



BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

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Planning/Legislative/Engineering & Grant Standing Committee Meeting Agenda

Committee Members: President Burkhart & Director Close-Dees

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

June 20, 2023
Time – 9:30 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion and Action Items - The Committee Directors and Staff will discuss the following items, and the Committee will consider taking action, if so inclined.

The Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item. When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record, then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three minutes to provide their public comment.

1. Status Report Goat Mountain Replacement Well (Prop. 1/ Rnd. 1 Grant)
2. Status Report Water Meter Replacement Program (Drought Grant)

3. **Status Report System Interconnection at Winters & Rainbow Road (Prop. 1/Rnd 2 Grant)**
4. **Status Report Potable Water Systems Improvements Consolidation of Water Systems (\$11M PI/C Project Grant)**
5. **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, **April 18, 2023.**
 - b. Grant Status Reports June 20, 2023

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a-b):

6. Public Comment Period

Any person may address the Committee on any matter within the Agency's jurisdiction on items not appearing on this agenda. When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record, then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three minutes to provide their public comment. State Law prohibits the Committee from discussing or taking action on items not included on the agenda.

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

1. Committee Members' Comments/Reports
2. General Manager's Report

8. Adjournment

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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: Chair Burkhart
Director 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. Director Chapman attended as an observer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda as presented.

Discussion and Action Items -

1. Prop. 1 Planning Grant Close-Out Report

GM West reported that the final invoice and close-out documents were submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board Project Engineer last week. This grant was \$500,000 and the Agency left behind \$407. This project is now complete and this planning work led to the grants for implementation that were received by the Agency.

2. Status Report Goat Mountain Replacement Well (Prop. 1/ Rnd. 1 Grant)

GM West reported that the contractor was notified of the award and once all the appropriate insurance certificates and documents are executed then the Notice to Proceed will be issued in two phases. No schedule for the project has been presented as of this date.

GM West answered questions from the Committee regarding the schedule.

3. Status Report Water Meter Replacement Program (Drought Grant)

GM West reported that the grantor has verbally approved the new project plan. The new plan is for direct procurement of the necessary materials, use of in-house resources for the labor component and a time extension. The Categorical Exemption filed under CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been posted without challenge.

The design engineers are now working on developing the specification for procurement. Staff hopes to have it out to bid before June 30th.

GM West answered questions from the Committee regarding the project.

4. Status Report System Interconnection at Winters & Rainbow Road (Prop. 1/Rnd. 2 Grant)

GM West reported that she just received the grant for \$675,000 was just received for a second intertie and pump station, HDWD#2, at Winters Road and Rainbow Road. The next step for this project is to secure a new water supply agreement with HDWD as the SWQCB rejected existing agreement due to cancellation clause not extending at least to the retention date of the grant funds. Staff will also work on the approach to getting this project completed.

GM West answered questions from the Committee regarding the project.

5. Status Report Potable Water Systems Improvements Consolidation of Water Systems (\$11M PI/C Project Grant)

GM West provided an update on the project noting that the Legal Opinion Letter has been submitted and we are now ready to accept the Agreement noting that this process at least four fo. The next step is to let the RFP for easements work and to prepare several Request for Proposals for the remaining engineering design services.

In closing, GM West noted this project will be discussed in more detail during the April 22, 2023 Workshop and Field Trip.

GM West answered questions from the Committee regarding the project.

6. Consent Items –

- a.** PLEGS Committee Meeting Minutes, **February 21, 2023.**
- b.** Grant Status Report April 13, 2023

Recommended Action:

Approve as presented (Item a-b):

Committee approved the Consent Item(s) as presented.

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 – GM West commented on the status of the SCE issue on one private parcel and that a Closed Session is being scheduled with legal counsel on June 13, 2023 with legal counsel concerning Mr. Britton's fence obstructing the easement and blocking access to his water meter.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Burkhart adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

STATUS OF AGENCY GRANTS					6/20/2023
Brief Description of Grant (Agreement No./Project No.)	Amount Awarded (Date)	Date Awarded	Status	Approx. % Complete	
Proposition 1 Water Bond 2014 - State Water Resources Control Board Planning Grant (MWA IRWMP)	\$500,000	9/7/2017	Planning Grant: Substantially complete. Construction Application awarded and executed (see Agreement No. D2102065 below). Final request for payment submitted and awaiting payment to finalize and close.	99%	
2016 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Department of Water Resources (DWR) CA Water Code Sec. 79740 et. seq. and Colorado River Basin Funding Area - Uranium Treatment Alternatives (MWA Small Water Systems Program/IRWMP)	\$50,000	1/23/2019	Project Investigation Complete: Uranium Treatment Alternatives project was an investigation of the uranium concentrations throughout the water column in Agency wells 3 and 4. The information would be helpful in determining the actual Uranium concentration in the water at different depths.	100%	
Department of Water Resources Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant (Prop. 1 2014) Goat Mountain Replacement Well	\$500,000	2/8/2021	New Well: Board awarded Contract No. PWC22-001 to Abundant Water Wells for approx. \$708,000. First (of two) Notice to Proceed executed. Awaiting contractor material submittals for review and approval. Seeking additional funding opportunities for costs exceeding \$500,000. Verbal approval of Letter of Justification requesting scope change to reduce costs and time extension - MWA submitting. Awaiting project schedule from contractor.	20%	
2016 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Department of Water Resources (DWR) CA Water Code Sec. 79740 et. seq. and Colorado River Basin Funding Area - "Drought Round 2022" Water Meter Replacement Program	\$298,036	4/12/2022 - but BDVWA not notified until 10/5/2022	Project Bidding Phase: Grantor approved change from Public Works to Direct Procurement. Two packages prepared and circulated (metes and materials). Bids due June 30th. Expect to recommend award of Purchase Orders at July 11th Board meeting. Staff will completed installations and submit wages for reimbursement. CEQA "No Challenges Letter" ready to be submitted.	10%	
Department of Water Resources Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant (Prop. 1 2014) (MWA) - Winters Intertie with HDWD - Agreement No. 4600014979	\$675,000	Awarded 4/11/2023	Project Execution Phase: Develop and approve "Inter-tie Agreement with Hi-Desert Water District. Evaluate and secure right-of-way for pipeline. Explore option to use mutual aid with HDWD (or 29 Palms WD) to assist with installation of pipelines and pump station.	2%	
State Water Resources Control Board Drinking Water Construction Grant Agreement No. D2102065 Project No. 3610009-002C Potable Water System Improvements Consolidation of Water Systems	\$11,000,000	Awarded 4/20/2023	Project Design Phase: Develop Project Management Plan for execution. Staff soliciting proposals for acquisition of remaining easements for pipelines. Awaiting transfer of one parcel from BLM via Cong. Obernolte's office. Staff evaluating ability to install pipelines thru mutual aid or to develop Request for Proposals for Engineering Design Services. Planning meeting with Grantor to discuss execution.	0%	

