

# 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, October 28, 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 John Burkhart

### 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.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (McBride/Burkhart)

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

### Presentation of the Agency's Financial Audit

Ken Al-Imam of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. reported on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Agency Financial Audit. Mr. Al-Imam began with a brief overview of the purpose of the audit and presented examples of the procedures performed by the auditors.

This year his firm focused on the cash investments and cash handling processes. Mr. Al-Imam said he was very happy to announce the agency revenue exceeded expenses by \$103,885.00. Due to the passing and signing of Assembly Bill 246 the agency is no longer required to segregate itself between the original agencies Bighorn Mountains Water and Desert View Water. Mr. Al-Imam also noted the agency water sales were down 3.4% and general administration cost increased due to items such as health care and the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA).

Public comments: No public comments.

#### **Motion No. 14-049**

*(After brief Board discussion), Director Burkhart made a motion to receive and file the Agency Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 conducted by Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.. Director McBride seconded the motion.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Burkhart/McBride)

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

#### **Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Consultant Gary Sturdivan presented the final draft of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan for adoption by the Board of Directors. Once adopted, the plan will be forwarded to the State of California and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their approval. Mr. Sturdivan reiterated the purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan as it relates to helping the agency receive grant funding for mitigation projects outlined in the plan.

No public comment.

#### **Motion No. 14-050**

*(After brief Board discussion), Vice President Staley made a motion to adopt the Agency's Hazard Mitigation Plan document dated October 28, 2014. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhart.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Staley/Burkhart)

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

#### **Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program**

General Manager West gave a power point presentation on the history of the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program. West began with an overview of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency's complaint filed on Hi Desert Water District as it pertains to the drilling and use Well No. 24 and the California Environmental Quality Act. West continued with a chronology of events that followed the stipulation judgment such as acquiring grants, the "strawman" principles, permits obtained and the building of the recharge project itself.

Public comment:

Anonymous, thanked the General Manager and staff for all their efforts in completing this project.

Anonymous commented on the Pioneertown connection cost.

**Motion No. 14-051**

*(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to receive and file the Stipulated Amended and Restated Judgment for the Ames Valley Water Basin. Vice President Staley seconded the motion.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (McBride/Staley)

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

**CSA 70/W-1 Reorganization Update**

General Manager West gave a brief report on the status of CSA 70/W-1. West reported the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting should be held in January 2015. West also stated the California Environmental Quality Act portion of the application may receive a finding that the project is categorically exempt.

No public comment.

**Consent Items**

- a. Service Order Report, September 2014
- b. Production Report, September 2014
- c. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2014

No Public comment.

**Motion No. 14-052**

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

MSC<sup>1</sup> (McBride/Coulombe)

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

**Matters Removed From Consent Calendar – None**

**Public Comment Period - None**

**Verbal Reports**

General Manager West reported that tonight's presentation on the Ames/Reche Groundwater Storage and Recovery Program will be presented at the Mojave Water Agency meeting on November 6.

Vice President Staley reported on the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting he had attended.

Director Coulombe reported on the California Special District Association conference where he attended a seminar on the California Environmental Quality Act. Director Coulombe also reported on the Mojave Water Agency meeting and Joshua Basin Water District recharge project ribbon cutting he attended on October 9, 2014. Lastly, Director Coulombe gave a brief report on the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC) meeting held on October 22, 2014.

Director McBride reported on the California Special District Association conference where he attended seminars on public communications and crisis communications as well as a seminar on the 2014 drought.

President Corl-Lorono reported on the California Special District Association conference where she accepted the Special Districts Leadership Foundation - District Transparency Certificate of Excellence Award.

**Future Agenda Items**

No items suggested.

**Adjournment** – President Judy Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Terry Burkhardt, Secretary of the Board

MSC<sup>1</sup> – Motion made, seconded, and carried.