

### 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 June 23, 2022 Time – 9:15 A.M.

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Burkhart called the meeting to order at 9:31 am

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by John Burkhart

**ROLL CALL** 

Directors present:

John R. Burkhart

Megan Close-Dees

Staff present:

Marina West

Public Present: 0 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference. 0 members of the public were present in the meeting room.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Burkhart and Director Close-Dees approved the agenda as presented.

**Discussion and Action Items -**

1. Review Mojave Water Agency's Legal, Legislative and Community Partners Committee Meeting Held May 24, 2022

Committee reviewed portions of prerecorded 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. Status Update Proposition 1 Planning Grant – Verbal Update

GM West reported that there are a couple of remaining tasks under this grant. The first is an inventory of all easements and the second is the construction grant application submission. NV5 is currently focused on completing the inventory of non-federal easements needed and staff has suggested a Right-of-Way Specialist is needed to move that process forward. There is approximately \$7,000 in funding remaining. The construction application has finally been accepted and NV5 reports that this begins a wait period of 12-18 months for the State to evaluate the application for funding.

Staff received the Right-of-Way Lease Agreement from the US Bureau of Land Management and has discovered that the BLM now requires a reclamation bond for all Right-of-Way grants/leases. The initial calculation of the bond amount appears to be based on the construction cost of the blending pipeline not the cost to reclaim the land should we abandon the R/W. Staff has NV5 recalculating those costs. Staff has requested BLM extend the deadline from July 1 to September. The other cost components of this pipeline lease are the calculated monitoring fees of approximately \$1,300 and the 30-year lease period will be almost \$17,000.

## 3. Status Update Goat Mountain Replacement Well, Destruction of GM Well 2 and Up to Three Additional Borings/Monitoring Wells – Verbal Update

GM West reported that progress continues to be slow in getting the electrical engineer to complete the design and obtain sign-off from Southern California Edison. She further reported that the County has not forwarded the purchase contracts for the properties where the borings will be drilled.

Next steps include filing the well drilling permits, filing documents on the borings for CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance and finalizing the contract documents and getting the project out to bid.

## 4. Drought Grant Award \$235,000 for Residential Water Meter Replacement Program – Verbal Update

GM West reported that the "kick-off" meeting for this grant is June 23<sup>rd</sup> and the grant was increased by an additional \$63,000 for a total of \$303,000. Staff has requested a proposal from Provost & Prichard to assist the Agency in getting this project out to bid and completed. The project includes replacement of up to 1,074 water meters and possible inclusion of customer locking ball valves and single check valves. However, inflation's impact on the cost of service line components has been sever, in some cases 100% in the last 6 months. This may dictate how the project would go.

### 5. Consent Items -

a. PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2022.

Approve as presented (Item a):

The Committee approved the April 19, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

### 6. Public Comment Period

None

### 7. Verbal Reports - Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings

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

### 8. Adjournment

Chairman Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.

Approved by:

John Burkhart, Committee Chair

