

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 15, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Guzzetta, General Manager
Terry Spurrier, HR/Administrative Services Supervisor

GUESTS: 8

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MSC Long/Luckman 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve the agenda for the April 15, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 6B, "Approve minor revisions to the Chief of Operation job description", was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

MSC Long/Luckman 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2009 Regular meeting of the Board of Directors; and to receive the report on a salary comparative analysis of Bollinger Consulting Group services with others.

Following Discussion of item 6B, the following action was taken:

MSC Long/Luckman 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve the Chief of Operations job description with the following changes: remove "Injury and Illness Prevention Program, Disaster Response, Chlorination, Accidental release and Emergency Response" as examples of regulatory programs, and replace them with updated examples of regulatory programs under the direction of the Chief of Operations; for education requirements list college coursework or degree in related fields as "desirable"; and for other requirements, list knowledge of sewer systems as "desirable".

7. RESIGNATION OF CYNTHIA SHEPARD FROM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MSC Luckman/Long 3/0 (2 Absent) to accept the resignation of Cynthia Shepard from the Joshua Basin Water District Citizens Advisory Committee, and approve a certificate of recognition of her services to the District.

8. DESIGN OF 30,000 FEET OF REPLACEMENT PIPE AND APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOR FUNDS

General Manager Guzzetta gave a presentation recommending that the District get proposals for the engineering and design of 30,000 feet of replacement pipe in order to be ready for construction by December in the event that Federal stimulus funds become available.

MSC Long/Luckman 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to confirm to staff to begin the process to design 30,000 feet of replacement pipe and submit applications to USDA for funding.

9. UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) STUDY CONTINUATION

GM Guzzetta gave a presentation on the four-year study by USGS to determine the residential density that can be accommodated by septic systems without harming the aquifer; and to provide information relative to the groundwater recharge program. He noted that the efforts of the District's lobbyist and Congressman Jerry Lewis have resulted in \$300,000 of federal funds being granted to offset part of the cost of this project.

MSC Long/Luckman 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to approve an agreement with USGS to continue the study of the ground water recharge project in the amount of \$513,400 for federal fiscal year 2008-2009; and to appropriate \$513,400, with a contingency of \$51,000 (total \$563,000) from the unappropriated revenues.

The District expects \$300,000 of this to be paid from a recent Congressional allocation.

10. REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ALLIANCE ORGANIZATION

GM Guzzetta presented a brief report recommending participation with Mojave Water Agency and other water agencies in a Regional Legislative Alliance. Mike Stevens, Community Liaison Officer for MWA gave a presentation on the proposal stressing that this would provide information to agencies that do not have lobbyists. Noting that there are 300 measures at the state level affecting water, High Desert agencies will be better able to evaluate state legislation for its impacts on the High Desert, and formulate more effective responses to legislation. As a participant, JBWD would be expected to designate a point of contact, and to participate in monthly meetings when possible. Following the presentation, Board Members expressed strong support for the Alliance.

MSC Luckman/Long 3/0 (2 Absent) to approve staff recommendation to participate in a Regional Legislative Alliance Organization with the Mojave Water Agency and other participating organizations.

11. PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

The project list had been presented to the Board; no additional information was requested from the Directors.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Smith, President of the Yermo Community Services District, presented the Board with his credentials and requested that the Board endorse him as the Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts alternate representative to the Local Agency

Formation Commission (LAFCO). The Board requested that this be placed on the next agenda.

Steve Whitman, CAC Member, requested that the "Project Priority List" state the year that the projects were completing, noting that the review of the CSD was completed in 2007, though it appears to be 2008.

13. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

GM Guzzetta reported that the District has reduced water that is "unaccounted" from the 13% range to 6% in the past year, and had a reduction in water production of about 8%. Staff is confirming the usage.

14. DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT 8:13 PM

MSC Long/Luckman 3/0 (2 Absent) to adjourn the April 15, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted;



Joe Guzzetta, General Manager

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 6, 2009.