

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
Monday, March 2, 2026  
61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – David Carrillo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.
2. ROLL CALL – David Carrillo, Hannah Campbell, Fred Jaross, Debra Truncale, Kami Zimmerman, Thomas Fjallstam, Jeff Walter

STAFF PRESENT – General Manager, Sarah Johnson, Executive Assistant, Lisa Thompson

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – Public Outreach Consultant, Kathleen Radnich

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1<sup>st</sup> – Thomas Fjallstam

2<sup>nd</sup> – Fred Jaross

Motion carried to approve the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 01.13.26

1<sup>st</sup> – Hannah Campbell

2<sup>nd</sup> – Fred Jaross

Motion carried to approve the 01.13.26 minutes.

5. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

- General Manager Sarah Johnson introduced Jeff Walter as the newest member of the CAC.
- Johnson reported that she recently returned from a legislative trip to Washington, D.C., alongside Rojas Public Affairs, Vice President Short, and Director Floen. During the trip, she met with Assemblyman Jay Obernolte and Senator Adam Schiff. Johnson noted that the trip was both productive and positive.
- Johnson announced that she will travel to Sacramento next week for a legislative trip with Rojas Public Affairs, President Doolittle, Director Fick, and CAC Chair David Carrillo.
- Johnson reported that the State approved the District's chromium-6 compliance plan and granted a compliance extension through 2032. However, the regulatory deadline of October 1, 2027, remains in place, meaning the District could still potentially be subject to enforcement if it is not in compliance by that date.
- Johnson provided an update on Well 15, which is currently undergoing rehabilitation. Although the well is back in operation, positive samples are still being detected because it was idle for nine months. The team continues to flush and chlorinate the well until the water quality meets standards before fully returning it to the system.
- Johnson noted that the district has scheduled two interviews for the Director of Operations position at the end of March. The candidates were sourced through the Water Workforce recruiting firm. Johnson also noted that we have recently hired several new staff members in the field to fill vacant positions.
- Johnson mentioned that the E21 tank rehab project is coming up, which was approved recently by the board.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

A. LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH

General Manager Sarah Johnson presented the legislative outreach efforts for the upcoming Sacramento trip. Johnson will travel next week with CAC Chair David Carrillo, President Doolittle, and Director Fick. Letter-writing efforts will continue, including a support letter for all CAC members to sign, to be sent to Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, Assemblymember Greg Wallis, Senator Schiff, Senator Padilla, and Assemblymember Tom Lackey. Staff will also develop newsletters highlighting the legislative trips and continue outreach through social media, the local newspaper, and Z1077.

B. ROUNDTABLE CAC MEMBER COMMENTS

CAC members asked questions and discussed among all members.

7. NEXT MEETING – CAC Meeting on May 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm.
  
8. ADJOURNMENT – David Carrillo adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.  
1<sup>st</sup> – Fred Jaross  
2<sup>nd</sup> –Thomas Fjallstam

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sarah Johnson, General Manager






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