



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: President Burkhart & Director Close-Dees

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

February 16, 2021
Time – 9:15 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

Director Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:16 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by John Burkhart

ROLL CALL

Directors: John Burkhart
 Megan Close-Dees

Staff: Marina West

Public present via teleconference - 0. There were 2 members of the public present in the Boardroom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee members approved the agenda. Item on Goat Mountain Replacement Well was moved to first item.

Discussion and Action Items -

1. Goat Mountain Replacement Well Prop. 1/Round 1 Grant Award Update

GM West reported on the proposed schedule for the project. A Categorical Exemption was filed. The project is exempt since it is a replacement well on the same property. The engineering design drawings are nearly complete except for the electrical drawings and some modifications to the originally proposed above ground discharge valve and piping.

Staff will still need to file CEQA for the proposed borings discussed at the last PLEGS meeting. These would also be Categorical Exempt since they are exploratory in nature. Staff will bring this to the March or April Board of Directors meeting once costs estimates can be obtained.

Staff just received word today that the final agreement has been signed. Staff will attend a kickoff meeting held by Department of Water Resources who will provide general guidance and information applicable to all grantees to assist in managing Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grant agreements.

GM West answered questions of the Committee.

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

The Committee participated via conference call to receive an update on the current status of state and federal legislative issues.

For California, this is the first year of a two year session with the possibility that some could pass in the first year. Some bills are reintroductions of bills from last session which were sidelined due to COVID.

3. Community Water Systems Alliance Update: Proposed Legislation Which Could Affect Agency Operations

GM West gave the staff report adding additional input on certain proposed California bills that the Alliance is watching.

Committee Adjourned to Break at 10:51 am and Reconvened Committee at 11:00 am

4. Public Workshop No. 2: Overview of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration - February 2021 for Potable Water System Improvements and Consolidation of Water Systems (Prop. 1 Planning Grant)

GM West gave an overview of the CEQA process via a PowerPoint presentation. She further discussed the schedule and then a review of the biological survey report completed as part of the project.

5. Discuss Definition of "Customer Classes" Under New Rate and Fee Alternatives Selected by the Board of Directors

GM West gave the staff report as presented in the Agenda packet noting that the issue of commercial class requires further discussion and input since the February 9, 2021 regular meeting of the Board.

Directors discussed the matter noting that the vacation rental is just an extension of a resident. Another director wanted to return to the business of the Agency focused on water supply not on what is going on behind the front door. Usage is a way to do this. Furthermore, vacation rentals are on/off operations and should be separate from commercial ventures. Perhaps the definition of commercial is what it is not – commercial is not any kind of residence used for short-term rental, vacation rental, home-based business, etc.

A member of the public discussed the building permit process and fire sprinklers which solidifies the commercial status. Another public comment was about variance fees.

6. Consent Items –

a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2020

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a):

No Public Comment.

The Committee members approved the minutes as presented.

7. Public Comment Period

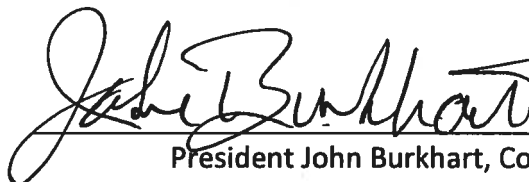
No Public Comment.

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

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

9. Adjournment – Director Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.

Approved by:



President John Burkhart, Committee Chair



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