

## Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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## Planning/Legislative/Engineering Grant & Security Committee Regular Meeting Report

Board Meeting Office  
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - 9:15 a.m.

**Committee Members: Director Corl-Lorono & Director Burkhart**

### Call to Order

Director Corl-Lorono called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Michelle Corbin

### Roll Call

Directors: Judy Corl-Lorono  
Terry Burkhart

Staff: Marina West  
Michelle Corbin

### Approval of the Agenda

Director Burkhart and Director Corl-Lorono approved the agenda as presented.

### Update on SB 415 (Hueso) Voter Participation

General Manager West gave the staff report. West reported the Agency is now required to schedule the Board of Directors' elections during even-numbered years. Senate Bill 415 (Hueso) Voter Participation requires all state, county, special and school districts with "odd-numbered year" election cycles, with historically low voter turn-out, move their elections to the "even-numbered year" cycles. West is recommending the Committee move this item to the next Board of Directors' Meeting for possible adoption. The Committee agreed and suggested the Agency begin the process to move all future

elections to the November General Election “even-numbered” year cycles. The Committee also acknowledged that beginning the process at this time will extend both the year-ending 2017 and year-ending 2019 term limits out one additional year for each Director.

Public comment: No public comment.

The Committee requested a resolution proposing the change of election year, be agendaized at the next Board of Directors’ Meeting for possible adoption.

### **Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency’s Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee**

Carolyn Jensen of KP Public Affairs reported on a number of “spot” bills at the California Legislature that are due to the large amount of rainfall within California this season. Ms. Jensen also reported on Assemblyman Olberholte’s two hauled water bills, Senate Bill 366 and Senate Bill 367. The bills have not been assigned to committee at this time. Ms. Jensen stated she will continue to give updates on both bills as they move forward within the legislature.

Ed Manning of KP Public Affairs reported on a reduction of reliance of the Delta Plan. Mr. Manning stated as the Delta language is currently interpreted, the current draft penalizes state contractors like Mojave Water Agency for trying to take more water. Mr. Manning announced they are drafting an agreed upon joint letter to be signed by all the state water contractors. Lastly, Mr. Manning said he will continue to work towards “nudging” the Delta Council to consider looking at the export system as a whole compared to focusing on individual agency allocations.

Carolyn Jensen also reported on legislation relating to Proposition 218 reform and Assembly Bill 401 (Dodd) dealing with implementation and recommendations for Rate Assistance for Low Income Water Users. Legislatures are also considering the creation of a water tax for the Safe Drinking Water Fund.

Letitia White of Innovative Federal Strategies reported the Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriations Bills related to Title 16 funding are almost complete. Congressman Paul Cook may be testifying on behalf of the Title 16 funding. Ms. White also reported water infrastructure may become included with major infrastructure funding. Lastly, Ms. White reported on the “Water of the United States” stating the President is expected to sign an executive order ending this rule.

Public comment: No public comment.

### **Update on SB 366 (Olberholte) Hauled Water New Construction**

General Manager West reported on Senate Bill 366 (Olberholte). This bill focuses on once again, allowing Californians to build a up to 10 homes on an existing parcel, where the source of water is hauled water. Previous bill, SB 1263 (Wieckowski) prohibited any new building if the source of water is hauled water the only exception being the rebuilding of a home destroyed during a natural disaster. Senator Olberholte’s office is requesting resolutions of support of the bill.

No public comment.

The Committee recommended staff bring a Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 366 (Olbernote) for possible adoption.

### **Consent Items**

- a. Regular PLEGS Meeting Report, October 18, 2016

Public comment: No public comment.

Director Corl-Lorono and Director Burkhart approved the report.

### **Public Participation**

No public comment.

### **Verbal Reports**

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS/REPORTS

No Reports.

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager West reported Kirby Brill of Mojave Water Agency announced his retirement. GM West also gave a brief review and update on the status of a \$50K grant she had applied for. West has requested the grant funds might be used for uranium treatment options. West also reported on the benefits of keeping the Goat Mountain Water System separate from the Bighorn and Desert View Water System.

**Adjournment** - Director Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.