



BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

**BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. CHEROKEE TR.
LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92285**

**August 27, 2019
Time – 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Meeting convened by Board President Michael McBride at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mark Johannes

Roll Call

Directors Present: Michael McBride
Judy Corl-Lorono
John R. Burkhart
Jo Marie McKenzie
J. Larry Coulombe

Staff Present: Marina West
Seth Kish

Approval of Agenda

Director Burkhart made motion to approve the agenda. Director Coulombe seconded the motion

MSC¹ Burkhart/Coulombe unanimously approved

Closed Session

Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) Conference with Legal Counsel on Existing Litigation: Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency vs Perry, Case No. CIVDS1715442

Adjourned Closed Session at 6:02PM – Reconvened from close session at 6:21PM

Closed Session Report

The Board was briefed on the litigation and is hereby dissolving the Ad Hoc committee which was created on August 10, 2019 to assist in the litigation.

Motion No. 19-039

Secretary Burkhart made a motion to dissolving an Ad Hoc committee which was created to assist in the litigation of the Perry case. Director Coulombe seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Corl-Lorono/Coulombe) unanimously approved

McBride	Y
Corl-Lorono	Y
Burkhart	Y
Coulombe	Y
McKenzie	Y

No Public Comments

Mutual Emergency Water Supply Agreement between Hi-Desert Water District and Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

General Manager West gave her report to the Board. The Mutual Emergency Water Supply Agreement between Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) and Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) would be an agreement between HDWD and BDVWA which would allow the transfer of water between one another for an emergency in nature. A separate agreement has been drafted for potable water sales. This agreement specifically deals with how HDWD and BDVWA would supply the water in an emergency.

Director McKenzie questioned part of the agreements wording by pointing out that in the Emergency Water Supply Agreement staff report, it also mentions potable water sales. GM West explained that the potable water sales would be administered through a separate agreement between HDWD and BDVWA that would be brought to a future Board meeting to be executed. GM West also mentioned that this option of potable water sales between HDWD and BDVWA has been on the table since 2014 but no sales have occurred to date.

Secretary Burkhart questioned a sentence in the agreement that states "Once an emergency is declared by a written agreement of the parties", he asked who would be in charge of this agreement if the General Manager was unavailable. GM West agreed to modify the language to say "General Manager or designee".

Motion No. 19-040

Vice President Corl-Lorono made a motion to authorize General Manager to execute Mutual Emergency Water Supply Agreement between Hi-Desert Water District and Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. Director Coulombe seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Corl-Lorono/Coulombe) unanimously approved

McBride	Y
Corl-Lorono	Y
Burkhart	Y
Coulombe	Y
McKenzie	Y

Desert-Wise Landscape Tour

General Manager West gave her report to the Board. This year, the Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA) Desert-Wise Landscape Tour registered 270 individuals who participated in the two-day event which featured 21 different locations throughout the Morongo Basin and recorded a total of 1,602 individual site visits with an average of 76 attendees per site. GM West also played a video made for the Desert-Wise Landscape Tour which featured highlights of the Tour made by staff member Seth Kish. GM West also wanted to thank everyone behalf of MBCA who were involved on the Tour and those who contributed their time and financial sponsorships.

No Public Comments

Consent Items – The following items are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted on by the Board at one time without discussion, unless a member of the Public or member of the Board requests that the item be held for discussion or further action.

- a. Financial Statements July 2019
 1. Budget Status
- b. Receive and File Disbursements, July 2019
- c. Service Order Report, July 2019
- d. BDV Production Report, June 2019
- e. Goat Mtn. Production Report, June 2019
- f. July 23, 2019 Regular BOD Meeting Minutes
- g. Execute Memorandum of Understanding with Special Districts Risk Management Authority. Resolution 19R-10 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority's Health Benefits Program.

Motion No. 19-041

Vice-President Corl-Lorono made a motion to approve consent items a-g. Director Coulombe seconded the motion.

MSC¹ (Corl-Lorono/Coulombe) unanimously approved

McBride	Y
Corl-Lorono	Y
Burkhart	Y
Coulombe	Y
McKenzie	Y

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Board adjourned for short recess at 6:44 PM

Board reconvenes at 6:49 PM

Verbal Reports

General Manager West explained that the Agency did not include financial reports for June 30th and July 31st as the Agency is currently going through a financial audit. These reports will be added to the September 24, 2019 Board Meeting. GM West also wanted to let everyone know that the groundbreaking for the Pioneertown Water Supply Project is underway and the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Board of Directors should give themselves a round of applause for helping make that project happen.

Secretary Burkhart gave his report for the August 1, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee, the August 9, 2019 San Bernardino Water Conference and the August 19, 2019 Homestead Valley Community Council Meeting he attended.

Vice President Corl-Lorono gave her report for the August 9, 2019 San Bernardino Water Conference and the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts Dinner and Meeting she attended on August 19, 2019.

Director Coulombe gave his report on the August 9, 2019 San Bernardino Water Conference he attended.

Adjournment – President Michael McBride adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Approved by:


John R. Burkhart, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded, and carried.