in **Emeryville** (across from San Francisco near the Oakland airport) at **8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 1. The train leaves promptly at 9:10 a.m. and will arrive in Reno at 4:06 p.m.** The discussion about water issues will continue over dinner. The next morning, Friday, March 2, after breakfast at the hotel, travelers can choose to take the train back to Emeryville or any point along the way (included in the tour registration) or may choose to fly directly from Reno back home at their own expense.

Registration is \$495 per person, single occupancy room; \$425 each for two people sharing a room. Registration fee includes round trip train travel from Emeryville, Calif. to Reno, Nev., overnight hotel accommodations in Reno, and all meals on the tour. Overnight accommodations are at the lovely John Asquaga's Nugget.

To register, return form to the Foundation with payment; faxed reservations accepted with credit card or purchase orders. Or, register securely online at www.watereducation.org/tours. **All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings. Refund request must be in writing. Substitutions may be made at any time.

This activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit by the State Bar of California. The tour also offers education credits for water plant or wastewater plant operator's licenses. There is an additional \$100 fee to register for these credits. Contact the Foundation for more information.

Additional information and an itinerary will be mailed/emailed approximately two weeks before the tour. Please notify the Foundation prior to the tour if you have a medical condition or other special need.

2012 Sea to Sierra Water Tour Registration

Name(s) _____

Job Title(s) _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Driver's License/I.D. Card No.(s) _____ State _____ Exp. Date _____

Date(s) of Birth _____ (necessary for security clearance at some facilities)

Enclosed is my fee: ☐ \$495 each, single occupancy room; ☐ \$425 each for two people sharing a room

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For payment by: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express P.O. No. _____

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Signature _____ (must be signed to process credit card order)



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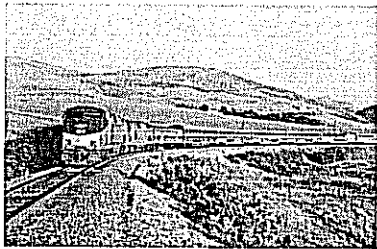
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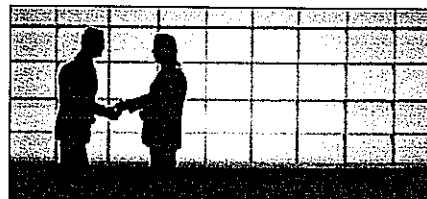
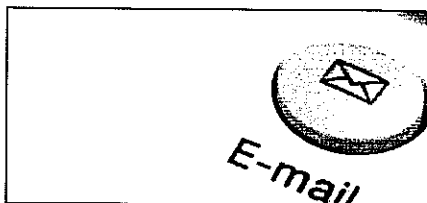
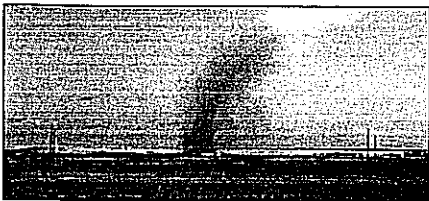


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FORM 700-EASIER THAN IT LOOKS

February 2, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

As a public official or a designated filer, you have a legal duty to file a Statement of Economic Interests, commonly known as a Form 700. How do you fill it out? What do you need to disclose? Why do you need to disclose? Given the recent headlines, the expectations for transparency in government have grown. This training will explain the "ins" and "outs" of the Form 700 geared towards current filers on how to satisfy your state-mandated financial disclosure requirements. The webinar will also discuss ways in which the Form 700 can be used to help staff identify and avoid conflict. Included is a free downloadable handbook on conflicts of interest and the reporting requirements of the Form 700.

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HOW TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE MEETING

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March 4, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

People spend a lot of time in meetings. Board members in every special district are required to meet in various capacities as part of their governance and to conduct business. Assisting the board in the smooth running and facilitation of these meetings can make or break their effectiveness. In this webinar, you will learn steps to create or augment your checklist for setting up and assisting in a board meeting. Included will be a look at how you might provide the board chair tools to make the meeting more effective. And, you will create ideas to enhance the environment and "flavor" of the meeting.

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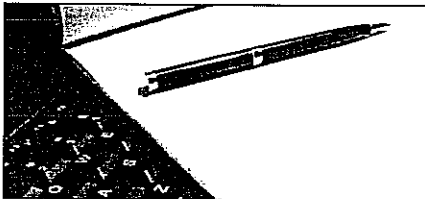
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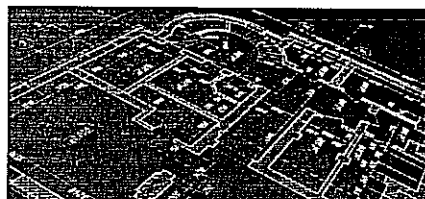
As Joe Friday stated "Just the facts". After an event has occurred, it is key to create a record of what occurred. Names, contact information and critical observations are required in creating a proper Incident Report. This session will identify specific examples of critical report writing that identifies the key elements necessary in these reports.

