

BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

"To provide a high quality supply of water and reliable service to all customers at a fair and reasonable rate."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING OFFICE 1720 N. CHEROKEE TR. LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92285 August 10, 2021 Time – 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC AND BOARD WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened by President Burkhart at 6:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jeff McCoy

ROLL CALL

Directors present:

John R. Burkhart

JoMarie McKenzie Megan Close-Dees

Craig Dicht - Via Teleconference

David Chapman

Staff present:

Marina West

Public Present: 2 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference. 3 members of the public were present in the meeting room.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Director McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Chapman seconded the motion.

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC1 (McKenzie/Chapman) unanimously approved.

Discussion and Action Items -

1. Verbal Presentation by Samuel Martinez, Executive Officer Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County

GM West introduced Mr. Samuel Martinez who gave a presentation on the background, goals and purpose of LAFCO. He also discussed the service review completed for the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.

Mr. Martinez answered questions of the Board and public.

Information Only - No Board Action Taken

2. Verbal Presentation by Ruth Rieman, Director Morongo Basin Conservation District – 2021 Desert-Wise Living Series Virtual Landscape Tour

GM West introduced Mrs. Ruth Rieman who thanked the Board for their participation in the 2021 Desert-Wise Living Series Virtual Tour. One of the videos, Mr. Mike Lipsitz, Landers, was shown to the Board and public.

No Public comment.

Information Only - No Board Action Taken

3. Adopt Resolution No. 21R-XX Establishing the Agency's Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2021/22 at \$204,705

GM West gave a brief presentation on the background of general tax assessments and the Appropriations Limit calculated for Fiscal Year 2021/22. She noted that the Finance Committee reviewed the Appropriations Limit Resolution in July and that it had been posted for at least 10-days prior to this meeting in compliance with the law.

Director McKenzie asked about Napa Annexation and whether or not the Agency would receive any tax levy. GM West explained that in order to receive any portion than another

entity would have to give up their tax apportionment voluntarily and so this is never expected to occur.

Motion No. 21-052

Director Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21R-18 establishing the Agency's appropriation limit for Fiscal Year 2021/22 at \$204,705. Director McKenzie seconded the motion.

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC¹ (Chapman/ McKenzie) unanimously approved.

- 4. Consent Items The following items are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted on by the Board at one time without discussion, unless a member of the Public or member of the Board requests that the item be held for discussion or further action.
 - a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2021
 - b. Special Board Meeting Minutes, July 27, 2021
 - c. Financial Statements July 2021
 - 1. Balance Sheet
 - 2. Budget Sheet
 - d. Receive and File Disbursements for July 2021
 - e. Service Order Report for July 2021
 - f. BDV Production Report for July 2021
 - g. Goat Mountain Production Report for July 2021
 - h. Adopt Resolution No. 21R-19 Establishing the Agency's Investment Policy
 - i. Adopt Resolution No. 21R-20 Authorizing Investment of Monies into the Local Agency Investment Fund adding new Director David Chapman.
 - j. Adopt Resolution No. 21R-21 Establishing its Banking Policy with Pacific Western Bank adding new Director David Chapman.
 - k. Approve Director Attendance to CA Special Districts Association Annual Conference August 30 to September 2, 2021 at an estimated cost per Director of \$3,370
 - Approve Director Attendance to CA Special Districts Association Leadership Academy Conference September 26 to 29, 2021 at an estimated cost per Director of \$3,015

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a-I).

Motion No. 21-053

Director Close-Dees made a motion to adopt the consent calendar items a thru I. Director Chapman seconded the motion.

Burkhart Y
McKenzie Y
Close-Dees Y
Dicht Y
David Chapman Y

MSC1 (Close-Dees/Chapman) unanimously approved.

5. Matters Removed from Consent Items

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

6. Public Comment Period

- 7. Verbal Reports Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings.
 - General Manager Report GM West informed the Board of Directors that the Goat Mountain system has been running off generators for some weeks now and the latest estimate is for the system to be reconfigured by Saturday, August 14, 2021.

2. Director Reports -

<u>Director McKenzie</u> reported on the ASBCSD meeting that she recently attended with a presentation by Centrica Business Solutions (Distributed Energy Solutions). The presentation was on alternative energy systems. The title of the presentation was "Funding Infrastructure Improvements with Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology".

<u>Director Close-Dees</u> reported on the Homestead Valley Community Council meeting in July where most of the discussion revolved around the Cannabis issue and encouraging the public to write letters to the State and Local leaders.

<u>Director Chapman</u> gave a brief report on the MWA TAC meeting held August 5, 2021 noting the presentation on Water Banking.

<u>Director Dicht</u> reported on several meetings he attended.

MWA Board Meeting which had another update on water consumption estimates for Cannabis. He noted that across the whole Morongo Subarea they estimate 24 acres of total cultivated area.

Attended the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA) Townhall Meeting on August 3, 2021 where several legislators presented a status report on illegal Cannabis activity in the Mojave Desert Region.

Completed the on-line Defensive Driving course as required.

<u>President Burkhart</u> reported on the MWA TAC meeting he attended on August 5, 2021 noting the Water Banking project update; the upcoming Prop. 1/Round 2 Funding Round formula which will guarantee funding as opposed to the competitive model; and Cannabis update.

8. Adjournment – President Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Approved by:

Megan Close-Dees, Secretary of the Board

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