

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**July 14, 2015**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**
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| Karen Tracy         | Present |
| Luke Sabala         | Present |
| Karen Morton (7:03) | Present |
| Amy Fauls (7:06)    | Present |
| Shari Long          | Present |
| Fred Klintworth     | Present |

**STAFF PRESENT:** Curt Sauer, General Manager, Karyn Sernka, Admin.  
**GUESTS: 2** (Richard Fountain and Steven Whitman)

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Klintworth/Long 4/0 to approve the agenda for the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Karen Tracy	Aye
Luke Sabala	Aye
Shari Long	Aye
Fred Klintworth	Aye

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Klintworth/Sabala 4/0 to approve the draft minutes of the May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Karen Tracy	Aye
Luke Sabala	Aye
Shari Long	Aye
Fred Klintworth	Aye

7. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Chromium 6 – A public notice went out with the water billing. GM Sauer asked whether anyone in the CAC had heard of public concerns regarding Chromium 6, and the consensus was that CAC members had not heard about any public Chromium 6 concerns.

Inactive Meters – GM Sauer presented the inactive meter topic from history to present. Charging for inactive meters was considered as potential revenue in the 2013 Rate Study, which suggested an inactive meter charge plus a 7% rate increase.

GM Sauer pointed out that there are accounts paying the basic fee and not receiving water. Amy Fauls asked whether JBWD had the physical meters that corresponded with the inactive meters. GM Sauer stated no, that we have 50-100 meters in inventory.

Current cost of meters is \$400.00 for the parts plus the capacity and labor fees for installation.

GM Sauer stated the Inactive Meter topic may be presented at the August 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting depending on the availability of Alex, who conducted the rate study.

Water Use for Agriculture: Discussion ensued regarding the apparent inflow of agriculture into the Mojave Desert, noting the following agricultural crop types being potentially introduced within the jurisdiction of the JBWD: Olives, Almonds, pistachios, pomegranates, and watermelon.

Water Conservation – There was discussion of water wasting complaints. One example included the draining of a kiddie pool with a hose, where water was running down the street. Because the drained water was not potable water, this was technically not a violation. The JBWD is currently following up on 5-6 complaints.

Conservation savings in May was 21% and in June was only 9%. Institutions have reduced water consumption by approximately 20%. Emphasis on water conservation is being directed primarily for residents in Tiers 3 and 4.

The JBWD is also looking internally at water loss.

Luke Sabala asked how the capacity fee is determined and GM Sauer referred him to talk with Susan Greer.

GM described the anatomy of a well and showed a video derived from a camera being lowered 750ft between the column and casing in the well. The Well will be rehabilitated by McCalls, which will involve removal of the pump and drive shaft and column.

Another video was shown of divers conducting an aquatic inspection of water tank D-2-1.

## **8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Karen Morton commented regarding the AARP service line – Pipe insurance rehab may cost over \$200,000.00

Karen Tracy expressed appreciation for the full-sized billboards on water conservation that she noticed from the Morongo Basin to Los Angeles.

Steve Whitman commented on the 300ft column removal and whether there was a replacement cost contingency.

Fred Klintworth suggested that the CAC should become more vocal.

9. **CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
The next regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**  
MSC Tracy/Klintworth 6/0 the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

  
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Curt Sauer, General Manager

