

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**February 2, 2011**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by: Mickey Luckman
- 3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**
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| Bill Long      | Present |
| Mickey Luckman | Present |
| Mike Luhrs     | Absent  |
| Mike Reynolds  | Present |
| Gary Wilson    | Absent  |

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant General Manager/Controller

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:** Gil Granito, District Counsel  
Kathleen Radnich, Public Outreach Consultant

**GUESTS** 9

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve the agenda for the February 2, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (2 Absent) to Approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.

**7. PROPOSED COUNTY LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT**

General Manager Joe Guzzetta gave a presentation recommending that the District provide comments on the proposed County Landscape Ordinance that would make the ordinance more applicable to the high desert. In addition to aspects of the ordinance that are not suited to the high desert climate, the Board discussed provisions that make the ordinance costly for customers such as the requirement for landscape architectural plans to be designed by a landscape architect.

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (2 Absent) to join with the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation in recommending changes to the County Landscape Ordinance that would make it more applicable to the high desert and that would make it more customer-friendly.

## **8. DISTRICT POSITION ON EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS WITH MOJAVE WATER AGENCY FOR CAPACITY IN THE MORONGO PIPELINE**

GM Guzzetta gave a presentation recommending that the Board develop a position on whether or not the Morongo Pipeline capacity allocation to participating water agencies should be extended beyond 2022, and to have discussions with other water agencies. Marina West, General Manager for Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency commented that her agency would support discussions concerning this matter.

It was the Consensus of the Board that the District should meet with representatives of other participating water agencies to discuss this matter. President Mickey Luckman appointed Vice President Mike Reynolds and Director Bill Long as an ad hoc committee to meet with other agencies.

## **9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF UPDATED RATE & FEE STUDY**

Assistant General Manager Susan Greer gave the staff presentation recommending that Bartle Wells Associates be retained to conduct a water rate & fee study. The Board discussed the need for a professional fee study, the cost and timing of a study.

MSC Reynolds/Long 3/0 (2 Absent) to table this matter until the next Board Meeting.

## **10. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

GM Guzzetta reported that the Urban Water Management Plan consultants have drafted three chapters; the Ground water recharge project engineering is at 35% to 40% complete; the E-1 and D-2 booster pumps have been installed and will begin a two week test period; the District property management consultants have been asked to give a proposal for acquiring future reservoir sites.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **12. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported that the automatic switch for the emergency generator at the District offices has been installed. The routine valve maintenance has been completed in the Copper Mountain Mesa area; a Water Supply Assessment has been requested for a solar project in the northeast area of the District and will be brought back to the Board in the next few meetings.

## **13. DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Vice President Reynolds reported attendance at a MWA Board meeting where the UWMP is nearing completion. MWA also reported that the State Water Project is expected to make 65% to 75% allocation compared with 15% this time last year. He also attended the meeting of the ASBSCD where the managing engineer of San Bernardino Valley Water District gave a presentation on their innovative water wise landscape demonstration garden. They have teamed up with Home Depot to provide plants. It was also suggested that developers be encouraged to install landscaping in model homes based on the demonstration garden concepts. He also attended a meeting with State Senator Bob Dutton who noted that an elaborate conference table in the Governor's office has been replaced by Governor Jerry Brown with a 30 foot picnic table.

President Luckman reported attending the MWA Technical Advisory Committee where videos were shown of the Mojave River flooding. The TAC also discussed the need for more groundwater recharge locations to take advantage of the water in wet years.

#### **14. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 8:07 pm to consider the following:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel on existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (Re Joshua Basin Water District v. Robert Ellis, San Bernardino Superior Court - Joshua Tree District, Case No. CIVMS 900168).
2. Conference with Legal Counsel on a matter of potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9. (One matter - unidentified).

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:28 pm.

#### **15. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

District Counsel Gil Granito reported that the Board has met in closed session. There was no reportable action on the first item.

On the second item a lawsuit has been filed. The subject of the litigation is unidentified as it may impede service of process.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

**8:30 PM**

MSC Long/Reynolds 3/0 (2 Absent) to adjourn the February 2, 2011 Regular Meeting of the 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 Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7:00 pm.