



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 Burkhart & President Corl-Lorono

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

**February 18, 2020
Time – 9:15 A.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President John Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by John Burkhart

3. ROLL CALL

Directors: Judy Corl-Lorono
 John Burkhart

Staff: Marina West

No Public present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Discussion and Action Items - The Committee will discuss the following items, and the Committee will consider taking action, if so inclined. The Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item. When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record, then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three minutes to provide their public comment.

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

6. 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.

No Public comment.

7. CA Water Systems Alliance Update

GM West gave the report noting that the Steering Committee generally meets monthly to discuss emerging issues. She further reported on the upcoming Advocacy Workshop scheduled for February 20, 2020 and new legislation introduced by Herzberg Senate Bill 971. SB 971 would require the adoption of a Water Shortage Contingency Plan. It also establishes the Count Drought Task Force. This is a state mandated local program. By January 2020 the state was to produce a list of "at-risk" suppliers but the Agency had not yet received its "score". The other bill discussed was AB2182 concerning exemptions for water districts from air quality standards for emergency equipment.

No Public comment.

8. Prop. 1 / Round 1 Grant Application Update

Concerning the Prop. 1/Round 1 Planning Grant Application, the Agency has not yet heard the results of our competition for funding from the Colorado Region.

GM West continued by discussing the progress of work on the Prop. 1 Planning Grant Project. Progress to date including the "kick-off" meeting with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), initiation of the CEQA/NEPA document processes, planning for biological, cultural and paleontological field surveys and finalization of alignments for the blending pipeline and the interconnections between Bighorn and Goat Mountain. With respect to BLM it was reported that if the Agency can use an existing Frontier Communications (aka Verizon) telecommunications easement across the Pipes Wash area (Winters Rd. /Tracy Blvd.) then the NEPA engagement might be limited to a Categorical Exclusion which decreases the processing time significantly.

No Public comment.

9. Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Update (DACI) Update

GM West gave the report noting all field work has been completed and all water quality analysis have been received and transmitted to the consultant, BESST, Inc. Staff is awaiting the final report from the consultant.

No Public comment.

10. Consent Items

a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2019

No Public comment.

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

11. Public Comment Period

No Public comment.

12. Verbal Reports - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings

General Manager West reported on her work to evaluate water consumption tiers for a future rate increase. This is in response to the increasing number of large agricultural operations within the Agency and the thought that such operations are non-community, profit based industries. Since the use is non-beneficial perhaps there should be tiers which cover the cost to import and recharge more water.

13. Adjournment - Vice President Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 11:11 am.

Approved by:


Vice President Burkhart, Committee Chair



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