

# Cabazon Water District

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

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **MINUTES**

### Meeting Location:

Cabazon Water District Office 14618 Broadway Street Cabazon, California 92230

### Meeting Date:

September 17, 2019 - 6:00 PM

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

**Director Martin Sanderson - Present Director Maxine Israel - Present** Director Sarah Wargo - Present Director Alan Davis - Present Director Robert Lynk - Absent

Calvin Louie, General Manager - Present Elizabeth Lemus, Board Secretary - Present Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant - Absent Steve Anderson, Best Best & Krieger Law Firm - Absent Joseph Ortiz, Best Best & Krieger Law Firm - Absent

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 and Warrants approved by the committee August
  - Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of August 20, 2019
- 2. Warrants None
- 3. Awards of Contracts None

Motion to approve following consent calendar item(s) (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of (a) August 20, 2019, and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2019, made by Director Israel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Wargo.

**Director Sanderson - Aye** Director Israel - Aye Director Wargo - Aye Director Davis - Aye Director Lynk - Absent

### **UPDATES**

1. Update:

San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Update

(by Director Davis)

2. Update:

Manager's Operations Report

(by GM Louie)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Action: Customer Concern: Victor Bustos, Los Victors Restaurant. Monthly Meter Charge inquiry.

> Mr. Bustos expressed his concerns that the monthly meter charge for a 11/2" meter was very high.

Director Wargo requested that District staff review and present during the Oct. Board Meeting what other businesses that have a 1" and 11/2" meter are using for water usage, etc. for the last 6 months.

It was also explained that if a meter downsize was requested, Mr. Bustos would need to hire an engineering firm to ascertain whether a smaller meter would suffice for the property/fire flow/fire suppression system. The District cannot simply downgrade the meter due to liability purposes.

Motion to table this item until water usage and monthly bill comparisons are reviewed from other Cabazon businesses with 1" and 11/2" meters for the last 6 months made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Davis.

Director Sanderson - Aye Director Israel - Aye Director Wargo - Aye Director Davis - Aye

## Director Lynk - Absent

2. Discussion:

Southern California Edison – Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) (by General Manager Louie)

**Briefing**: Electric power interruption during high winds in high fire risk areas. How will this adverse effect late evening and early morning water production?

GM Louie stated that he would continue to monitor the PSPS for the rest of the year, and may recommend in 2020 that additional generator(s) be purchased for the other District wells in the event of an emergency. This was more of an informational item.

Discussion/Action: Legend Pump and Well and Rubicon tank inspection/cleaning bids. Award of contract.

> Legend Pump and Well (approx. \$51k), and Bakersfield Well and Pump (approx... \$87k) both submitted bids to repair Well #1.

Tank Service (Rubicon) submitted a bid to clean/inspect/repair Tank #1. They provided three different options, but option b. for approx. \$105k was recommended by GM Louie.

It was discussed that typically tanks are cleaned/inspected/repaired once every 8 years. It has been over 8 years since Tank #1 has been cleaned/inspected/repaired, so it is well overdue.

The Well #1/Tank #1 repairs were not originally anticipated, and therefore do not have a "placeholder" in the current budget, but there are funds in LAIF to cover the expenses.

Motion to approve an award of contract to Legend Pump and Well Quote for \$50,816.00 for Well #1 repair made by Director Israel and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson - Aye Director Israel - Aye Director Wargo - Aye Director Davis - Aye Director Lynk - Absent

Motion to approve an award of contract to Rubicon Tank Service (Quote # 19-339) option (b.) \$105,250.00 brush-blast and top coat, repair/cleaning/inspection for Tank #1 made by Director Israel and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson - Ave Director Israel - Ave Director Wargo - Aye Director Davis - Aye Director Lynk - Absent

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion/Action: Fire Suppression System Installation and Meter Charges (by Director Lynk)

Because Mr. Lynk was not present, the Board decided to table this item for the Oct. Board Meeting.

Motion to table this item made by Director Israel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson - Ave Director Israel - Ave Director Wargo - Ave Director Davis - Aye Director Lynk - Absent

2. Discussion/Action: Carol's Kitchen - Corporate Sponsorship Petition (by GM Louie)

Because the goals of Carol's Kitchen are different than those of the District's (One is to end hunger, while the other is to provide potable water service), legal advised that due to this, the District would not be able to assist Carol's kitchen as requested.

Motion to deny Carol's Kitchen Corporate Sponsorship Petition made by Director Israel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson - Ave Director Israel - Aye Director Wargo - Aye Director Davis - Aye Director Lynk - Absent

\*Note: A short break was called from 18:53 hr. to 19:01 hr., when the meeting resumed.

3. Discussion: District Liability for Directors and Staff Traveling on Approve Events (by GM Louie)

> District's Legal essentially provided an informational brief that as long as the District had the appropriate insurance, and as long as the vehicles, etc. had insurance, the District had the option of allowing Directors/Staff to travel on approved District events via private or personal means (e.g. rental car or personal vehicle).

Discussion: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update (by GM Louie)

# Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program Pre-application Workshop updates.

Two upcoming Sacramento events: Tuesday, September 24, 2019, and Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

Director Israel and Director Davis, respectively, volunteered to attend these meetings.

SGP GSP Kickoff meeting updates.

# 5. Discussion/Action: Audio Sound System Bid (by General Manager Louie)

Props AV Audio Visual FX – Michael Betancourt 945 E. 6th Street, Beaumont, CA 92223 (Estimated \$12k to \$15k)

No bids have come through yet, but the GM is trying to obtain additional bid(s).

No motion was made, but it was the consensus that this item be tabled. No objections were voiced by either Board or public.

# Late Breaking Item:

Because there is an anticipated Sacramento Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, in which a District Director and potentially District staff may attend, it was decided that the October Board Meeting should be rescheduled as to allow traveling members to make it to Sacramento in time.

Motion to reschedule the October 2019 FAC and Regular Board meeting from Tuesday, October 15, 2019 to Monday, October 14, 2019, maintaining the same meeting times (5:00 pm for the FAC Meeting and 6:00 for the Regular Meeting) made by Director Israel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Sanderson.

**Director Sanderson - Aye** Director Israel - Aye Director Wargo - Aye Director Davis - Aye Director Lynk - Absent

# 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.
- Suggested agenda items from Management.
- Suggested agenda items from Board Members.

# 2. 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)

### 3. Board Member Comments

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. Future Board Items/Next Board Meeting Date(s)
  - a. Finance & Audit Workshop Monday October 14, 2019, 5:00 pm
  - b. Regular Board Meeting Monday October 14, 2019, 6:00 pm
  - c. Personnel Committee None
  - d. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Alliance Meeting Wednesday October 23, 2019

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 19:27 hr. made by Director Israel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson - Aye

Director Israel - Aye

Director Wargo - Aye

Director Davis - Aye

Director Lynk - Absent

Meeting adjourned at 19:27 hr. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Robert Lynk, Board Chair

**Board of Directors** 

Cabazon Water District

Vice Chair

Elizabeth Lemus, Secretary

**Board of Directors** 

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