



# **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**

**December 15, 2020  
Time – 9:15 A.M.**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by John Burkhart.

### **ROLL CALL**

Directors:                 John Burkhart  
                                  Judy Corl-Lorono – via teleconference

Staff:                     Marina West  
                                  Tracy Beason

Public present via teleconference - 1.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **Discussion and Action Items -**

### **1. Community Water Systems Alliance Update**

GM West gave the staff report noting the Alliance met weekly in November to develop Steering Committee and Policy Board along with objectives and priorities for the coming legislative session. The Policy Board will be chaired by GM West. The Policy Board reviews pending legislation and develops positions and comment letters to be forwarded to Sacramento. Due to Covid, the Legislature will only consider a narrow scope of bills.

Director Corl-Lorono asked if there are any plans to travel to Sacramento this season. The answer is

No Public Comment.

### **2. Prop. 1 / Round 1 Grant Award (Goat Mountain Replacement Well) Update**

GM West gave the staff report noting that the grant funds were authorized in June 2020 but that the actual contracts have not been executed. She further reported that the plans and specifications are progressing and we should be moving to get the project out to bid hopefully in January.

No Public Comment.

### **3. Discuss proposal to include Exploratory Drilling for potential Water Resources at up to three locations**

GM West explained that she is bringing this subject before the Engineering/Planning Committee to determine their interest in drilling up to three boring at the following locations: Johnson Valley property near Periman Avenue and Hwy 247, Landers property at Linn Road west of Hwy 247 and Landers property at Winters and Surry. The borings would be drilled, lithology collected, geophysical logging completed and water sampling. Then the borings would be abandoned. The purpose being to just gather data at a time when we have a drilling rig in the area. Then we could utilize this data for future siting of new production wells. This project would be funding with cash reserves.

No Public Comment.

There was consensus from the Committee to proceed with this item.

### **4. Prop. 1 Planning Grant Project (Uranium Blending Pipeline & Consolidation) Update**

GM West gave the staff report noting that the most recent efforts on the project have been focused on the consultation with Native American tribes regarding cultural sensitivities in

compliance with AB52. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians did engage the Agency. Our efforts included hand digging test pits along a portion of the pipeline alignment. She explained that the consultation process is now complete. The final draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) will now be finalized and brought to the Board of filing of the Notice of Intent to adopt in compliance with the CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

GM West reviewed the proposed schedule stating the Public Hearing on the CEQA IS/MND is now scheduled for April 2021.

She further explained that the blending pipeline is designed within an existing easement and that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has stated they will file a Categorical Exemption to satisfy the federal CEQA equivalent guided by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The next step is to being the process of filing construction grant applications under soon to be identified funding opportunities.

No Public Comment.

#### **5. ID Goat Mountain Tanks R1, R2A and R2B Project Update**

GM West gave the staff report noting the project is completed. GM West showed photos of the work completed at the various tanks which included top railing, self-closing safety gates, new hatches and vents.

GM West explained that the project completion has been delayed as staff evaluated the possibility of doing similar upgrades to the A2 Tank in Flamingo Heights. However, following an internal inspection of the tank by the project engineer, it was determined that "fixing" the tank would cost as much as replacing the tank. Therefore, staff declined to issue the Change Order and now intends to bring the project Notice of Completion to the Board in January 2021 to close out the project.

#### **6. Committee Organization and Focus for 2021**

GM West explained that with new Board members getting seated and Committee assignments in January, she desired to know what the Committee wants to focus on for 2021. She further recommended that new Director Close-Dees would be a good choice for this Committee as she has expressed interest in the Community Water Systems Alliance's engagement with Sacramento. The Committee then discussed possible assignments for other directors.

- Director Corl-Lorono wants to stay informed about the Morongo Basin Pipeline as it is important to what is happening in the basin and the only forums that includes all Agency's in the basin along with Mojave Water Agency.

**7. Consent Items –**

**a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, October 20, 2020**

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a):

No Public comment.

The Committee members approved the minutes as presented.

**8. Public Comment Period**

No Public Comment.

**9. Verbal Reports - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings**

1. Committee Members' Comments/Reports - none
2. General Manager's Report - none

**10. Adjournment – Director Burkhardt adjourned the meeting at 9:45am.**

Approved by:

  
Vice President Burkhardt, Committee Chair

Official Seal

