



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM  
Via Teleconference – No Live Attendance

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### ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

President Wright called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Duncan, invocation led by President Wright

#### ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

President Nancy Wright

Director Randy Duncan

Director Steve Grasha

Vice President Russ Martin

Director Ivan Sewell

#### RULES OF PROCEDURE

#### PUBLIC INPUT

*This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's jurisdiction. **Please limit comments to three (3) minutes or less.** State law prohibits the Board from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the agenda.*

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Brief update provided by Mr. Wallum.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION****A. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

The Board acknowledged the following employee anniversaries;

Don Mathein	Field Operations Supervisor	25 Years
Manny Rodriguez	Lead Water Production Operator	20 Years
Lisa Pelton	Customer Service Representative II	18 Years
Luiz Santos	Associate Engineer	4 Years

**ACTION ITEMS****2. PUBLIC HEARING (MONDAY, 4/19/2021) RESOLUTION 2021-05 - TO COLLECT SEWER FEES ON TAX ROLL**

It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2021-05, electing to collect sewer user fees on the tax roll.

Public Hearing Procedure....

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Director Sewell.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

**3. SELECTION OF DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDITORS**

It is recommended to approve a three year contract with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP to provide the financial statement audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and authorize the General Manager to engage the firm and do all things necessary to complete the audit.

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

Voting Nay: Director Grasha

**4. CV WATER COUNTS REGIONAL CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM**

It is recommended to authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the CV Water Counts Conservation Grant Program awarded through Proposition 1, Round 1 for MSWD's rebate programs.

Motion made by Director Sewell, Seconded by Director Duncan.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM PROJECT**

It is recommended to accept the Purchase and Implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure System ("AMI") project as complete and authorize the release of retention money held for Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. ("Ferguson"), in the amount of \$41,417.66, thirty-five days after filing the Notice of Completion (NOC).

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Director Grasha, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

**6. HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

It is recommended that the Board provide direction on employee suggestions for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The direction from the committee was to move forward with the sell back period of accrued compensation time. Employees shall be permitted to sell back compensatory time throughout the year. The Board concurred on this direction.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**7. ADMIN/CORP YARD BUILDING UPDATE**

Brian Macy presented an update to the Board.

**8. MSWD REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY UPDATE**

Timing of bidding and grant funding...update provided by Steve Ledbetter.

**9. REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion made by Director Duncan, Seconded by Vice President Martin.

Voting Yea: President Wright, Director Duncan, Vice President Martin, Director Sewell

Voting Nay: Director Grasha

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It is recommended to approve the minutes as follows:

Study Session - March 11, 2021

Board Meeting - March 15, 2021

**11. REGISTER OF DEMANDS**

The register of demands totaling \$2,358,279.68

**12. MAKE THE CONNECTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPROVAL**

The following have submitted an application for a non-transferable lien agreement to connect to the sewer system:

68360 Calle Cerrito - \$3,800.00

**13. BOARD EVENT APPROVAL**

It is recommended to authorize Board to attend the following event: The District will reimburse for the cost of the event, no stipend (compensation) will be provided.

- Palm Springs Air Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration

**CORRESPONDANCE**

**14. THANK YOU LETTERS**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**15. UPCOMING EVENTS & DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Director Duncan reported he attended the following events; 3/16 DWA Board Meeting, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 ACWA Virtual Conference.

Vice President Martin reported he attended the following events; 3/2 DHS City Council Meeting, 3/4 DVBA Legislative Forum, 3/9 CVWD Board Meeting, 3/16 DHS City Council Meeting, 3/23 RivCo Board of Supervisors Meeting, 3/24 San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting, 3/30 RivCo Board of Supervisors Meeting.

President Wright reported she attended the following events; 3/17 & 3/31 ACWA Conference.

**REPORTS**

**16. GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT**

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**17. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Nothing further to add

**18. DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT**

JP announced closed session.

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Grasha briefly commented on the DWA Board meeting he attended regarding the California aqueduct.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION**

pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

One Case: Case No. PSC 1600676

(Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency)

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pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

One Case: Case No. RIC2003782

(George Padilla and Sharon Moreno vs. Mission Springs Water District).

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (Property: 7.51 acres at 14866 Palm Drive, Desert Hot Springs). Agency Negotiator: General Manager Arden Wallum. Negotiating Parties: MSWD and Lee Woo Keun & Taik Young/Lee Chang Sun. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

**REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

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Arden Wallum  
Secretary of the Board of Directors