

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, May 26, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Meeting convened by Board President Judy Corl-Lorono at 600 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Rebecca Unger.

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/Coulombe) unanimously approved.

Audit Services with Davis Farr LLP for Three (3) Years

Jennifer Farr of Davis Farr LLP joined the meeting via phone conference. Ms. Farr explained to the Board how Davis Farr LLP will move forward with the Agency. Ms. Farr described the processes of the audit and noted all previous staff members with the exception of Ken Al-Iman will continue to work with Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency during the future audits. Ken Al-Iman will work with the firm on a contract basis and is expected to also be on hand.

Anonymous inquired about the contract cost.
Anonymous inquired about the transition.

Motion No. 15-019

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to approve audit services with Davis Farr LLP for three (3) years ending June 30, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Director Burkhart seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (McBride/Burkhart)

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

Resolution No. 15R-07 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Providing for the Levy and Collection of Taxes (Setting the Ad Valorem Tax) Within Improvement District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 at \$175,900.

General Manager West gave a brief staff report. West explained how the Ad Valorem Tax was calculated and noted there is no change in the dollar amount from last fiscal year.

Public Comment:

Anonymous asked for clarification on the area identified at Improvement District No. 1.

Motion No. 15-020

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 15R-20 – Providing for the levy and collection of taxes (setting the Ad Valorem tax) within Improvement District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for a total collection of \$175,900. The motion was seconded by Director Coulombe.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MSC¹ (McBride/Coulombe)

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

Resolution 15R-08 Fixing and Adopting the Agency’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

General Manager West gave a brief overview of the proposed budget. West answered several questions from the Board and public. West also reviewed subjects related to the newly acquired territory previously known as CSA 70/W-1.

Public comment:

Anonymous stated that while under Special Districts, CSA 70/W-1 she saw many rate increases.

Anonymous stated he feels the Agency should do what is best to keep the billing smooth.

Motion No. 15-021

(After brief Board discussion), Director McBride made a motion to adopt Resolution 15R-08, A Resolution Fixing and Adopting the Agency Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 for the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. Vice President Staley seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (McBride/Staley)

Corl-Lorono: Y
Staley: Y

Burkhart: Y
McBride: Y
Coulombe: Y

Consent Items

- a. Service Order Report, April 2015
- b. Production Report, April 2015
- c. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2015
- d. Special Board Meeting Minutes, March 31, 2015
- e. Special Board Workshop Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2015
- g. Authorize staff to provide water for fire protection at the "Third of July" Community Celebration at Homestead Valley Park.
- h. Adopt Resolution No. 15R-09 Authorizing General Manager to sign and file a financial assistance application for financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the project identified as "BDV/W1 System Integration"
- i. Adopt Resolution No. 15R-10 Authorizing General Manager to sign and file a financial assistance application for financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for project identified as "Hi Desert Water District Interconnections".
- j. Adopt Resolution No. 15R-11 Authorizing General Manager to sign and file a financial assistance application for financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the project identified as "Lookout Pipeline Improvements".

No Public comment.

Motion No. 15-022

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

Public Comment:

Rebecca Unger congratulated the Agency stating she was proud of the progress of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/McBride)

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

Matters Removed From Consent Calendar

- f. Dissolve the "W-1 Reorganization Ad Hoc Committee" formed to help explore the processes of reorganization with County Special Districts Zone W-1/Landers and coordinate community outreach.

Motion No. 15-023

Director Burkhart made a motion to approve consent item f. The motion was seconded by Vice President Staley.

MSC¹ (Burkhart/Staley)

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

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

Verbal Reports

General Manager West reported on the job openings for Water Distribution and Accounting at the Agency. West stated she received several applications for both positions and is expecting to have the positions filled by next week.

Director Coulombe reported on two Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC) meetings he had attended at Mojave Water Agency as well as a conference in Los Angeles that focused on Solar.

Director McBride reported on the Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) seminar as well as the Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE) "Table Top" exercise he participated in early this month.

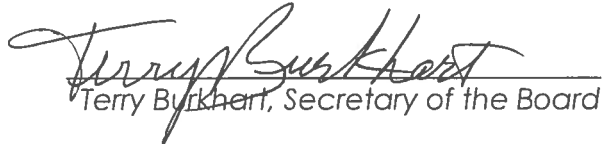
Director Burkhart gave a brief overview of the California Special Districts Association "Legislative Days" she had attended in Sacramento, California this month.

Vice President Staley reported on the Homestead Valley Community Council meeting he attended at Belfield Hall in Landers California. Director Staley also reported on the Grubstakes Parade in Yucca Valley.

President Corl-Lorono reported on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference she attended where Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency received the Clair A. Hill Water Agency Award for Excellence. President Corl-Lorono also reported on the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Conference she attended in Sacramento. Lastly, President Corl-Lorono presented the General Manager and Board of Directors with the Clair A. Hill Award plaque.

Adjournment – President Judy Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Approved by:


Terry Burkhart, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.