

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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Board of Directors' Special Board Workshop Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Office
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Friday, February 20, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Meeting convened by Board President Judy Corl-Lorono at 10:02 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Glen Goslaw

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 (Burkhart/Coulombe) unanimously approved.

Agency Presentations, included but not limited to: Legal Counsel, Public Outreach, System Summary and Overview of Board Accomplishments

Legal Counsel:

General Manager Marina West introduced David Wysocki of the firm Aklufi and Wysocki Attorneys at Law. Should the Board agree, David Wysocki will replace Joe Aklufi as legal counsel for Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Mr. Wysocki introduced himself and gave a brief description of his work with "Aklufi and Wysocki" and his familiarity with the Agency. Aklufi and Wysocki will keep its name however it is now a sole proprietorship. Lastly, Mr. Wysocki discussed the many entities he has represented and how they also relate to water.

Public Outreach:

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General Manager West gave a power point presentation on public outreach carried out by Agency staff. This last year staff highlighted the many benefits of drinking tap water and created a demonstration that compared the cost of various bottled water companies to Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency tap water. Other public outreach highlighted by West included the Third of July event, the Desert Homes Garden Tour, the Demonstration Garden at the Landers Post Office, children's programs at Landers Elementary School and the Toilet Exchange Program. West stated this year Agency staff will participate with other local water districts in a "Water Education Day" modeled after the Orange County Groundwater Festival.

System Summary:

General Manager West began with an overview of the Agency boundaries. West reviewed the number of hydrants, mainlines, valves and many other assets within Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. West explained to the Board how pressure zones affect the territory and also gave a brief overview of the reservoirs and wells. West then reviewed routine and large scale maintenance such as the tank recoating process. West also gave a brief overview description of the CSA 70/W-1 system. The acquisition of CSA 70/W-1 will include reservoirs, meters, pipeline, well sites, water productions and water allocations. Lastly, the Board and General Manager had a brief discussion of the meter reading process for CSA 70/W-1.

Emergency Preparedness:

General Manager West reviewed several areas of emergency preparedness of which the Agency is involved. Beginning with the Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE), GM West detailed the purpose of ERNIE and the mutual aid it provides. West also discussed the various training Agency staff and Directors will attend this year. Lastly, West discussed the State Emergency Management System which helped standardize the response system and the National Emergency Management System.

Overview of Board Accomplishments:

General Manager West reviewed several accomplishments over the previous five years. Board accomplishments include four years of the GOFA (Government Finance Officers Association) award, the California Special Districts Association "Certificate of Transparency", and balanced budgets. West noted the Agency has not had a rate increase in several years primarily because of belt tightening, line item adjustments, the property tax lien process and third party acceptance of credit cards. Other items of accomplishment included the Ames Reche Recharge and Recovery Program and the Pending Annexation of CSA 70 W-1 into Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Director Comments

Director McBride commented that he would like to see an easy transition of CSA70/W-1 into Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment – President Judy Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Approved by:


Terry Burkhardt, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.