

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT  
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277**

**APRIL 26, 2017 / 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bob Coghill, Carol Giannini, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Moore led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Ed Vallerand of Twentynine Palms, complimented the District for the speakers that addressed his chromium VI questions at the last meeting.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Open Comments

Gary Sturdivan, with Sierra West Consultants, provided the Board with an update on the progress of the plan with the Internal and External committees. Both committees are working on Section 4, replacement costs.

1. Consider Resolution 17-06 Rescinding Resolutions 14-12 and 15-07 and the Restrictions on Water Use Contained Therein

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 17-06, lifting Stage I and Stage II water restrictions, in accordance with Governor Brown's termination of the drought state of emergency for most parts of the state.

The Board was advised that the District still has in place water use restrictions that were adopted in 1988 with the approval of Ordinance 58. These restrictions are in line with Governor Brown's proposal of permanent restrictions such as: No aerial watering of landscape on any day between the hours of 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; water shall not be permitted to run off private property into the streets; sidewalks and driveways shall not be washed off; no washing off automobiles or houses without the use of an automatic shut-off nozzle; decorative ponds and fountains over 20 gallons must be equipped with a recirculating pump; leaky faucets and water lines must be repaired in a timely manner to prevent water waste.

Director Shinaver made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-06 rescinding Resolutions 14-12 and 15-07 and the restrictions on water use contained therein, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Coghill, Giannini, Horn, Shinaver and Moore
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

2. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on March 22, 2017
- Audit List

Director Horn moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved unanimously, with the correction of Director Shinaver's absence noted under Call to Order and Roll Call.

3. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action  
None

4. Management Reports

4.1 Operations

The District responded to 25 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 1 water meter leak, 3 service line leaks, 1 fire hydrant repair, performed 6 customer pressure checks, replaced 4 meters, replaced 5 customer gate valves, and installed 0 new services. 2 Wastewater complaints reported. Upon investigation, the complaints were false and proved to be a dispute between neighbors. Water production was down 14% as compared to the same month in 2013.

Director Horn commended staff for their professionalism and taking the time to answer her questions about the fire hydrant repair.

4.2 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported we are at 68% of the year and budget accordingly. The first draft of the budget will be presented to the Board next month. Cindy is very happy with the bank transfer to Pacific Western and the services and cost savings they provide the District.

4.3 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported that Well 12 is scheduled to start back up this Friday. Bid specifications for Well 11B are expected to be completed in May with bidding beginning in June. The Board will be presented with an employee wellness fair suggestion at an upcoming Board meeting. Longevity is a company that offers onsite mobile preventative medical screenings through use of ultrasound scans to detect cardiovascular disease and cancer. Cost for the screening for employees and Board members would be \$300 per screening with funding coming from the refund check from ACWA/JPIA. The District will be featured in an article in the AWWA Journal highlighting the District's cutting edge design of the Arsenic Plant and its use of regeneration. Production out of the Treatment Plant has increased due to Well 12 and Well 11B having been taken offline. When asked if removal of water from the CADIZ ground water basin would effect Twentynine Palms, Mr. Kolisz explained the basins are separate and should have no impact. With the recent controlled burns by County Fire, the Board was informed that historically the District has not charged for water used in fire training purposes as the exercises benefit the safety of the community.

5. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports


Director Giannini would like the Employee Recognition policy brought back to the Board.

6. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District