

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, July 22, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Meeting convened by Board President Judy Corl-Lorono at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Ms. Adams

Roll Call

Directors Present: Judy Corl-Lorono
J. Dennis Staley
Terry Burkhart
Michael McBride
J. Larry Coulombe

Staff Present: Marina West
Michelle Corbin

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

MSC¹ (Staley/McBride) unanimously approved.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Status Update and Receive Public Comments

Gary Strudivan of Sierra West Consulting gave a brief report on the natural hazards the Agency has identified as possible threats. Mr. Strudivan also gave an overview of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and how it relates to possible mitigation funding in the future. A final document outlining the plan will be complete within the next two months. Once complete the document will go to the Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their approval.

Public comments:

Anonymous asked for clarification on possible terrorist threats to the water system.

Resolution 14R-12 Supporting the 2014 Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

General Manager West reviewed the program and introduced the Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The Board is being asked to adopt a resolution supporting the plan.

No public comment.

Motion No. 14-037

(After brief Board discussion), Director Coulombe made a motion to adopt Resolution 14R-12 Adopting the Mojave Water Agency Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop. 84). The motion was seconded by Director Burkhart.

MSC¹ (Coulombe/Burkhart)

Corl-Lorono: Y
Staley: Y
Burkhart: Y
McBride: Y
Coulombe: Y

Public Hearing: Resolution 14R-13 – A Resolution Confirming Reports of Delinquent Accounts for Basic Service Charges, Water Charges, Revenue Bond Surcharges, Delinquent Fees and Processing Fees and Authorizing Placement of Property Liens on the Secured Tax Rolls of San Bernardino County for Collection of Delinquencies Within Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

Michelle Corbin gave a brief overview of the Agency lien process. This year is the lowest dollar amount liened when compared to the previous four years.

General Manager West reported that approximately half of the past years lien amounts have been collected.

President Corl-Lorono opened the public hearing.

Public comment:

Mike Lipsitz asked why several of the dollar amounts are similar.

President Corl-Lorono closed the public hearing.

Motion No. 14-038

(After brief Board discussion), Director Burkhart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14R-13 Confirming reports of delinquent accounts for basic service charges, water charges, revenue bond surcharges, delinquent fees and processing fees AND authorizing the placement of property liens on the secured tax rolls of San Bernardino County for collection of delinquencies within Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. Director McBride seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Burkhart, McBride, Coulombe, Staley, Corl-Lorono
Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MSC¹ (Burkhart/McBride)

Adjourned for a Break at 6:59 p.m. - Reconvened from Break at 7:12 p.m.

Update on Dissolution of CSA 70/W-1 and Annexation to BDVWA

General Manager West reported the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors will vote in August on the tax transfer.

President Cori-Lorono reported on her recent meetings with Supervisor Gonzales Chief of Staff and Supervisor Rutherford.

Director Staley reported on meetings he attended with Supervisor Rutherford and the Chief of Staff for Supervisor Gonzales. He feels the Agency is in good shape and this project will become a reality.

General Manager West she is expecting the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will vote on the tax transfer in August. West also reported she is preparing a Public Information Request for Special Districts.

Public Comment:

Anonymous stated he is very upset about the spending Special Districts is carrying out in CSA 70/W-1.

Anonymous asked why the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors appear to have no control over the outrageous spending.

Anonymous stated that down the road larger issues with the system will arise and questioned how this will be paid for.

General Manager West asked this person what problems is she aware of. West reminded the Board of the similarities of the CSA 70 W-1 system and the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency systems.

Anonymous questioned the response time CSA 70 W-1 faces when there are leaks.

Resolution 14R-14 Authorizing Leak Detection Grant in the Amount of \$87,000

General Manager West gave the staff report. This grant is one hundred percent (100%) funded. West explained the Agency has worked towards minimizing water loss through a meter replacement program however the Agency is still experiencing unaccountable loss. West stated a system wide program used to identify "hot spots" within the water system would benefit the Agency. Her plan is to focus first on high pressure areas and proactively look for possible issues before they happen.

No public comment.

Motion No. 14-039

(After brief Board discussion), After Board discussion, Director Burkhart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 14R-14 a Resolution of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency authorizing General Manager to sign and submit a funding agreement and any amendments thereto for funding under the Safe Drinking Water Bond Law (SDWBL) Program; and authorizing General Manager to approve requests for partial payment (claims for reimbursement); and authorizing General Manager to sign the budget and expenditure summary; and authorizing General Manager to sign Certificate of Project Completion. The motion was seconded by Director McBride.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/McBride)

Cori-Lorono: Y
Staley: Y
Burkhart: Y
McBride: Y
Coulombe: Y

Hondo Road Leak – Update

General Manager West gave a brief power point on a leak that occurred on July 2, 2014. West described the steps involved in repairing this large leak that began after business hours.

Anonymous questioned how a leak this large would have been handled if it was located within CSA 70 W-1 Landers.

Anonymous asked how the replacement pipe was connected to the older pipe.

Consent Items

- a. Service Order Report, June 2014
- b. Production Report, June 2014
- c. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 24, 2014

No Public comment.

Motion No. 14-040

Director McBride made a motion to approve consent items a - c. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhart.

MSC¹ (McBride/Burkhart)

Corl-Lorono: Y
 Staley: Y
 Burkhart: Y
 McBride: Y
 Coulombe: Y

Matters Removed From Consent Calendar - None

Information Received From Other Agencies

General Manager West introduced a media release that does pertain to the Agency. The State Water Recourses Control Board has approved an emergency regulation to “ensure water agencies, their customers and state residents increase water conservation in urban settings or face possible fines or other enforcement”.

Public Comment Period - No public comment.

Verbal Reports

Director Coulombe reported on the Morongo Basin Pipeline Committee meeting he had attended where a resolution to support the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan was adopted.

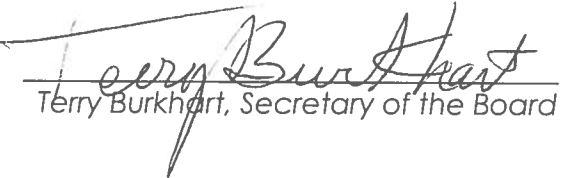
President Corl-Lorono reported on the Municipal Advisory Committee meeting where they discussed the Desert Renewable Conservation Plan.

Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items suggested.

Adjournment – President Judy Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Approved by:


 Terry Burkhart, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.