

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, February 24, 2015 – 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 Mike Lipsitz.

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 (McBride/Burkhart) unanimously approved.

CSA 70/W-1 Reorganization Update

General Manager West reported on the protest process and her interactions with County Special Districts. Once the protest period is complete, agency staff will shadow and meet with County Special Districts to review their processes.

Public comments:

Anonymous commented on the completion of the annexation.

Herb Orban of Yucca Valley commented on the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. Mr. Orban stated he has followed the work of the Agency and congratulated the Board for a job well done.

Vehicle Purchase and Replacement

General Manager West gave a brief overview of the pending truck purchases. West discussed the state bid program with its better pricing, where an opportunity presented itself. West is requesting to purchase one vehicle immediately and make arrangement for an additional three more trucks. Two trucks are for the current staff and two trucks for the new hires once it becomes clear the CSA 70 W-1 Annexation is complete.

West also reported on the variety of maintenance work carried out and how it relates to the type of truck needed.

Public Comment:

Anonymous asked about the TRD package of the Toyota Truck.

Anonymous asked for clarification on the trucks that will be purchased for two new employees.

Motion No. 15-005

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to approve a budget adjustment of \$5,750 for purchase of one replacement vehicle, 2015 Toyota Tacoma Access Cab 4X4 TRD, planned for FY 2014/15; and retroactively authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Hanford Toyota for one 2015 Toyota Tacoma 4X4 Access Cab pickup truck for a total cost of \$25,850 through the "state bid" process with expected delivery date of April/May 2015 as a replacement vehicle; and authorize \$70,000 for the purchase of two new vehicles to be utilized by staff to be hired for the operations and maintenance of the annexation territory currently known as CSA 70/W1 with reimbursement expected from the W-1 Capital Replacement Fund to be transferred upon completion of the annexation receive and file this report. Director Burkhart seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (McBride/Burkhart)

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

Initiating of Procedure for a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to the Board of Directors Compensation Via Future Ordinance

General Manager West reviewed the procedure and also discussed the cost involved with publishing the ordinance in the local newspaper.

Director McBride feels the incremental increases to Board per diems are necessary to attract community members to partake in the election and board member process in the future.

Public comment:

Mike Lipsitz of Z 107.7 asked for clarity on the dollar amount of the pending per diem adjustment.

Motion No. 15-006

(After brief Board discussion), Director Burkhart made a motion to direct staff to initiate the process for increasing the Board of Directors per diem compensation by five percent (5%) for fiscal year 2015/16. Director McBride seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/McBride)

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

Director Conference and Training

General Manager West gave a brief overview of the Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE) training for elected officials.

Director Staley stated he feels perhaps only one or two Directors should attend conferences. He is concerned about the spending of agency money.

Anonymous stated she feels at least one Director should attend the Legislative Days in Sacramento.

Motion No. 15-007

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to authorize attendance for the Special Districts Legislative Days May 19-20, 2015 at a cost estimate of \$1563 per Director; and authorize attendance for the High Desert Water Summit April 8, 2015 at a cost estimate of \$121.49 per Director; and authorize attendance to the Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE) Policy Group Training to be held at either the April 8, 2015 at Hi Desert Water District or April 1, 2015 at the East Valley Water District at a cost of \$25 per Director plus per diem. Director Coulombe seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (McBride/Coulombe)

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

Consent Items

- a. Financial Statements January 2015
 - 1. Balance Sheet
 - 2. Statement of Revenue and Expense
 - 3. General Account (Union Bank)
 - 4. Disbursements
 - 5. Local Agency Investment Fund Balance Timeline
- b. Receive and file Disbursements, January 2015
- c. Service Order Report, January 2015
- d. Production Report, January 2015
- e. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, January 27, 2015

No Public comment.

Motion No. 15-008

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

MSC¹ (McBride/Burkhart)

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

Matters Removed From Consent Calendar - None

Public Comment Period

Daniel Nichols, of Landers, commented on the need to introduce solar options to the Agency.

Verbal Reports

General Manager West suggested the March Board of Director meeting be moved to March 31, 2015 to help avoid attendance conflicts. West also reported on the Cal Trans Hwy 247 roadwork, the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and a proposed inter-tie for an emergency backup water source.

Vice President Staley reported on the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting he had attended in Apple Valley as well as the Homestead Valley Community Council meeting.

Director Coulombe reported on the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation meeting he attended. Director Coulombe also reported on the Municipal Advisory Council meeting he attended on his "own time" in Lucerne Valley where Supervisor Ramos spoke.

President Corl-Lorono reported on the Board of Supervisors Special meeting concerning the Desert Renewable Agency Conservation Plan meeting.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment – President Judy Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Approved by:


Terry Burkhardt, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.