

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT
Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 12, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:	Jeff Dongvillo	Present
	Tom Kayne	Present
	Shari Long	Present
	Karen Morton	Absent
	Karyn Sernka	Present
	Karen Tracy	Present

STAFF PRESENT: Curt Sauer, General Manager
Beverly Waszak, Executive Assistant
Kathleen Radnich, Public Information and Outreach

GUESTS: 4

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Dongvillo/Long 5/0 to approve the agenda for the July 12, 2017 the Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee with two line items added for the GM Staff Report and Committee Member Comments/Reports.

Jeff Dongvillo	Aye
Tom Kayne	Aye
Shari Long	Aye
Karen Morton	Absent
Karyn Sernka	Aye
Karen Tracy	Aye

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR –

- Approve Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee

MSC Dongvillo 5/0 to approve the Consent Calendar.

7. PUBLIC OUTREACH –

- Board members are at the Farmer’s Market on a rotating schedule.
- Water School 101; The August Tier Drop will highlight this launch and we will be offering it online and at the District, three classes are slated for September.
- The August Tier Drop newsletter will also highlight the rate study scenarios that was presented at this meeting.
- The Legislative and Public Information Committee is cancelled for August.

8. GENERAL MANAGER STAFF REPORT –

GM Sauer laid out the rate increase scenarios that he presented to the Board. GM Sauer also reviewed the “Low Income Rate Assistance Program” being proposed by the State. The proposal would not work as well for our area the way that it is currently set up. Only customers that use 10-12 units per month are eligible for assistance. GM Sauer noted that 30% of our population are at or below the poverty line; however, other areas in California are worse.

Karen Tracy asked how this proposed law would affect our rate study?

GM Sauer explained that there are many unknowns with the Low Income Rate Assistance Program, at this point, to know.

GM Sauer stated that the State wanted water conservation to hold at 55 gallons per person per day. He explained that the cost to buy water was \$280,000 per 5-acre feet and the price goes up 7% every year. A discussion broke out over Public Outreach having a banner at the market to announce, “Rate Increases are coming”; which GM Sauer did not have an issue.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Karen Tracy presented the case of the ongoing Cadiz Project and asked for a vote of opposition from the CAC members.

MSC Dongvillo/Kayne 5/0 to oppose the Cadiz Project.

Jeff Dongvillo	Aye
Tom Kayne	Aye
Shari Long	Aye
Karen Morton	Absent
Karyn Sernka	Aye
Karen Tracy	Aye

10. CONFIRM DATE FOR NEXT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MSC Tracy/Morton 5/0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Jeff Dongvillo	Aye
Tom Kayne	Aye
Shari Long	Aye
Karen Morton	Absent
Karyn Sernka	Aye
Karen Tracy	Aye

Respectfully submitted,


Curt Sauer, GM and Board Secretary