



# 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**

**February 13, 2024  
Time – 6:00 P.M.**

**MEETING ROOM IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

**PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY**

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### CALL TO ORDER

President McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Chapman

### ROLL CALL

Directors present: JoMarie McKenzie  
Megan Close-Dees  
David Chapman  
John R. Burkhart

Staff present: Marina West  
Daniel Best

Public Present: Following Roll Call, 0 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference. 1 members of the public were present in the meeting room.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Burkhart made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Chapman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Discussion and Action Items –**

**1. Resolution No. 24R-003 Bighorn-Desert View Expressing Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service by Director Craig Dicht**

GM West stated in keeping with tradition the Board should adopt a resolution of appreciation to be presented to Mr. Dicht. GM West noted she made formatting changes to the Resolution in place of that which was published in the packet.

**Motion No. 24-009**

Director Close-Dees made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24R-003 Expressing Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service by Director Craig Dicht. Director Burkhart seconded the motion.

McKenzie	Y
Close-Dees	Y
David Chapman	Y
Burkhart	Y
Vacant Seat	

**MSC<sup>1</sup> (Close-Dees/Burkhart) unanimously approved.**

**2. Modify Agency Business Hours to Monday through Thursday and Modify Employee Work Schedule to a “4/10 Workweek”**

AGM Best gave the staff report as presented in the Agenda Packet. He emphasized the benefits to both staff and Agency providing time before and after the office hours to complete daily tasks uninterrupted. AGM Best noted the fiscal impact from increased holiday pay from 8 to 10 hours resulting in approximately \$11,000 per year.

AGM Best answered questions of the Board regarding implementation, outreach methods to the public and other impacts. Director Burkhart asked about traffic coming into the office and the impacts from that. GM West noted that staff levels have decreased due to decreased traffic. AGM Best clarified the manner in which the “emergency on-call” process.

**Motion No. 24-010**

Director Chapman made a motion Modify Agency Business Hours to Monday through Thursday and Modify Employee Work Schedule to a “4/10 Workweek”. Director Burkhart seconded the motion.

McKenzie	Y
Close-Dees	Y
David Chapman	Y
Burkhart	Y
Vacant Seat	

**MSC<sup>1</sup> (Chapman/Burkhart) unanimously approved.**

**3. Review Draft Resolution No. 24R-XX Setting the Service Line Installation Fee for Water Meter Sizes 3/4 –inch to 10-inch**

AGM Best introduced the subject of setting the service line installation fee that is an annual administrative action of the Board. The fee continues to increase due to increases in the cost of parts, not necessarily labor or equipment. AGM Best answered questions of the Board. GM West noted that the fee is before the Board tonight as a manner of formally posting the notice in compliance with the Mitigated Fee Act and for maximum transparency.

**Motion No. 24-011**

Director Chapman made a motion to agendaize for March 12, 2024 Resolution No. 24R-XX Setting the Service Line Installation Fee for Water Meter Sizes 3/4 –inch to 10-inch. Director Close-Dees seconded the motion.

McKenzie	Y
Close-Dees	Y
David Chapman	Y
Burkhart	Y
Vacant Seat	Y

**MSC<sup>1</sup> (Chapman/Close-Dees) unanimously approved.**

**4. Discussion Item – Board of Directors` Reports**

No Action – Information and Discussion Only

Discussion of Directors` report format as described in Resolution No. 18R-02 Policy for Reimbursement of Actual and Necessary Expenses.

Directors discussed amongst themselves their reports for conferences and seminars attended. It was noted that several directors are engaged in conferences and may have similar reports. However, it was noted that they try to attend different sessions based on individual interests. There was discussion about publishing written reports in the Agenda and staff requested if that the Board be cognizant of the agenda publication schedule.

**5. Consent Items –**

- a. Board Meeting Minutes, January 09, 2024 and Special Board Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2024
- b. Financial Statements
  1. Balance Sheet(s) – December 2023
  2. Budget Sheet(s) – December 2023

- 3. Quarterly Investment Report for period ending Q4 2023
- c. Receive and File Disbursements – January 2024
- d. Service Order Report – December 2023
- e. BDV Production Report for – January 2024
- f. Goat Mountain Production Report for – January 2024

Recommended Action:  
Approve as presented.

**Motion No. 24-012**

Director Burkhart made a motion to approve consent calendar items a to f. Director Chapman seconded the motion.

McKenzie	Y
Close-Dees	Y
David Chapman	Y
Burkhart	Y
Vacant Seat	Y

**MSC<sup>1</sup> (Burkhart/Chapman) unanimously approved.**

**6. Matters Removed from Consent Items**

None.

**7. Public Comment Period**

None.

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

- 1. General Manager Report – none.
- 2. Assistant General Manager Report – none.
- 3. Director Reports -  
Director Chapman reported on the Mojave Water Agency Technical Advisory Committee meeting he attended February 1, 2024 and summarized the presentation on the Big Bear Reclamation Project Environmental Impact Report. He further summarized the webinar presented by California Public Employee Retirement System on January 17, 2024 where they talked about the California Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2014 (PEPRA). PEPRA was designed to get the California pension system to “net zero” by 2050. This means they won’t be in the hole every year but basically we pay for “professional gamblers to carefully lose money”. He noted they are limited to very conservative investment strategies but that they are using “private equities” as well. Private equities being monies managed by private individuals that may have higher yield but more risk. It was

like trying to slice fog. He also attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts (ASBCSD) dinner meeting he attended on January 22, 2024. Sheriff-Coroner Shannon Dicus was the speaker who summarized testimony at the state Public Safety Committee and a new concept to utilize a vacant detention facility in Adelanto to house homeless in the future. The Sheriff summarized Concealed Carry Permits, the need for increasing some crimes to felony level, as there are no repercussions for many crimes where he feels they are warranted. Director Close-Dees reported on the ASBCSD dinner meeting she attended January 22, 2024. She summarized the report from Sheriff Dicus where he discussed the reason traffic stops for minor offenses typically leads to a larger discovery; that the “drug court” has been eliminated; and the need for more mental health care. She further reported on the MWA TAC meeting of February 1, 2024 where it was reported on the Delta Conveyance Project; a presentation on the prospects for an wet or dry year and a report on MWA outreach activities. President McKenzie reported on the ASBCSD Victorville was number 5 in California for confiscating illegal guns; growing concerns for “printed guns” (“ghost gun” parts) and the Sheriff stating that the State Legislature seems to favor the criminal over the victim. She further reported on the CalPERS retirement webinar she attended on January 17, 2024. She noted that for the last 20-years CalPERS has received \$0.56 on investment strategy, \$0.11 from the employee and \$0.33 from employer. In 2022/23 CalPERS took in \$27B from investments, \$5.7B from employees (members) and \$24.2B from employers. Last year they lost \$8.3B from the investment portfolio, they paid out \$29.1B to retiree members. PEPRAs, instituted in 2014, represents about 60% of active employee members now but expect that to increase to 85% in the next 10-years. Employer savings over last 10 years was \$4.4B but in the next 10-years expect employers to save \$24B as a result of the PEPRAs reforms. One-year return on investments at 5.8% which requires CalPERS to monitor more closely their returns and if it falls below 5.8% they would have to take action to correct their funds.

**9. Adjournment**

President McKenzie adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Approved by:

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David Chapman, Secretary of the Board

**Official Seal**