



AMENDED AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023

5:30 PM

ON MARCH 4, 2020, CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CALIFORNIA AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AN EMERGENCY THAT REMAINS IN EFFECT AND FROM WHICH OUTBREAKS AND EXPOSURE CONTINUES TO PRESENT AN IMMINENT THREAT FOR SOME ATTENDEES.

THIS MEETING MAY BE ATTENDED IN PERSON AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARDROOM AT 61750 CHOLLITA RD., JOSHUA TREE, CA 92284, BY PHONE AT 1-669-900-6833, OR BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.

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OUR MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Mission Statement

To provide, protect, and maintain Joshua Tree's water - our vital community resource.

Vision Statement

To achieve excellence in all District endeavors.

Values

The community of Joshua Tree has entrusted the Board of Directors and employees of Joshua Basin Water District with its most valuable natural resource, its groundwater. As stewards of the community water supply, we oversee this critical natural resource to ensure current and future water reliability. Dedicated to this purpose, we embrace these important values:

- **Integrity** – To consistently earn our customers' trust by prioritizing the needs of the community...doing the right thing for the right reason.
- **Transparency** – To openly and honestly share information about our operations with the public.
- **Respect** – To treat the residents of Joshua Tree, and all those contacted in the course of business, with high esteem and regard.
- **Fiscal Responsibility** – To manage all resources as if they were our own, whether revenues, assets, or water supply, in a conscientious and appropriate manner.
- **Accountability** – To take responsibility for our decisions and actions in managing this essential resource.

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the time set aside for public comment on any District related matter, whether appearing on the agenda or not. Under provisions of the Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from taking action on items not listed on the agenda. At the discretion of the Board President, however, comments on a particular Agenzized item may be deferred until that item is heard. Please state your name and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

5. **STATE OF EMERGENCY FINDINGS – GOVT. CODE § 54953(e)**

On October 6, 2021, the Board, by majority vote, adopted Resolution No. 21-1035, making certain findings that (1) the State of Emergency declared by California Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, relative to the COVID-19 Emergency, remains in effect; and (2) due to existing rate of community transmission and the small meeting space available to the District for in-person attendance, the provision of a unrestricted physical location for the District’s meetings could present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees. It is recommended that the Board resolve by majority roll-call vote to extend the findings in Resolution No. 21-1035, modified to allow for optional in-person attendance for members of the Board and public, for an additional 30 days.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time, without discussion. If a board member would like an item to be handled separately, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

- A. **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – 11.01.22**
- B. **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – 11.09.22**
- C. **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – 12.07.22**
- D. **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – 12.14.22**
- E. **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – 12.21.22**
- F. **CHECK REGISTER – AUGUST 2022**
- G. **CHECK REGISTER – SEPTEMBER 2022**

7. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 23-1051 APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION FOR JIM VENTURA**

PRESENTED BY: General Manager, Sarah Johnson

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The board to adopt Resolution No. 23-1051 in recognition of Mojave Water Agency Board Director, Jim Ventura.

B. **1ST QUARTER ENDING 09/30/22 FINANCIAL REPORT**

PRESENTED BY: Director of Finance, Anne Roman

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report, ask questions, and approve report.

C. **CONSIDER SELECTION METHOD FOR AUDIT FIRM FOR FISCAL YEAR 22/23 AND BEYOND**

PRESENTED BY: Director of Finance, Anne Roman

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive the report and consider Finance Committee’s recommendation to solicit a new contract proposal from Fedak and Brown LLP and instruct staff accordingly.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

A. **PUBLIC OUTREACH REPORT**

PRESENTED BY: Kathleen Radnich, Consultant for Public Outreach

For informational purposes only on subjects not covered by the agenda. No action is to be taken.

B. **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

For informational purposes only on subjects not covered by the agenda. No action is to be taken.

C. DIRECTOR REPORTS AND COMMENTS

For informational purposes only on subjects not covered by the agenda and no action to be taken. The Board may provide staff with requests for future agenda items.

9. FUTURE DIRECTOR MEETINGS

	DATE/TIME	ATTENDEE(S)
A. ASBCSD – Dinner	01/23/23 5:30 pm	Jarlsberg/Short
B. MWA – Board Meeting	01/26/23 9:30 am	Doolittle
C. JBWD – Regular Board of Directors Meeting	02/01/23 5:30 pm	All
D. MWA – Tac Meeting	02/02/23 10:00 am	Short

10. ADJOURNMENT

INFORMATION

The public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during the discussion of that item.

Availability of agenda materials: Materials related to any item on this Agenda submitted to the District Board of Directors of Committee Members after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the District’s office, 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252, during normal business hours. All documents supporting this agenda are available on the District website www.jbwd.com, subject to the staff’s availability to post the documents before the meeting.

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Disruptive Conduct: If any meeting of the District is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible, a meeting may be recessed or the person or persons willfully disrupting the meeting may be ordered to leave the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board or Committee without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board or Committee, repetitively addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board or Committee from conducting its meeting in an orderly manner. Your cooperation is appreciated.