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~~INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT: DO I NEED IT?~~

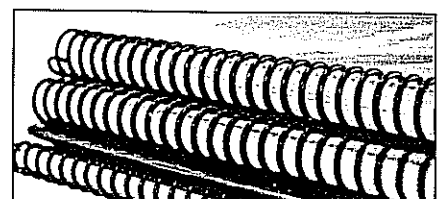
October 10, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Infrastructure supporting enterprise and services, such as water and sewer, require capital intensive maintenance, repair and replacement projects as infrastructure ages. Asset management systems provide tools to gain visibility into the types of capital expenditures that will be incurred over the operational life of a system where those expenditures will occur on the ground, and their timing. This webinar is a case study based on the Northstar Community Services District's (NCSD) use of an asset management system to support the development and implementation of their capital reserve program. We will discuss how the NCSD used their asset management system to provide transparency into the location and timing of capital maintenance and replacement projects for both their water and sewer systems, and how this information supported a successful Prop 218 process and justified new rate structures.

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MUST HAVE COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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February 8, 2012 OR September 5, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Communication is the fluid that keeps organizations working smoothly. The opposite is an organization with friction. This webinar looks at common communication breakdowns in public agencies among staff and directors/trustees. It will discuss the proper and effective communication methods to fix current situations and prevent future failures. There will also be time for specific questions regarding your agency.

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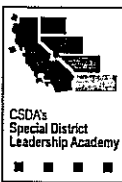
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AGENDA (SAME FOR EACH MODULE)

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Workshop

COST PER CLASS

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Module 1 Governance Foundations

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- 1** **ONTARIO AREA – February 16, 2012**
Jurupa Community Services District
11201 Harrell Street, Mira Loma, CA 91752
- 2** **SACRAMENTO – March 27, 2012**
Radisson Hotel Sacramento
In conjunction with SDRMA Safety Claims Day
SPECIAL RATE
Free: SDRMA members \$125 CSDA Members
500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815
- 3** **SAN DIEGO – September 24, 2012**
Westin Gaslamp Quarter Hotel
Special Pre-Conference Workshop
- 4** **BAY AREA – November 14, 2012**
Zone 7 Water Agency
5997 Parkside Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588

Governance Foundations, the first of four modules and the core of the Special District Leadership Academy series, provides the basic information needed by board members, general managers and staff to build an effective and functional governance team. This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board:

- Effective Trustees
- Individual/Team Standards
- Board's Role and Responsibilities
- Structure, Process and Protocols

Directors/Trustees will learn to:

- Develop a unity of purpose.
- Understand the board's role in the district.
- Build a strong, positive, functional board culture.
- Organize the formal structure of the board.



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and dialogue with examples.
Extremely useful."

Module 2 Setting Direction/Community Engagement

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- 1** **ONTARIO AREA – April**
Cucamonga Valley Water I
10440 Ashford St., Rancho
- 2** **SACRAMENTO – May 1**
California District Attorney
1111 Street, Suite 300, :
- 3** **SAN DIEGO – July 26, 21**
Vista Irrigation District
139 Engineer Street, Vist
- 4** **BAY AREA – November**
Zone 7 Water Agency
5997 Parkside Drive, Pleas

To understand the board's responsibility of the district, this presentation provides discourse of the board and senior management in establishing the vision, mission and strategy of the district. It will define and investigate the tools used by districts to measure performance.

- Discuss why the process of setting direction and how it benefits the district.
- Understand the importance of being strategic.
- Learn to transition from individual to members of a governance team.
- Understand the sequence of steps in the direction of the governance team.

This module will also address the impact of leadership and duty to provide information on the essential services offered by the special district to the community.



"Complete program very
informative. Time very
because we were key

Governance Foundations[Back](#)[Register](#)

Instructor: David Aranda, North of the River
Municipal Water District

This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board, focusing on the critical elements of governance: effective trustees, board mindset, structure, process and protocols, individual/team standards, and board's role and responsibilities.

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09:00 am - 12:00 pm Workshop
12:00 pm - 01:00 pm Lunch (On Your Own)
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Proposition 218, Proposition 26 and Rate Setting

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IRVINE – February 24, 2012

The Duck Club, 3512 Michelson Drive
Irvine, CA 92612

On November 2, 1996, the California voters approved Proposition 218, which amended the California Constitution by adding new substantive and procedural requirements for the adoption of taxes, assessments, and property-related fees and charges. On November 2, 2010, the voters approved Proposition 26, another ballot initiative that further restricts the ability of the state and local governments to raise revenues to fund government services, facilities, and programs, by reclassifying certain fees and charges as taxes. This workshop will provide an update on recent cases and legislation interpreting and clarifying Proposition 218. Additionally, it will provide an overview of the provisions of Proposition 26 and the impacts that it may have on local governments and their ability to raise revenues.

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Workshop
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How To Be An Effective Board Member

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RIVERSIDE AREA – January 12, 2012

Marion J. Ashley Community Center
25625 Briggs Road, Menifee, CA 92585 (off the 215 Freeway)

2

BAY AREA – January 20, 2012

Zone 7 Water Agency, 5997 Parkway Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

3

SACRAMENTO AREA – January 25, 2012

El Dorado Hills CSO Pavilion, 1021 Harvard Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Also meets AB1234 Requirement: Leading a special district as an experienced or newly elected/appointed official is both exciting and challenging. You have accepted the responsibility of representing your constituents and customers in the most effective and professional manner possible. This will demand that you acquire or maintain the necessary skills to govern a special district. The How To Be An Effective Board Member training has been designed specifically for special district board members and board chairs/presidents in order to provide the tools, background and overall knowledge necessary to help navigate the first year of governing a special district and be an effective leader.

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
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The Duck Club
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