



REGULAR MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018, 9:30 AM
61750 CHOLLITA ROAD, JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES
 - June 7, 2017
6. LEGISLATIVE REPORT – President Luckman/Director Unger
7. PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH REPORT – Kathleen Radnich
8. STAFF REPORT – Curt Sauer, GM
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
10. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 7, 2018

INFORMATION

During "Public Comment", please use the podium microphone. State your name and have your information prepared and be ready to provide your comments. The District is interested and appreciates your comments. A 3-minute time limit will be imposed. Thank you. Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone Joshua Basin Water District at (760) 366-8438, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:34AM
- B. In attendance:
 - 1) GM Sauer
 - 2) President Luckman
 - 3) Director Unger
 - 4) Kathleen Radnich
 - 5) Peggy Egnew
- C. Public Present:
 - 1) Tom Floen

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. The agenda was approved: 1st: Director Unger; 2nd: President Luckman

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. There was no public comment at the opening of the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—May 3, 2017

- A. The minutes were approved: 1st: Director Unger; 2nd: President Luckman

5. LEGISLATIVE REPORT—Vice President Luckman/ Director Unger

- A. GM Sauer shared that, according to the California Legislative website as of Monday, June 5th, the Chromium 6 court order had not yet been received by the State, even though the State Court made the order, which means the “order” is still in a pending state. So, the State is still working off the old Chromium 6 order (that we have been answering to, as well.) He added that the State says

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they will decide what to do when they get the actual legal order passed on to them. Meanwhile, GM Sauer expressed our need to “keep on doing what we’ve been doing” with Chromium 6.

- B. It was discovered that JBWD was a member of the County Special Districts’ organization, but not a member of the State’s Special Districts’ organization. This has been corrected. In doing so, we will have a guest presentation from a State representative at our August 2nd Board meeting from the Little Hoover Commission come.
 - 1. Director Unger shared that ACWA’s news source had numerous articles on Special Districts and water, but she had yet to review all the information in time for our June meeting.
 - 2. President Luckman stressed the importance of JBWD taking advantage of the Special District training opportunities that include finance, governance, and a third topic (possibly ethics) being members.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION & OUTREACH REPORT—Kathleen Radnich

- A. Radnich reported on the upcoming Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting. She has been promoting it to the public to encourage attendance and participation. The last topic, “What IF we don’t address the needs we are facing now?” Karen Tracy facilitated the last meeting. The next meeting is slated for July 11, 6pm. The topic will be exploring equitable ways to increase substantial rates for our diverse population.
- B. The Water Education Day Festival included approximately 400 8th-graders at La Contenta Middle School. The winds were a huge challenge. JBWD educated on water conservation, on the impact of proper hydration for good health, sharing how animals conserve (with a live tortoise) and explaining about, and then engaging in a game on figuring out the water footprint on items.
 - 1. Radnich prefers either a younger or older group, noting that Jr. High students were one of the more challenging ages to teach in a group setting.
 - 2. GM Sauer attended, and agreed, but noted we would continue to participate with the other Water Districts in this program.
- C. The Farmers’ Market June booth theme will address understanding our aquifer and the need for recharging the aquifer . We’ll also have hard copies of the new CCR available.
- D. The spring Wild Crafting session went well, although it was a smaller group. We’ll be targeting the last week in July, and first two weeks in August for the summer harvest. The JTNP tour will be set for the first week in September. This year’s goal is to double our plant sale inventory.
- E. July’s Tier Drop newsletter will identify all the regulatory agencies we have to comply with to help our customer base understand there’s more to providing water than just turning on the tap. It will also cover Chromium 6 updates—both regulatory, and local progress testing results.
- F. ACWA’s Communication’s Committee will be doing a write-up on the passing of Victoria Fuller. They contacted us for her obituary, and any pictures from her “Celebration of Life.”
 - 1. Victoria’s Desert Willow tree has been planted (along with the boulder placement and plaque.) It ended up being planted during the heat spell, stressing it. It does appear to have weathered the transplanting, to date, however.
- G. Water School 101 is available for review on line. The goal is to go active in July, or August at the latest. Expense invoices are due in by the end of June to MWA.

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- H. The AWAC grants for this 2017-2018 season have not been announced yet. We were told we should hear by mid-June.
- I. The Turtle Island signage for our Demonstration Garden was re addressed by the current JT Chamber Executive Director. He indicated it was “wide-open” for us to follow-through on, and that “no contract was needed” from them.
 - 1. GM Sauer confirmed he would be meeting with the Chamber E.D. to discuss the water usage contract for Turtle Island. It needed to be renewed.
 - 2. Director Unger shared that the Chamber wanted “out” of the Turtle Island commitment of upkeep, noting the expense they incurred with someone damaged the water back-flow system.
 - 3. Sauer indicated that there was actually a credit for unused water, to date.
 - 4. Radnich still plans to move forward with the sign, as the property belongs to Linda Perry (JT Health Foods) and she is fine with us “redesigning” / hiding the back-flow cage with signage.
- J. District tours are slated for fall. We are still hopeful for AWAC / MWA grant money to go towards the tours, but plan to do them, even if special funding does not come through.
 - 1. Radnich asked for names to be forwarded to her for potential tour attendee candidate.

7. CONSERVATION OUTREACH REPORT—Deb Bollinger

- A. D. Bollinger was absent, and there was no written report provided.

8. STAFF REPORT

- A. GM Sauer reported that the District hired Ellen Jackson (a temporary hire) to fill Randy Maye’s old position. She is licensed attorney.
- B. Well 14 is once again, testing positive, based on preliminary reports. Not all the flushing is complete, and it is possible it will clear up when the flushing process is over. It is critical to get this main well back on line—especially with the summer heat upon us.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (None were given)

10. NEXT MEETING DATE—July 3, 2017 at 9:30 AM

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:07AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen J. Radnich

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