

# Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



## Board of Directors

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## Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Office  
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285  
**Tuesday, March 22, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**

### Call to Order

Meeting convened by Board President J. Larry Coulombe at 6:05 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Sharon Conkle.

### Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Marina West (via telephone)  
Michelle Corbin

### Approval of Agenda

*Motion to approve the agenda.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (McBride/Staley) unanimously approved.

### Authorize General Manager to File Applications with CA Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Two Projects

General Manager West reviewed the two projects of interest; the "Pump and Well Block Buildings" and "Hondo/Ruby Wash Storm Water Capture". The "Pump and Well Block Buildings" project would enclose the well pumps from the outside elements. A portion of this application would be to determine the cost estimate.

Regarding the "Hondo/Ruby Wash Storm Water Capture", the Agency is seeking a partnership with perhaps the Mojave Water Agency or the County of San Bernardino. GM West stated she is scheduled to meet with representatives from both of these entities next month.

### Public comments:

Anonymous, commented on the Ruby Wash and issues residents have had with rain run-off.

**Motion No. 16-014**

*(After brief Board discussion), Director Corl-Lorono made a motion to authorize General Manager to prepare and submit full applications to CA Office of Emergency Services under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the "Pump and Well Block Buildings" and the "Hondo/Ruby Wash Storm Water Capture" projects. Director McBride seconded the motion.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (Corl-Lorono/McBride)

Coulombe: Y  
McBride: Y  
Corl-Lorono: Y  
Staley: Y  
Burkhart: 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 process of the Cost-Of-Living Adjustment for the Board of Directors. West also reminded the Board this is only the first step and they are not voting on the increase in compensation tonight.

Public Comments:

Anonymous stated she has no problem with this raise.

**Motion No. 16-015**

*(After brief Board discussion), Vice President McBride 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 2016/2017. The motion was seconded by Director Burkhart.*

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

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

**Consent Items**

- a. Improvement District Goat Mtn. Cash Account Summary.
- b. Service Order Report, February 2016
- c. Production Report, February 2016
- d. Goat Mtn. Production Report, February 2016
- e. Special Board Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2016
- f. Resolution No. 16R-02 Establishing an Agency Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP).

No Public comment.

**Motion No. 16-016**

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

MSC<sup>1</sup> (McBride/Corl-Lorono)

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

**Matters Removed From Consent Calendar** – Item f. Resolution No. 16R-02 Establishing an Agency Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP).

General Manager West reviewed the purpose of the Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). West reminded the Board the Agency has had an IIPP for many years and that it is being brought forward today for review.

No public comment.

**Motion No. 16-017**

*Director McBride made a motion to approve consent item f. The motion was seconded by Director Corl-Lorono.*

MSC<sup>1</sup> (McBride/Corl-Lorono)

Coulombe: Y

McBride: Y

Corl-Lorono: Y

Staley: Y

Burkhart: Y

**Public Comment Period**

Anonymous commented on the water sales to Hi-Desert Water District.

**Verbal Reports**

General Manager West announced the upcoming Desert Wise Tour scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2016.

Director Staley reported on the Ethics Seminar he attended to fulfill his AB1234 ethics training obligation. Director Staley also mentioned a letter invite he received from the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding the Grubstakes Parade. Director Staley reported on the March 21, 2016 Homestead Valley Community Council Meeting and gave an update on the Landers Post Office Garden.

Vice President McBride reported on progress regarding the “Ames/Reche Native Carry Over” exchange/sales.

President Coulombe reported on a meeting he attended at the Hi-Desert Water District regarding the “Ames/Reche Native Carry Over” exchange/sales. President Coulombe also reported on the Municipal Advisory Council meeting held March 14, 2016 in Joshua Tree.

**Adjournment** – President Coulombe adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Approved by:

  
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Judy Corl-Lorono, Secretary of the Board

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