



BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

Our Mission - "To provide a high quality supply of water and reliable service to all customers at a fair and reasonable rate."

Planning/Legislative/Engineering Grant & Security Standing Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Vice President Corl-Lorono & Secretary Burkhart

**BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. CHEROKEE TR.
LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92284**

**January 15, 2019
Time – 9:15 A.M.**

Call to Order

Vice President Corl-Lorono called the meeting to order at 9:25 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Secretary Burkhart

Roll Call

Directors: Judy Corl-Lorono
John R. Burkhart

Staff: Marina West
Seth Kish

Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Committee participated 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.

Committee adjourned for short recess at 10:10AM

Committee reconvenes at 11:05AM

Public comment: None

Participation in Community Water Systems Alliance thru Partnership with California Association of Mutual Water Companies at a Cost of No More than \$10,000 Per Year (est.) for Travel to Sacramento, if Necessary

General Manager West introduced Mr. Adan Ortega, Executive Director of California Association of Mutual Water Companies (CalMutuals). Mr. Ortega gave the Committee an overview of what a partnership with Community Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) would consist of. Mr. Ortega stated that many small water agencies are running into the same problems when trying to self-advocate for legislation coming in the form of different "water taxes" and also "Low Income Rate Assistance Programs". The whole purpose of CWSA would be to provide Agencies with all of the tools and talking points needed in order to go to Sacramento and fight for their communities rights regarding water. Mr. Ortega continued that the price for this would be around \$900.00 a month, whereas an average lobbyist would charge no less than \$7,000.00.

Public comment: None

Status of Johnson Valley Monitoring Well Constructed in 2012

General Manager West gave her report to the Committee. The Johnson Valley Well has never produced any water. The Agency drilled to the depth which should have encountered water, and the well was constructed to 355 feet. Unfortunately, due to the type of formation encountered the well did not produced water. GM West obtained a quote from Daniel B. Stevens, the consultant that oversaw the well drilling and construction. GM West requested a second quote from Todd Engineers, who has done work in the region. Todd Engineers did not give the Agency a proposal but instead gave the Agency their professional opinion. Based on the Agency's boring logs and other information provided to them, Todd engineers did not think there is any reason to expect water could be produced. Their recommendation was to abandon the well. GM West explained to the Committee that the site is of no value. This a case where the Agency has drilled a well, a lot of money has been invested, there is no water, and the property cannot be developed so it's not "sellable". GM West mentioned that this might be a case to sue the State over the ban on hauled water. Director Burkhart asked if we can rehab Well No.10, GM West answered that Well No.10 is doing ok and producing potable water.

Public comment: None

Consent Items

- a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2018

Public comment: None

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

Public Comment Period

No public comment.

Verbal Reports

General Manager West gave a report and informed the Committee of the MBCA 50th Anniversary Energy Summit that is being held on January 26th 2019. GM West mentioned that invitations have gone out to all Board members. GM West also informed the Board and public of the Desert-Wise Landscape Tour that is being held on April 27th and 28th of 2019.

Adjournment – Vice President Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 11:38AM

Approved by:



Vice President Corl-Lorono, Committee Chair

