

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
61750 Chhollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM —

Present: Karen Tracy, Karen Morton, Tom Kayne, Shari Long, Jeff Dongvillo, Gayle Austin

Absent: *Karyn Sernka*

STAFF PRESENT— GM Curt Sauer, AGM of Operations Mark Ban

GUESTS PRESENT— Director Luckman, PIO Consultant Kathleen Radnich, Tom Floen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA—

Jeff Dongvillo motioned to approve the agenda. Tom Kayne seconded.

MSC (Dongvillo/Kayne) motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT— None

CONSENT CALENDAR—

- Approve draft minutes of the Regular CAC meeting of January 15, 2019

Tom Kayne motioned to approve the minutes WITH CORRECTIONS: Shari Long's name to be corrected (from "Sheri and Sherri" to "Shari", and Gayle Austin's name be correct from "Gail" to "Gayle".) Karen Tracy also requested that attendance (under Quorum) be restated to clarify who was present vs. absent.

Tom Kayne motioned to approve the agenda. Jeff Dongvillo seconded.

MSC (Kayne/Dongvillo) motion carried.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAM—GM Sauer explained the Employee Recognition and Awards Program he will be bringing to the Board of Directors on Wednesday. There will be a line item in the budget (\$5,000 proposed.) This amount does not have to be spent, just be made available. Some awards may only be time off or recognition. He plans to implement the program shortly after approved. The committee received this report as information only.

LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS— GM Sauer gave a status report of assistance given to date. Radnich shared outreach efforts. Barely 50% of funds allocated have been awarded. The Committee discussed how to improve the factor of participation. No consensus was reached. GM Sauer asked the Committee to think about the recommendations for the future of the program in the remaining months ahead. Jeff Dongvillo offered to take flyers to the Copper Mt. Mesa's food give away event. The Committee received this report as information only.

SOLAR PROGRAM UPDATE— GM Sauer updated the Committee on the potential solar program the District is considering. Director Hund is heading the project at the Board level. Preliminary findings are that the District needs 3.5-7.5 acres of land (minimum) for this project. GM Sauer believes 10-20 acres is more realistic if expansion is factored in. The Committee received this report as information only.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT—GM Sauer gave updates on the following:

- Well 14—(update given by AGM Mark Ban) Solutions will be going before the Board at the next meeting. The well is still off line. A process called, “Four Log” will be the last effort made to bring the well back on line and may cost \$200,000-\$300,000.
- New meters—the Board voted to replace our old meters with new ones, but they will not be the smart meters that require towers and send digital messages. We will still need a field service “meter reader” with the new meters. The District will realize a \$1,000,000 savings using these meters than what was budgeted for initially.
- The last two CIRP equipment vehicles are the trucks. They will be arriving tomorrow.
- An update was given on the four proposed development projects facing Joshua Tree. GM Sauer only had new information on the trailer camp, noting that it will require a package treatment plant that we would oversee/operate.
- Other Information—(given by K. Radnich) The newly reorganized MAC may reconvene the 2nd Monday in April (or May, at the latest.) JBWD will be giving an overview of our water situation in JT as an informative presentation to the public. She also reminded the Committee about Water Education Day coming March 31st, Sunday.

CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING—

- May 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT—

Karen Morton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. Jeff Dongvillo seconded. MSC (Morton/Dongvillo) motion carried.

Respectfully,

Curt Sauer, General Manager