



# 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 SPECIAL Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Members: President Burkhart & Director Close-Dees**

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

**October 21, 2021  
Time – 9:15 A.M.**

**PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY  
\*\*TELECONFERENCE LINE THRU ZOOM 669-900-6833\*\***

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Chairman Burkhart

### **ROLL CALL**

Directors:                 John Burkhart  
                                  Megan Close-Dees

Staff:                       Marina West

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **Discussion and Action Items**

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

Committee to participate 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.

**2. Community Water Systems Alliance Update**

GM West reported on CWSA last Policy Committee meeting highlighting the "White Paper" written at the request of Senator Grove. The paper was co-authored by Kimberly Cox and GM West to highlight the potential impacts to water quality and of illegal diversions of water in support of illegal Cannabis activities. GM West also attended a tele-meeting with Sean

Maguire, Director, State Water Resources Control Board and a staff member from the office of Cannabis Enforcement. The SWRCB staff provided CWSA with some possible loopholes that could be exploited to increase the criminal penalties for illegal Cannabis by “adding on” felony “enhancements”. Additional business of the Policy Committee included an update on the PFOA and PFOS draft Public Health Goals released by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and continued update on other legislative issues.

Lastly, GM West attended the annual meeting of the CalMutuals/JPRIMA and reported on a presentation highlighting the efforts of large water systems/management agencies helping the small, disadvantaged water systems in their service area. This includes the Small Water Systems program funded by Mojave Water Agency which has been providing such assistance since the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan identified these critical needs in 2014.

**3. Review Fiscal Year 2020/21 Ames-Reche Annual Report**

GM West gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the findings of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Ames-Reche Annual Report on groundwater monitoring.

**4. Status Update Proposition 1 Planning Grant**

GM West gave the report noting that progress has been slow the last quarter as the team finalizes the Preliminary Engineers Report and the construction grant application package. Staff will continue to work with the consultant to close out the grant in the next quarter.

**5. Status Update Goat Mountain Replacement Well, Destruction of GM Well 2 and Up to Three Additional Borings/Monitoring Wells**

GM West gave the staff report noting that the Agency has requested and been granted some funds from the MWA Small Water Systems Program to work with a certified Hydrogeologist to determine the best locations to construct the proposed monitoring wells.

The engineer is continuing work to finalize the construction documents.

**6. Consent Items – The following items are expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted on by the Committee at one time without discussion, unless a member of the Public or member of the Committee requests that the item be held for discussion or further action.**

**a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2021**

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a).

**7. Public Comment Period**

None.

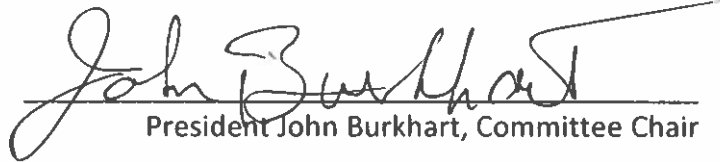
**8. Verbal Reports - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings**

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

**9. Adjournment**

Chairman Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 11:25am.

Approved by:



President John Burkhart, Committee Chair

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