

### **Cabazon Water District**

14618 Broadway Street • P.O. Box 297 Cabazon, California 92230

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **MINUTES**

**Meeting Location:** 14618 Broadway St. Cabazon, CA 92230

### Teleconference:

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## Meeting Date:

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER** PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN ROLL CALL

**Director Martin Sanderson - Present Director Diana Morris - Present Director Sarah Wargo - Present Director Terry Tincher - Absent Director Robert Lynk - Present** 

Calvin Louie, General Manager - Present Evelyn Aguilar, Board Secretary - Present Scott Nelson, Financial Consultant - Present

Note: This meeting was recorded by the District

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters in this category are considered to be consistent with the Board/District goals, District Policies and Regulations adopted and/or approved by the Board of Directors, and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is required, items may be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered separately.

- 1. Approval of:
  - a. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes approved by the committee on May 18, 2021
  - b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021
- The Minutes that were originally posted to the website in the Board Packet had "Agenda" instead of "Minutes" in the header. It also had the incorrect adjournment date. These errors have since been corrected.

Motion to approve following consent calendar items (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021, and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021, with the corrections made as mentioned above, made by Director Sanderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Wargo.

**Director Sanderson - Aye** Director Morris - Aye Director Wargo - Aye **Director Tincher - Absent** Director Lynk - Aye

- 2. Warrants None
- 3. Awards of Contracts None

#### **UPDATES**

1. Update: San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Update (Director Morris)

There were no new updates.

#### **Public Comments:**

- A customer, Paul Oshideri, was present with concerns about his properties. The Board agreed to listen to the Public comments at the beginning of the meeting, instead of the end, so that Mr. Oshideri would not have to wait for the entire meeting before presenting his concerns.
- > Director Lynk reminded Mr. Oshideri that while the Board can listen to his concerns, nothing can be done at this meeting, but it can be added to next month's agenda, and a decision could be made then.
- Paul Oshideri stated he has several properties that he rents out. He pointed out that if a tenant's bill remains unpaid for a certain amount of time, their water is supposed to be shut off. However, due to COVID regulations, CWD is unable to shut off the water. CWD's rules state that if a tenant doesn't pay their bill, the financial responsibility falls under the owner. Mr. Oshideri is now stuck with close to \$10,000 of unpaid water bills incurred from his tenants. He attempted to get financial help from State and Federal funding, but was unable to. He requested that the Board forgive his bills, since it would be easier for a Water District to obtain funding from the government than a property owner.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Action: Review and adoption of Fiscal Year 21/22 Budget

(by Scott Nelson)

- This item was discussed prior to the manager's report, so that Scott Nelson, the District's financial consultant, would not need to wait around for the rest of the meeting.
- The changes discussed in the May 18 Regular Board Meeting were made: The addition being the recoating of the roof of Tank #2, and the removals of the purchase of a District Vehicle and the detachment of the area that is land-locked by the Tribe.
- > GM Louie brought up that the District is the process of negotiating a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Union. He pointed out that there may be some changes to the Payroll section of the Budget, if the new MOU has raised pay rates.
- Mr. Nelson said that a Budget would need to be adopted before July 1, but there can be an Amendment to the budget once the MOU is complete.

Motion to adopt the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022, with the contingency to amend the Budget after the Union's MOU is completed, made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

**Director Sanderson - Aye Director Morris - Aye** Director Wargo - Ave **Director Tincher - Absent** Director Lynk - Aye

### **UPDATES**

### 2. Update:

at another time.

## Manager's Operations Report (by GM Louie)

- ➤ COVID-19 updates: The lobby will be opening June 16, 2021.
- > Well #1 update: The Well tested positive for coliform. It will be flushed and chlorinated over the weekend, and tested again. There were damages discovered on the pump shaft, as discussed in last month's meeting. Legend repaired the shaft, with their concerns being the cost of the crane required to lift the pump. It was mutually decided to move forward with the repairs, and discuss who would pay for it
- > Tank #2: Director Lynk and CWD staff went to Tank #2 to observe the damages on the roof. He stated that it needs to be repaired. GM Louie also pointed out that there are damages on the exterior of Tank #4, but those repairs can wait until the following Fiscal Year.
- > Tesla battery powerpack update: Tesla found a location for the battery, but Legend states it is too close to the pump house, that if repairs were required on the Well, a normal crane would be unable to fit there. Tesla said they found a new location, but there would be a charge to the District to place it there. GM Louie said he would research if it would be more affordable to relocate the battery, or to rent a special crane that would be able to reach the pump, if repairs are eventually needed.
- > Leaks: There was a leak on Broadway that has been repaired. There is another leak on the way to Well #1 that will soon be repaired.
- > Asplundh reimbursement: In January, an employee of Asplundh Construction hit a fire hydrant. The District is awaiting the check for the reimbursement of the costs.
- > 50100 Main St. Yard: GM Louie is awaiting word from the District's engineering firm, who said they might know who to contact for the necessary permits for the District's new Material and Equipment Yard.
- > Field Crew Worker Recruitment: The District used ZipRecruiter to find candidates for the open position of a FCW I, but did not get a very good response.
- > Charles Ripps sent a drafted Agreement to have a test Well drilled on his property, it will be discussed at next month's meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any person may address the Board of Directors at this time on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Cabazon Water District that is not listed on the agenda; however, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for investigation and reported at a subsequent Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors is prohibited by law from discussing or taking immediate action on items during this public comment period. To comment on specific agenda items, please advise the Board secretary prior to the meeting. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes. Individuals may not give their time away to another spokesperson. After two (2) minutes, the speaker will be notified that he/she has one (1) minute remaining. AB 1234 ORAL REPORTS (Gov. Code Sec. 53232.3(d))

#### GENERAL MANAGER/BOARD COMMENTS

### 1. Future Agenda Items

The Board Chair or the majority of the Board may direct staff to investigate and report back to an individual(s) and the Board on matters suggested or direct the General Manager/Board Secretary to place the matter on a future Board meeting.

- Suggested agenda items from the Public.
- Paul Oshideri's concerns will be discussed at next month's regular Board meeting on July 20, 2021.
  - Suggested agenda items from Management.
  - Suggested agenda items from Board Members.

### **Management Comments**

Staff members may speak on items of information not requiring comment or discussion to the Board and public. Topics which may be included on a future meeting agenda may be presented but cannot be discussed. (3 minutes)

- The Board Secretary stated that she spoke to the workers at the Post Office and the Library and obtained permission to replace the window on the Post Office bulletin board
- 3. Board Member Comments

Board members may speak on items of information not requiring comment or discussion to the Board and public. (3 minutes)

Director Sanderson mentioned that Jensen Dam would be a better name for Jensen Canyon.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. Future Board Items/Next Board Meeting Date(s)
  - a. Finance & Audit Workshop Tuesday July 20, 2021, 5:00 pm

- b. Regular Board Meeting Tuesday July 20, 2021, 6:00 pm
- c. Personnel Committee None
- d. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Meeting Wednesday June 23, 2021 5:00 pm

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion to adjourn at 18:45 hr. made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

**Director Sanderson - Aye Director Morris - Aye** Director Wargo - Aye **Director Tincher - Absent** Director Lynk - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 18:45 hr. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Robert Lynk, Board Chair

**Board of Directors Cabazon Water District**  Evelyn Aguilar, Secretary

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#### ADA Compliance Issues

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