

**JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**August 19, 2009**

**Held at the JBWD Boardroom, 61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252**  
**and by Teleconference at 2228 Centralia/Alpha Road, Space G-23**  
**Chehalis, WA 98532**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** By roll-call:  
Gary Given Present via Teleconference  
Bill Long Present  
Mickey Luckman Present  
Mike Reynolds Present  
Gary Wilson Present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joe Guzzetta, General Manager  
Susan Greer, Assistant GM/Controller  
Marie Salsberry, Executive Secretary

**GUESTS: 4**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Luckman/Given 5/0 to approve the agenda for the August 19, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Roll call vote:

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented he is concerned that not many Joshua Basin ratepayers are in attendance; he believes people think attending the Hi-Desert Water District meeting is more important now.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 5/0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 5, 2009 and to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 5, 2009.

Roll call vote:

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

**7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO WRITE-OFF BAD DEBT FOR FISCAL YEAR 08/09**

Assistant General Manager Greer reported; the Water Account Assistant Program was down for last year, but other bad debt increased due to attempts to charge monthly fees for unused meters.

MSC Long/Given 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize staff to write off the bad debt for fiscal year 08/09 in the amount of \$23,291.81.

Roll call vote:

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

**8. FUNDS FOR COMPLETION OF URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

General Manager Guzzetta reported that, since the initial submission of the District's Urban Water Management Plan in December of 2005, the Department of Water Resources has requested more information and more detail than what was anticipated or required in 2005. The updates required extra work by Dudek and Associates Engineers. Board discussion ensued.

MSC Long/Reynolds 5/0 to approve staff recommendation to authorize an increase of \$4,700 to Dudek & Associates District Engineers for completion of the Urban Water Management Plan certification by the Department of water Resources.

Roll call vote:

Given	Aye
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

**9. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

GM Guzzetta reported that the Wastewater Treatment Strategy and Package Treatment Plant Policy have been completed.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Marquez of Joshua Tree commented he did not understand Item 15, a closed session item regarding property acquisition. He requested that the District be more descriptive of Closed Session items.

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

GM Guzzetta reported that District Counsel was asked if it is acceptable to schedule a Regular and Special meeting at the same time; the District's attorney Gil Granito replied that it is acceptable practice and he will issue a written memo on the subject.

**12. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Director Wilson asked about a public hearing notice that appeared in the paper. He reported on a committee meeting that he took part in with management and field staff; the topic was leaks and fire flow in the system.

The Board went to closed session at 4:37 pm.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**A closed session held to confer with legal counsel on a matter of potential litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – One Matter – Potential Litigation**

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**Public employee performance evaluation; General Manager. Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b).**

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

**Property Acquisition; pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiator regarding price and terms. District negotiator: Joe Guzzetta. APN: 603-231-05; 603-231-06; 603-191-41.**

**16. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

The meeting returned to open session at 6:00 pm. Vice President Long stated that no reportable action had been taken during closed session. President Given left the meeting following the closed session.

**17. ADJOURNMENT 6:00 PM**

MSC Luckman/Reynolds 4/0 (1 absent) to adjourn the August 19, 2009 Special Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Given	Absent
Long	Aye
Luckman	Aye
Reynolds	Aye
Wilson	Aye

Respectfully submitted;

  
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 Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 2, 2009.