



# **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 Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Members: Vice President Corl-Lorono & Secretary Burkhart**

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

**December 17, 2019  
Time – 9:15 A.M.**

### **Call to Order**

Vice President Corl-Lorono called the meeting to order at 9: 15 A.M.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by John Burkhart

### **Roll Call**

Directors:                 Judy Corl-Lorono  
                                  John R. Burkhart

Staff:                       Seth Kish  
                                  Marina West

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

### **CA Water Systems Alliance Update**

General Manager West gave her report to the Committee and reviewed the 2019 legislative highlights: California Water Systems Alliance (CWSA) met with over 30 legislators and recommended options to fund various assembly and senate bills introduced to help underperforming water systems; garnered recognition for suggesting Greenhouse Gas Funding rather than the residential meter tax proposal; successfully lobbied for amendments to AB134 highlighting regional strategies to engage larger regional water systems in deploying aid to smaller underperforming water system; and met with members of the State Water Resources Control Board and staff to discuss the impacts of using response levels for compliance rather than Maximum Contaminant Levels. The outcome of the 2020 CWSA collaboration workshop yielded the following priorities: lobbying for legislative and regulatory priorities; reinforcing the need for regional approaches to help disadvantaged communities and smaller underperforming water systems; advocacy and representation; sponsorships to officials from disadvantaged water systems to increase participation in Sacramento; using case studies to demonstrate the success of regional approaches; advocacy training for local officials aimed at building a better understanding of the legislative process; and encouraging a statewide drinking water regulatory

communication initiative that would produce a risk communications strategy and program to help the public understand the difference between Notification Levels (NL), Reporting Levels (RL) and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

No Public Comment

**Prop. 1 / Round 1 Grant Application Update**

General Manager West gave her report to the Committee regarding the status of the Prop. 1 Planning Grant issued September 7, 2017. She reviewed the status of the major project components. The Agency awaits approval of the Draft Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) but continues with the activities as they were outlined. The Agency originally had a full package of projects that were unfortunately denied funding so they were separated into specific projects such as physical consolidation of the BDV and GM systems; uranium blending pipeline, replacement production well at Goat Mountain; and projects the agency would complete without seeking grant funding such as the already completed pump replacement project.

Project progress includes blending pipeline and pump station design efforts to 50%, right-of-way identified, geotechnical investigations throughout the study area are completed, awarded subcontracts and initiated environmental review of the project alternatives for CEQA and NEPA. The Agency has also received a technical memorandum outlining the blending strategy that would bring Uranium levels down to an acceptable. The Agency also met with the State Water Board engineers that oversee the Agency's systems and they brought the new state consolidation coordinator to visit, who will be conducting the full sanitary inspection of the two systems in January. The Agency has also applied for the Prop.1 Round 1 competitive grant funds for the Goat Mountain replacement well and an answer is expected by the end of 2019.

No Public Comment

**Discuss 2020 Election Cycle**

General Manager West gave her report to the Committee. This was put on the agenda to discuss the challenges of upcoming elections. Vice President Corl-Lorono discussed what she learned at the CSDA fall conference. Director Burkhart suggested getting started with the necessary demographic studies for our area so the Agency can comply with election rules. This matter will be brought back to the Committee for further evaluation and input.

No Public Comment

**Review Old Woman Springs Groundwater Resources Discussion – Hi Desert Water District Engineering Committee November 21, 2019**

General Manager West gave her report to the Committee. The Agency was contacted by Hi-Desert Water District and was notified that on their Engineering Committee Agenda of November 21, 2019 would be a presentation by the ranch owners consultant, E. F. Moore & Company. GM West explained some perceived implications of transporting this water through

the Morongo Basin Pipeline. VP Corl-Lorono attended the meeting on behalf of the Agency and provided additional comment.

No Public Comment

**Consent Items**

- a. Special PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, **October 15, 2019**

No Public Comment

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

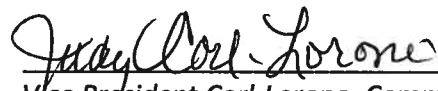
**Public Comment Period**

No Public Comment

**Verbal Reports**

**Adjournment** – Vice President Corl-Lorono adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM

Approved by:

  
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Vice President Corl-Lorono, Committee Chair