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Funds Authorization	Grantor - Funding source or program // Expiration	Expiration	Agreement No./ Project No./Date Awarded/Amount	Funding Purpose	Status	Next Steps
						Reimbursement/ Completion Status
Proposition 1 Water Bond 2014	SWRCB-Prop. 1 Planning (thru MWA SWS Program/IRWMP)// COMPLETED	COMPLETE	No. D17-02022/ 361009-002P// 9/7/2017/ \$500,000	Report and Preliminary Design, CEQA, cost estimates for infrastructure needs of the Agency including physical consolidation of BDV and Goat Mtn. and Uranium Treatment	Submitted final invoice No. 20 for reimbursement to "close out the grant".	Awaiting receipt of final reimbursement. \$499,593// 100%
2016 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant CA Water Code Sec. 79740 et. seq.	DWR DACI - Uranium Treatment Alternatives (thru MWA SWS Program/IRWMP)// COMPETED	COMPLETE	No. 4600012245// 1/23/2019// \$50,000	Uranium Treatment Alternatives project was an investigation of the uranium concentrations throughout the water column in Agency wells 3 and 4.	The study concluded that Uranium levels at the bottom of the deepest, youngest groundwater production well remain elevated at 19 pCi /L (20 pCi/L being the current MCL).	COMPLETE \$50,000// 100%
Department of Water Resources Prop. 1 Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant (Prop. 1 2014)	GM Replacement Well (thru MWA SWS Program/IRWMP)	6/30/2023	No. 4600013807// 2/8/2021// \$500,000	Replaced GM Well No. 2 which "failed" in 2018. Well inspection revealed casing was compromised and too shallow to repair.	Contract submittals received, reviewed and approved. Limited Notice to Proceed issued May 30, 2023.	Awaiting project schedule from contractor. Maintain awareness to other grant opportunities which could fund the remaining costs. \$18,825// 15%
2016 Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant CA Water Code Sec. 79740 et. seq.	DWR DACI - Drought Round (thru MWA SWS Program/IRWMP) - "Water Meter Replacement Program - Drought Grant" & MOU IRWM Colorado River Basin Funding Area	5/31/2023	No. 4600012245//4/12/2022 but notified 10/5/2022// \$298,036	Replace old meters and provide customer ball valve/check valve (30%) to encourage conservation resulting water and power savings.	Draft Project Monitoring Plan received for review and submittal. Procurement documents completed and circulated in 2 packages: One for meters, one for necessary installation materials (fittings, meter boxes, check and ball valves)	Bids packages due June 30, 2023. Expect to recommend award of Purchase Orders at July 11, 2023 Board meeting. Expenses to date include engineering services and staff project management. \$18,100// 12%
Department of Water Resources Prop. 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant (Prop. 1 2014)	MWA Round 2 IRWMP Implementaion Grants	7/1/2026	No. 4600014979// 04/11/2023// \$675,000	System Interconnection at Winters and Rainbow Road – Zone B Pumping Station with Hi-Desert Water District	Met with HDWD to discuss draft intertie Agreement for water delivered thru interties. Discuss possibility of using HDWD (29 Palms expressed interest as well) staff resources/equipment to complete pipeline portion of project with direct procurement of materials to save on costs.	Continue development of project execution approach. Discuss with Grantor. Determine Right-of-Way needs and pursue R/W. \$0// 0%
SWRCB, Sec. 79724 Water Code & SWRCB Resolution No. 2022-0041. SB 129 ref. Budget Act 2021, Provision 1	SWRCB Prop. 1	3/31/2026	Agreement No. D2102065/ Proj. No. 3610009-002C Potable Water System Improvements Consolidation of Water Systems// 04/20/2023// \$11M	The Engineering Report supported a construction application for a majority of the projects identified therein. Primarily the physical intertie of the BDV and GM water systems (9,00 ft and the pipeline to bring fresh water from the east side of Pipe's Wash to the west side to blend with high uranium. Other refurbishment projects: A-Booster pump station and B-tank rehabilitation.	Request for Proposals for acquisition of necessary easements circulated. Proposals due June 30, 2023.	Bids packages due June 30, 2023. Expect to recommend award of Purchase Orders at July 11, 2023 Board meeting. Discussing possibility of using in-house staff with assistance from neighboring water district to construct pipeline alignments and PRV stations. Set-up meeting with Grantor to discuss further. Expenses to date concern Legal Opinion Letter which are non-reimbursable. \$0// 0%