



AGENDA

SPECIAL WATER & GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 AT 9:00 AM

MEETINGS ARE HELD IN PERSON AT 61750 CHOLLITA RD., JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252

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MEETING ID: 826 7787 2269

PASSCODE: 61750

1. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the time set aside for public comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. At the discretion of the Board President, however, comments on a particular Agenda item may be deferred until that item is heard. Please state your name and limit your comments to 3 minutes.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

A. DRAFT WATER & GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 08.12.26

5. **CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF A HIGH-DEMAND WATER USE POLICY**

Discuss concepts, concerns, and draft comments related to the development of a potential policy addressing high-demand water uses.

5. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Continue High-Demand Water User Policy Discussion

Discuss the development of a potential policy addressing high-demand water uses. This topic may include policy concepts, possible thresholds, land use considerations, water supply impacts, infrastructure capacity, and draft comments or recommendations for future Board consideration.

STATUS: Scheduled for a Special Water & Growth Committee on September 17, 2026.

2. San Bernardino County Public Works Presentation – Septic-to-Sewer Project

Request attendance from San Bernardino County Public Works to provide an update and presentation on matters related to the septic-to-sewer project, including project status, anticipated timelines, coordination needs, and potential impacts or opportunities for the District.

STATUS: Request sent to the county, and there is no update at this time. Staff will reach back out to request attendance at a future date.

3. County Rep Glen Harris Attendance – San Bernardino County Coordination

Request Glen Harris attend a future meeting to assist with broader San Bernardino County collaboration efforts, including coordination with Land Use Services, Public Works/Special Districts, septic-to-sewer planning, and related regional infrastructure or development issues. Consider whether quarterly attendance would be helpful for ongoing coordination.

STATUS: In Queue

4. San Bernardino County Land Use Services Presentation

Request a presentation from San Bernardino County Land Use Services regarding current and anticipated land use activity, development review processes, coordination with the District, and opportunities to improve communication on projects that may affect water demand, infrastructure planning, or District operations.

STATUS: In Queue

5. Landscape Policy

STATUS: In Queue

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE
WATER & GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
61750 Chollita Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Doolittle called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL – President Doolittle and Director Fick

STAFF PRESENT – General Manager Pro Tem, Anne Roman, Director of Administration, David Shook, Executive Assistant, Lisa Thompson

CONSULTANTS PRESENT – Legal Counsel, Jeff Hoskinson

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) PRESENT – Thomas Fjallstam, David Carrillo, Crystal Wysong (attended via Zoom)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jane Fawke, a Joshua Basin Water District ratepayer for over 20 years, expressed concern about excessive water use from pools and outdoor showers and the need for a moratorium on projects with excessive water demands. She was also concerned about impacts from short-term rentals in her neighborhood and the need for closer coordination with County Planning.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR –

DRAFT WATER & GROWTH COMMITTEE MINUTES 08.12.26

1st - FICK

2nd - DOOLITTLE

Motion carried to approve the consent calendar.

5. REVIEW & AMEND CHARTER -

A. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL HIGH DEMAND WATER USE POLICY

President Doolittle introduced a proposed policy addressing new or intensified high-demand water uses. The Committee discussed enhanced review of significant water demands and potential impacts to water supply, system capacity, reliability, infrastructure, affordability, and existing customers.

The Committee discussed separating County land-use approval from District water-service determinations and establishing objective thresholds for enhanced review. The Committee also discussed requiring applicants to bear reasonable and proportionate costs attributable to extraordinary demand, to the extent permitted by law.

The proposed policy was based on the Borrego Water District model. The Committee recommended that staff and legal counsel further develop policy alternatives, including applicable legal, engineering, and threshold considerations, for future Board consideration.

6. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS –

The committee discussed potential future agenda topics including:

- Hold Special Water & Growth Committee meeting in September to continue discussion of the High-Demand Water Use Policy.
- Invite San Bernardino County public works department to provide updates on the County's septic-to-sewer project and other development activities.

- Invite the San Bernardino County Land Use Services (potentially Danny Campos), to a future committee meeting to discuss development activity.
- Request that County representative Glenn Harris attend a future meeting on a quarterly basis to discuss opportunities for improved communication and coordination with the county.
- Develop landscaping policy addressing water intensive landscaping.

7. ADJOURNMENT – President Doolittle adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

1st - Fick

2nd - Doolittle

NEXT MEETING – Special Water & Growth Committee, September 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Roman, General Manager Pro Tem