

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Delph called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Chairperson Delph

IN ATTENDANCE – Barbara Delph, David Carrillo, Hannah Campbell, Kathy Carrillo, Frank Coate, Shari Long, Karen Tracy

STAFF PRESENT – Mark Ban, General Manager; James Corbin, Director of Operations

CONSULTANTS PRESENT -- Kathleen Radnich, Public Information Consultant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MSC¹ (Coate/Tracy 2/0) approved the Agenda for August 17, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING – MSC¹ (Coate/D. Carrillo 2/0) approved the draft minutes of July 13, 2021.

OPERATIONS UPDATE – Director Corbin stated he is continuing to work on a Monthly Board List that will contain each month’s data. Director Corbin shared that several District staff members recently attended the annual Tri-State Seminar allowing employees to acquire continuing education credits to maintain their licenses. He continued that they gathered some good information regarding new methods and technology at the seminar. Director Corbin brought up continued plans for Well 14 including electrical panels, an electric gate, and lights and cameras for security. He went on to explain the importance of Well 14 for District production as well as the usage of all wells. Director Corbin mentioned work on the 13 PR stations, recent documentation of input/output pressures, and determination of why some are off or not being used and how to get them going again. Chairperson Delph inquired as to if information about the current water shortage crisis was discussed at the Tri-State Seminar, and Director Corbin said he would ask the other District attendees if they sat in any sessions that touched on that issue, and if so, he will bring that information back to the CAC. Chairperson Delph added that she recently had a tour of Well 14 and praised what a “neat” build it is and commended the District on doing so much cost-saving work inhouse.

CANNABIS GROW FARMS – GM Ban summarized the current illegal cannabis farm issues and stated that the District and other local water districts are working with a lobbyist The Clean Water System Alliance. He added they have started a local initiative called the Highway 62/247 Initiative to try and influence other lobbyists and lawmakers to help combat some of the issues we are having. GM Ban added that the County has raised the fine for illegal growing from the State’s \$500 to now \$3000 a day. GM Ban shared a map of the District’s 50 highest water usage parcels, which included some of the suspected growing locations and mentioned future work with law enforcement on this issue. He added the District is looking at plans to utilize rules and regulations with water meter sales and private water haulers. Floor was opened up and general comments were made regarding cartel involvement, hazardous

pesticide usage, water tankers filling at hydrants and where are they taking the water, meters on hydrants, and a related article in the upcoming Tier Drop Newsletter.

GM Ban shared a video showing the work and progress on Well 14. GM Ban brought up that the District is supposed to have a solar meeting next week; however, after feasibility studies, the cost incentives are not out there anymore. The District will be looking at future energy efficiency studies.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTS – Multiple members made further comments regarding the District’s outstanding work on Well 14, keeping updated on the illegal cannabis grow farm issues, and appreciation of the work Kathleen and Tom do at the Farmer’s Market every Saturday. Consultant Radnich announced she is planning a Zoom meeting aimed at educating Short Term Rental owners on common water and septic issues.

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – MSC¹ (Coate/Tracy 2/0). Chairperson Delph adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Barr, General Manager and Board Secretary
