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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

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

January 13, 2026
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

resident McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF DIRECTOR JOHN R. BURKHART

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Miller-Boyer.

ROLL CALL

Directors present: JoMarie McKenzie
Megan Close-Dees
William Aldridge
Rodney Miller-Boyer
Vacancy

Staff present: Marina West
David Rewal

Public Present: Following Roll Call, 2 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference. 2 member(s) of the public were present in the meeting room

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Aldridge made motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Miller-Boyer seconded. Approved.

Discussion and Action Items

1. Closed Session

- a) Public Employee Appointment
[Government Code Section 54957(b)]
Title: General Manager
- b) Public Employee Appointment
[Government Code Section 54957(b)]
Title: Chief Engineer
- c) Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Steven M. Kennedy and Susan Allen
Unrepresented employee: General Manager
- d) Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Steven M. Kennedy and Susan Allen
Unrepresented employee: Chief Engineer

Public Comment: None.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 pm.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:08 pm.

2. Closed Session Report

General Counsel Kennedy gave the Closed Session report stating that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss a potential Employment Agreement with David Rewal for the General Manager position. The Board during the Closed Session for Public Employee Appointment reviewed the draft Employment Agreement presented by General Counsel and the Board gave General Counsel direction on contract terms. During Labor Negotiations the Board met with GC without Mr. Rewal present discussed comp and benefit terms. Using "shuttle diplomacy" between Mr. Rewal and General Counsel. As a result, compensation for that position was agreed at One-Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$170,000) base salary per year. All other benefits consistent with the benefits that all other employees get with the addition of eighty (80) hours of Administrative leave per year. The position is an exempt position not subject to overtime. That direction and agreement was reached by a 4-0 vote (unanimous) of the Board. General Counsel will finalize the Agreement along those terms and bringing that back to the Board for possible approval at a Special Meeting on January 20, 2026.

General Counsel Kennedy gave the Closed Session report regarding the Sixth (6th) Amendment to Employment Agreement with Marina West for a Chief Engineer position. The Board reviewed the draft sixth Amendment that was presented by General Counsel and that had been negotiated with Ms. West. The Board also met without Ms. West present to discuss compensation and benefits. The Board agreed by a 4-0 vote (unanimous) to approve the Sixth (6th) Amendment as written and to make no other adjustments to compensation or benefits that are provided to Ms. West under current Amendment No. Five (5) to Ms. West's Employment Agreement.

3. Board to Appoint a President

Director Aldridge made a motion to appoint Director Close-Dees as President of the Board.
Director Miller-Boyer seconded.

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 26-001 Motion to appoint Director Close-Dees as President of the Board.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	N
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	N
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Close-Dees/Aldridge) Motion Failed.

Director Aldridge made a motion to appoint Director Miller-Boyer as President of the Board.
Director Close-Dees seconded.

Motion No. 26-002 Motion to appoint Director Miller-Boyer as President of the Board.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	Y
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	Y
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Aldridge/Close-Dees) unanimously approved.

4. Board to Appoint a Vice President

Director Close-Dees made a motion to appoint Director Aldridge as Vice President of the Board.
Director Miller-Boyer seconded.

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 26-003 Motion to appoint Director Aldridge as Vice President of the Board.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	Y
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	Y
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Close-Dees/ Miller-Boyer) unanimously approved.

5. Board to Appoint a Secretary

Director Aldridge made a motion to appoint Director Close-Dees as Secretary of the Board.
Director Miller-Boyer seconded.

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 26-004 Motion to appoint Director Close-Dees as Secretary of the Board.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	Y
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	Y
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Aldridge/Miller-Boyer) unanimously approved.

6. Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and Authorized Meeting Assignments for Calendar Year 2026.

GM West presented the proposed Committee assignments for 2026.

Public Comment: None.

Director Close-Dees made a motion to approve the recommended Standing Committee and other meeting assignments for calendar year 2026. Director Aldridge seconded.

Motion No. 26-005 Motion to approve the Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and Authorized Meeting Assignments for calendar year 2026 as presented.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	Y
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	Y
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Close-Dees/Aldridge) unanimously approved.

7. Approve Dissolution Agreement to Dissolve the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission Established in Conjunction with the Now Completed Morongo Basin Pipeline Debt Service and Obligations Associated

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with that Agreement have Concluded

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 26-006 Motion to execute the Dissolution Agreement to Dissolve the Morongo Basin Pipeline Commission.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	Y
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	Y
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Close-Dees/Aldridge) unanimously approved.

8. Consent Items

- a. Board Meeting Minutes
 - 1. December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - 2. December 15, 2025 Special Meeting
 - 3. December 16, 2025 Special Meeting
- b. Financial Statements
 - 1. Balance Sheet(s) – November 2025
 - 2. Budget Sheet(s) – November 2025
- c. Receive and File Disbursements – December 2025
- d. Service Order Report – November 2025
- e. BDV Production Report – December 2025
- f. Goat Mountain Production Report – December 2025
- g. Receive and File Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Planning/Legislative/Engineering/Grants Standing Committee
 - December 16, 2025 Cancelled
 - 2. Finance/Public Relations/Education/Personnel Standing Committee
 - N/A

Recommended Action: Approve as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Motion No. 26-007 Motion to approve consent calendar items a thru g as presented.

JoMarie McKenzie	Y
Megan Close-Dees	Y
William Aldridge	Y
Rodney Miller-Boyer	Y
Vacancy	

MSC¹ (Miller-Boyer/Aldridge) unanimously approved.

7. Matters Removed from Consent Items

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None.

8. Public Comment Period

None.

9. Items for Next or Future Agenda

None.

10. Verbal Reports – Including Reports on Courses/Conferences/Meetings.

- a. General Manager Report – None.
- b. Director Reports

Director Aldridge: Reported on the Human Resources Committee meeting held at Hi-Desert Water District wherein they discussed succession planning and employee notifications.

Director McKenzie: Reported on the Landers Homestead Valley Community Association meeting she attended in January 2026.

11. Adjournment

President Miller-Boyer adjourned the meeting at 10:38 pm.



Approved by:


Megan Close-Dees, Secretary of the Board

MSC¹ – Motion made, seconded and carried



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