



BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY

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Planning/Legislative/Engineering & Grant Standing Committee SPECIAL Meeting Agenda

Committee Members: President Burkhart & Director Close-Dees

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

February 20, 2024
Time – 3:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Close-Dees called meeting to order at 3:00

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Close-Dees

ROLL CALL

Directors present: Megan Close-Dees
David Chapman

Staff present: Marina West
Daniel Best

Public Present: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chapman moved- Close-Dees seconded

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 of Activities of the Community Water Systems Alliance

GM West gave an update on Chrome 6 and the effects on water systems along with the financial impacts, especially small water systems.

Water conservations a way of life. Regulatory impacts, mesa water agency hired MQ consultant to look at the factors and financial impact (SRIA) cost far exceed the States estimation of cost. Mapped all "green areas" and even the most efficient desert landscapes still do not meet the states standards. Swamp cooler usage calculation is put onto the purveyor instead of providing a streamline process to find swamp cooler usage.

Chapman asked about conservation regulations on small water systems and GM West advised at this time we are not subject to new chrome 6 or Water Use Objectives.

GM West mentioned the alliance is active and growing in members and that affordability of water to low income and DAC is a growing concern.

Public comment: None

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

GM West gave a presentation on the GM Well 13. Well was drilled to 82` and lowered a 36" casing with a pilot hole of 12" and underwent geotechnical investigation, e-log, caliper survey, etc. Bore hole was 22" instead 24" due to a worn out bit. Hydraulic failure onsite required cleanup, soil segregation etc. on Nov 14. Well casing was shipped back to manufacturer to get cleaned due to spill. December 5th install of screen and casing was complete. Well development – sampled for oil and grease (5 samples) Failed processes to develop well and remove heavies and wall cake. Contractor is responsible for utilizing correct methods to develop well. Jan 18th, stop work, need operations plan to move forward. As of today, still no approved written plan from contractor. Notice of default is prepared and ready to issue if needed, gives the contractor 10 days to respond before notice of termination. Best outcome is to have the contractor finish the job per Legal.

Chair Close-Dees asked if the Well will be damaged due to delays. GM West mentioned that she is not concerned with that at this time and that samples have been non-detect (ND) so far for regulated contaminants. Soil remediation still needs to completed.

Director Chapman asked about public works process and being able to exclude these types of contractors from getting the bid.

GM West noted that retention is only 5%, but we do have the performance bond if Contractor decides to terminate.

Public Comment: None

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

GM West updated the committee on Meter Program and that 175 installations have been completed so far out of 1075 total. These have been “drop ins” and no plumbing of the customer side is required (new customer side ball and check valves). Staff is performing this as time permits.

Director Chapman asked what payments we have received and GM West noted that Q3 would probably show up in June 2024, it takes about 6 months. GM also explained that grant provides customer side valves to those who don’t have it and that requires a more labor intensive installation process.

GM West also noted that as we perform the meter change outs will be recording the material type in the database to satisfy the new Lead and Copper Rule Revision. GM West noted that we were able to date most installations and rule those out after 1987.

Public Comment: None.

4. Status Report System Interconnection at Winters & Rainbow Road (Prop. 1/Rnd 2 Grant)
a. Discuss proposal for engineering services from

GM West explained the intertie on the east side of pipes at Winters Rd. with Hi-Desert Water District. This will include a pump station to allow water to flow to BDVWA from Hi-Desert or from BDVWA to Hi-Desert. GM West noted that both parties will benefit from this intertie. Once design is complete we will assess cost at that time and revisit the cost benefit and construction costs. Cal Rural Water Association was chosen by MWA and is able to assistance to small water systems to help with the process. Grant has line item for 37,000 and CRWA quote is 51,000 and a potential cost to the Agency is 14,000. That can be offset by Hi-Desert Water, or cost savings in the grant in other areas.

Director Chapman commented that 14,000 seems reasonable and GM West noted we do have 60,000 budget for engineering.

Public Comment: None

5. Status Report Potable Water Systems Improvements Consolidation of Water Systems (\$11M PI/C Project Grant)
a. Discuss proposal for engineering services
b. Discuss proposal for land Survey services

GM West mentioned we are now focused on design and alignment work for the water system consolidation and the blending pipelines. Well 3 and Well 4 would be blended in the new

configuration. GM West gave details regarding the updated blending pipeline design. The emergency intertie that would be used only in emergency is not considered a “consolidation” and would not be included in this grant, which involves crossing under 247. Design of the blending pipeline is to have a transmission pipe to the reservoir. All costs are within the scope of the grant.

Public Comment: None

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 SPECIAL Meeting Minutes, **October, 17, 2023.**

7. **Public Comment Period**

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Public Comment: None

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

None.

1. Committee Members’ Comments/Reports
2. General Manager’s Report
3. Assistant General Managers Report

9. **Adjournment**

Chair Close-Dees Adjourned at 3:58

Approved by:



Megan Close-Dees, Committee Chair

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