

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – David Carrillo, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.
2. ROLL CALL – David Carrillo, Hannah Campbell, Fred Jaross, Debra Truncale, Melvin Smith, Crystal Wysong, Kami Zimmerman, and Thomas Fjallstam

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

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – Public Outreach Consultant, Kathleen Radnich

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1st – Thomas Fjallstam

2nd – Melvin Smith

Motion carried to approve the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 05.13.25

1st – Melvin Smith

2nd – Fred Jaross

Motion carried to approve the 05.13.25 minutes.

5. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Sarah Johnson provided an update on current open job positions and the hiring process. Johnson also reported that Caltrans’s subcontractor failed to call Dig Alert and inadvertently damaged the District’s recharge pipeline. The pipeline has since been repaired, and the District is now ready to receive recharge water. Johnson noted that District tours will be scheduled next spring.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS -

- A. REVISED CAC BYLAWS

General Manager Sarah Johnson provided an overview of the revised CAC Bylaws, which include the following changes: The CAC meeting schedule has been revised from bimonthly to quarterly, with meetings now scheduled for the second Tuesday in January, May, September, and November. To improve participation, the number of members is reduced from a minimum of 6 to 5 and from a maximum of 12 to 10. The membership discontinuation rule, which reduced the allowable absences from three to two per calendar year, was implemented. Johnson reminded CAC members to contact Executive Assistant Lisa Thompson in advance if they know they will be absent.

- B. CHROMIUM 6 TREATMENT UPDATE

General Manager Sarah Johnson provided an update on Chromium 6 treatment. Johnson reported that the State has revised the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Chromium 6 to 10 parts per billion (ppb), which the District must comply with. The District has engaged the engineering firm Jacobs to evaluate the most effective treatment technologies. Jacobs presented their findings at the last Board meeting, noting that the estimated capital cost for treatment facilities is approximately \$60 million. The next steps include project design, conducting a pilot study, and pursuing funding opportunities. Johnson shared that we are working on scheduling a Chromium 6 workshop for the board in October and encourages the CAC to attend.

C. NEXT MEETING DATE FOR NOVEMBER

General Manager Sarah Johnson mentioned that since the next CAC meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2025, which falls on Veterans' Day, we need to reschedule the meeting for a different date. The CAC members decided to reschedule the CAC meeting for Monday, November 3rd, which will be held as a special meeting.

D. ROUNDTABLE CAC MEMBER COMMENTS

CAC members asked questions and discussed among all members.

7. NEXT MEETING – November 3, 2025, at 5:00 pm.

8. ADJOURNMENT – David Carrillo adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

1st – Melvin Smith

2nd – Thomas Fjallstam

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Johnson, General Manager






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