



BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

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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

April 21, 2020
Time – 9:15 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:24am. The meeting was conducted using Zoom Meeting platform for public participation in compliance with Gov. Newsom's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

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

5. Status of Reservoir B1 and B2 Recoating Project

GM West reviewed the status of the project including CEQA Categorical Exemption filing, status of plans and specifications, additional work needed for sanitary and safety deficiencies at two reservoirs in the Goat Mtn. system. She further reported on the engineer's estimate and schedule. She hopes to have the project to the Board for award at the May meeting.

No Public Comment.

6. Community Water Systems Alliance Update

GM West gave a brief review of the *Small Water Supplies and Rural Communities at Risk of Drought and Water Storage Vulnerability and Recommendations for Guidance to Address Planning Needs of these Communities* Draft report, March 2020. She further reported that MWA staff has been assigned to this Committee. It is known as CDAG – County Drought Advisory Group. GM West also reviewed the AB 2182 Emergency Generators bill before the CA legislature. Finally, she reported on the need for participation in the State Water Resources Control Board Public Hearing on the Chromium 6 “White Paper”. Pres. Corl-Lorono expressed interest in participating via teleconference.

7. Prop. 1 / Round 1 Grant Application Update

GM West reported that we were successful in obtaining the requested grant of \$500,000 for replacement of the failed Goat Mountain Well No. 2 and destruction of the existing GMW2. The plans and specifications for the well are about 90% completed under the Prop. 1 Planning Grant Funding Agreement. It is expected the well can be completed within FY2020/21.

8. Prop. 1 Planning Grant Project Update

GM West updated the committee on the progress of the CEQA, NEPA and BLM permitting discussions noting that if we can utilize the Frontier/Verizon easement across Pipes Wash (along Winters Road) we can proceed with a NEPA Categorical Exclusion and Right-of-Way Permitting from BLM can be expedited. Cultural, paleontological and archeological surveys have been completed and the report due to BLM in March. Biological field surveys began the week of April 13th. Following review and approval of the cultural report by BLM then staff will initiate “consultation” with the Native American tribes potentially affected. This consultation is under the guidelines and directives of AB52 (Tribal Consultations). Lastly, staff has involved USDA early in the project development stages as they are a potential funding source for the project (Grant, low interest or no interest loan).

Committee adjourned to a recess at 10:07 am - Reconvened at 10:15 am

9. Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Update (DACI) Update

GM West reminded the Committee that this funding was utilized to complete the downhole flow and water quality surveys at Well Nos. 3 and 4 which have elevated Uranium. At this time, all field work has been completed, the final report is under review by staff, the quarterly report for the period ended March 31st have been submitted along with all invoices for the full grant amount of \$50,000 to be reimbursed. Agency costs are approximately \$12,500. GM West stated that she will provide a recap of the downhole studies at the next PLEGS meeting.

No Public Comment.

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

Committee reviewed the previously recorded Mojave Water Agency's Legislative Committee meeting for an update on their Public Relations update. The portion of the meeting covering State and Federal Issues was not available at the time of the meeting.

Committee adjourned to a recess at 11:14 am - Reconvened at 10:58 am

The MWA LLPI audio tape was not available following a brief break so the Committee members were encouraged to listen later.

No Public comment.

11. Consent Items

a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2020

No Public comment.

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

12. Public Comment Period

No Public comment.

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

1. Committee Members' Comments/Reports

General Manager West reported on her continued reworking of the Agenda's and Agenda Packets to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire process. She reported that the MWA LLPI Regular Meeting will be moving to the 4th Tuesday which is in conflict with the Agency's Regular Board meeting but she would like to move the regularly scheduled Board meeting to the second Tuesday of the month to make things more efficient in the office. There were no objections from the Committee.

14. Adjournment - Chairperson Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 11:23 am.



Approved by:
John Burkhart
Vice President Burkhart, Committee Chair

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