

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**May 6, 2009**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call vote:  
Gary Given Absent  
Bill Long Present  
Mickey Luckman Present  
Mike Reynolds Present  
Gary Wilson Present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller  
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor  
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

**GUESTS:** 7

**President Given absent excused on vacation.**

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was noted that President Given is on vacation and requested to be excused from this meeting. MSC Reynolds/Luckman 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the agenda for the May 6, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Luckman/Long 4/0 (1 Absent) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and to approve the financial report for March 2009.

7. **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR FORMER CHAIR PERSON OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Continued to a later meeting as recipient is not present at the meeting.

8. **UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR GROUND WATER RECHARGE PROJECT**

General Manager Guzzetta introduced Tom Barnes of ESA who prepared the draft Environmental Impact Report for the District's Recharge Project. Mr. Barnes presented information including a description of the project, key issues affecting the project,

technical studies that have been completed, and comments received in response to the Notice of Preparation. He explained the Environmental Impact Report process and schedule.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree asked for approximate start and completion dates, total cost for the project, and how much of the cost will be paid by ratepayers. He agreed that recharge is a good idea.

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 4/0 (1 absent) to accept the report for information.

### **9. AGREEMENT WITH JOE BOCANEGRA FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

GM Guzzetta reported that the District is currently recruiting for the Chief of Operation position; Mr. Bocanegra has served as interim Chief of Operations for the past several months; his excellent experience and expertise in the field of water operations and degree in engineering will make him a valuable consultant for the District.

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented asking if Mr. Bocanegra would be both the Chief of Operations full time and also a consultant at an hourly rate.

Following discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Long/Luckman 3/1 (1 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to enter into an agreement with Joe Bocanegra at \$100 per hour to provide on-going engineering and related services as needed.

Given	Absent
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	No

### **10. UPDATE ON PROPERTY, LIABILITY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWALS**

Assistant General Manager/Controller Susan Greer reported that a quote for insurance was requested of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Agency (ACWA JPIA). The proposal from JPIA indicates a nearly \$20,000 savings; in addition, JPIA is proactive in assistance with risk management, including offering many training programs for employees. Board and staff discussion ensued.

### **11. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) ELECTION**

GM Guzzetta reported that there are several candidates for the position. Following discussion the Board took the following action:

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/0 to, by roll call vote, cast a vote for Bob Smith to serve as alternate LAFCO member to represent

Given	Absent
Long	Yes
Luckman	Yes
Reynolds	Yes
Wilson	Yes

### **12. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

GM Guzzetta reported that the site security for the telemetry system is almost complete. The County may soon adopt a landscape ordinance; in that case the District would defer to the County's ordinance and the County would be responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

The Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation (AWAC) will be working with the County on the part of the ordinance affecting the High Desert. GM Guzzetta also reported that the Wastewater Strategy document draft is completed and will be brought to the Board at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree asked if the water to be used for recharge is potable.

**14. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported on a proposal received today from District Engineers Dudek and Associates for the Recharge Basin Pipeline Preliminary Design Report. As the District's Engineers, they may begin the work. Due to the urgency of designing this project for purposes of grant funds, the General Manager will authorize Dudek to initiate work under his authority, and will agendaize this for Board discussion at the next meeting.

**15. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Luckman attended the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts monthly meeting where the speaker was Randall Lewis. She also attended the Mojave Water Agency Board meeting; and the mini-tour at the Mojave Water Agency; she found the tour very interesting. Basinwide Foundation meets tomorrow morning where Kirby Brill, General Manager of MWA will be the featured speaker.

Director Reynolds thanked ratepayers for attending the JBWD Board meeting, and reminded everyone that Board meetings are open to the public and that the Board encourages public participation.

Director Wilson commented that the Board's endorsement of the Mojave Desert Land Trust results in a loss to the District of future funds.

The meeting recessed at 8:17 pm for a short break before going to Closed Session.

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

**Property Acquisition; pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiator regarding price and terms. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta APN: 603-231-05.**

Closed Session began at 8:25 pm; the Board returned to Open Session at 8:40 pm having taken no reportable action during the Closed Session.

**17. ADJOURNMENT 8:42 PM**

MSC Reynolds/Luckman 4/0 (1 Absent) to adjourn the May 6, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;

  
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Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 20, 2009.