

## Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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

Special Meeting Location at Agency Administrative Office  
622 S. Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley CA 92284  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Committee Members: Director Corl-Lorono & Director Burkhart**

### Call to Order

Director Corl-Lorono called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Director Corl-Lorono

### Roll Call

Directors: Judy Corl-Lorono  
Terry Burkhart

Staff: Marina West

### Approval of the Agenda

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

### Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency's Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee – Recording Dated August 15, 2017

During the August 15, 2017 Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee meeting, Ms. Jensen of KP Public Affairs gave a brief update on AB 366 (Olbernalte) and AB1000 (Friedman). Ms. Jensen reported on SB623 (Monning) which would require each water district to collect a tax from its customers for water infrastructure projects within the state.

Ms. Jensen also discussed an upcoming workshop to be held August 17, 2017 on AB 685 (Eng) which deals with the "human right to water".

Ms. White of Innovative Federal Strategies announced she would be at Mojave Water Agency for their September Legal, Legislative, and Public Information Committee meeting. Ms. White reported on bills related to federal spending as well as funding for water infrastructure projects.

Public comment: None

**Update on AB1000 (Friedman, D-Glendale) Water Conveyance; use of facility with unused capacity**

General Manager West reported AB1000 (Friedman) was originally released as a bill addressing performance standards for watermeters West explained the bill number was later repurposed through a process known as “gutted and amended” into an anti-Cadiz bill. The re-written bill would require additional processes for water transfers. The boundary described within the bill included a large portion of Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) territory.

West stated the bill appears to hide the fact that it’s all about prohibiting the moving of water from Cadiz, California. Because the bill included BDVWA, West voiced her concerns on behalf of the agency to Assemblywoman Friedman.

In the letter to Assemblywoman Friedman, West made it clear that AB1000 as written, “completely plays against everything the agency (BDVWA) had planned for years and also, the writers of the bill never once contacted the agency (BDVWA)”. Following West’s letter, the bill was amended to omit the BDVWA territory.

In late August 2017 the bill was suspended. Lastly, West reported the Agency has resumed its neutral stand on the Cadiz issue now that AB1000 was amended to exclude BDVWA.

Unrelated to the AB1000 (Friedman), West reported that since the August 15, 2017 Legal, Legislative update the Committee just listened to, AB366 (Olberholte), the hauled water bill was pulled.

Public comment: None

**Consent Items**

- a. Special PLEGS Meeting Report, June 28, 2017.

Public comment: None

Director Burkhardt and Director Corl-Lorono approved the report.

**Public Participation**

No public comment.

**Verbal Reports**

Committee Member Comments/Reports – None

General Manager Report – General Manager West reminded the Committee of the upcoming Special Board Meeting to be held September 19, 2017.

**Adjournment** - Director Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.