

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency



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Planning/Legislative/Engineering Grant & Security Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Office
1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92285
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 - 9:15 a.m.

Committee Members: Vice President Corl-Lorono & Secretary Burkhart

Call to Order

Vice President Corl-Lorono called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by John Burkhart

Roll Call

Directors: Judy Corl-Lorono
Terry Burkhart

Staff: Marina West
Seth Kish

Approval of the Agenda

Vice President Corl-Lorono and Secretary Burkhart approved the agenda as presented.

Conference Call with Mojave Water Agency's Legal/Legislative and Public Information Committee

Committee to participate via teleconference for an update by the State Advocate of Issues at the State Level, as well as an update by the Federal Advocate of Issues at the Federal Level. General Manager West dialed the number at 9:30AM. The conference call starts at 9:32AM, Ed Manning and Carolyn Jensen discuss the legislative calendar as well as the legislative updates regarding the KP Public Affairs Ledge Report.

Public comment: No Public Comment

Break at 10:19AM - 10:27AM meeting back in order.

Colorado River Funding Area – Pending DAC Involvement Grant Award Update

General Manager West discussed the Disadvantaged Community involvement grant which has been distributed between the State's Regional Water Boards. Desert View Water Agency is set to get \$50,000.00 from this grant to evaluate uranium treatment options for Flamingo Heights wells. Uranium levels are at or just below the drinking water standard.

Request by Local Area Formation Commission to Initiate Proceedings to Annex Assessor Parcel No. 630-111-01 (640 Acres) into Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

That the Committee considers taking the following action(s):

1. Review the draft Resolution No. 18R-XX Requesting ; and
2. Recommend Resolution No. 18R-XX move to the full Board of Directors for Adoption.

General Manager West briefed the board of the applicant's recent purchase of 640 Acres to build a single family home. In order for him to connect to the water line, the applicant was of the LAFCO process for annexation which he did. LAFCO immediately requested the Agency initiate the procedure on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was then informed of the LAFCO fees, which are approximately \$13,000. The applicants only other option would be to drill a well, however water quality is questionable in this area.

Public Comment: Anonymous member of the public asked what is LAFCO. General Manager West explained that LAFCO stands for Local Agency Formation Commission which is an administrative body comprised of multiple parties of interest. Their purpose is to minimize urban sprawl and guide land use decisions. The anonymous member of the public followed up and asked why the fees for LAFCO are so expensive. General Manager West answered the question by informing the anonymous member of the public of the fee breakdown.

The Committee reviewed the resolution and recommended it be brought to the full board for further consideration and possible adoption.

Water Tank Inspection and Cleaning

Staff to verbally present summary of the water tank inspection and cleaning activities completed in March 2018. General Manager West played a video which details the cleaning the tank, and includes discussing the general condition inside the tanks.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

California Rural Water Association (CRWA) Grant for Leak Detection

General Manager West explained that Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency received a grant from Prop.1 funds then provided to California Rural Water Association to complete a system wide leak detection survey. The CRWA surveyed 130 miles of pipeline and found 13 leaks. None of the leaks were significant. General Manager West also explained to the Board how long the whole process took, how the leaks are found, as well as how they were repaired.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Prop. 1 Planning Grant for Water System Integration and Interties Update

General Manager West gave the Board an update on the Prop.1 Planning Grant and explained the main goals. The first goal was to consolidate the Bighorn-Desert View and Goat Mountain systems. The next goal would be to connect wells in the Ames/Reche area to the water tanks at Jemez trail. General Manager West also discussed the different projects in development which include looping systems, booster station improvements at Goat Mountain, and also well improvements that bring wells up to sanitary standards. General Manager West explained to the Board that Bighorn-Desert View ranked too low for grant funding and then explained how the ranking works. General Manager West concluded by informing the Board that Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency is functioning without water quality violations, without maximum day demand supply issues, without maximum day demand storage issues, and without financial challenges. Which means that Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency isn't in a desperate situation which would elevate its score for the funding. It was also mentioned that the Division of Drinking Water said, "Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency is one of the best run smaller agencies".

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Consent Items

- a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Report, April 19, 2018
- b. Receive and file letter outlining "Oppose-Unless-Amended to Statewide Water Tax: Budget Trailer" sent to the State Capital representatives.

Public comment: No Public Comment

Vice President Corl-Lorono and Secretary Burkhart approved the report.

Public Participation

John Burkhart asked how the payment system for Well 10 is working out.


Verbal Reports

General Manager Marina West showed a video made by Mr. Seth Kish of the Water Education Festival held at LaContenta Middle School.

Items for Next Agenda

Adjournment – Vice President Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Approved by:



Judy Corl-Lorono, Committee Chair

