

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened by Board President Michael McBride at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Lary Callander

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: David Larson
Judy Corl-Lorono
Michael McBride
Terry Burkhart
J. Dennis Staley

Staff Present: Marina West
Michelle Corbin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

MSC¹ (Corl-Lorono/Larson) unanimously approved the revised agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Elizabeth Karmen, of Yucca Mesa, commented on the performance evaluation of the General Manager. Ms. Karmen stated she feels General Manager Marina West is doing an excellent job, keeping the Agency within budget and maintained. Ms. Karmen commends the Board for hiring West and again praised West's handling of the staff. Ms. Karmen also suggested the Board give her an outstanding performance evaluation and also to reward her for her good work.

Lary Callander, commented on the cost comparison between Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency and San Bernardino County Special District CSA70/W-1. Mr. Callander stated when first meeting West, he was impressed with the scope of her knowledge on issues pertaining to the Agency. He went on to say he is just as impressed with West today as he was a few years ago when he first met her.

Dr. Bob Karmen, of Yucca Mesa, stated what is often overlooked is Wests' technical knowledge of water making her an expert in this industry. He also noted she had recently earned her Master's Degree in (Public) Administration.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Gov. Code Section 54957)

Position being evaluated: General Manager

Adjourned to closed session at 7:19 p.m. - Reconvened from closed session at 8:20 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

President McBride reported the Board did the performance evaluation of General Manager Marina West.

VERBAL REPORTS

General Manager West reported on the Integrated Water Management Plan headed by Mojave Water Agency (MWA). MWA will host several workshops throughout the area seeking community input. One meeting will be held in Yucca Valley at the Senior Center.

West thanked the Board for the favorable review stating the Agency has done much to improve itself and she will continue to move forward. West mentioned the continued positive public relations which she attributes to the Customer Service staff.

West commented on the price comparison between the Agency and CSA70 W-1 and that should Agency acquire CSA70 W-1, we would be even more efficient, having less upper management.

West also reported on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting wherein the commission unanimously voted to support Senate Bill SB246.

Director Staley reported on the recent Local Agency Formation Commission meeting he had attended as well as the Homestead Valley Community Council meeting.

Director Larson reported on the Joshua Basin Water District meeting he attended with General Manager Marina West securing their support for Senate Bill SB246.

Vice-President Corl-Lorono reported on the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC) meeting she had attended as well as her trip to Sacramento to attend the Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Authority Board of Directors meeting. Director Corl-Lorono also reported on the CSDA Legislative Days Conference.

President McBride reported on the CSDA Legislative Days Conference he attended in Sacramento.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

General Manager Contract including discussion of compensation.

ADJOURNMENT - President McBride adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Approved by:



David Larson, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.