

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

JULY 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

Claudia Sall, of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association, thanked the Board for their continued support of the Desert Wise Landscaping Tour. The next tour will be held on April 28-29, 2018.

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, was in favor of a representative of the District attending a proposed meeting between the City and the Marine Corps base regarding a wastewater treatment plant.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Open Comments

There were no comments from the public.

1. Approval of the Twentynine Palms Water District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Upon approval of the plan by the Board, it will be sent to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and FEMA for their review and approval. Once approved by CalOES and FEMA, the plan will be presented to the Board for adoption.

Director Horn moved to approve the Twentynine Palms Water District Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

2. California Special Districts Association 2017 Board of Directors Election

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, asked the Board to consider an individual with a water background and ties to the desert.

Director Giannini moved to elect Kristin Bloomer to the CSDA Board of Directors for Network Seat C, 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

3. Review Proposals and Award Bid for a 2017 Ford 250 4 X 4

Staff recommends accepting the bid from Fiesta Ford. Four dealerships were contacted with three submitting bids.

Director Giannini made a motion to accept the bid from Fiesta Ford in the amount of \$29,315.97, 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

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Change the Date of the September 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Due to the California Special Districts Association's Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase being held the week of September 25th in Monterey, staff recommends rescheduling the regular Board meeting to accommodate Board of Directors and staff members who would like to attend the annual conference.

Director Coghill made a motion to reschedule the regularly scheduled September Board meeting from September 27th to September 20th, seconded by Director Horn, and approved unanimously.

5. Well 11B California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The proposed replacement of Well 11 qualifies as a Categorical Exemption under CEQA guidelines. Staff recommends approving the Determination of Environmental Compliance letter and filing a Notice of Exemption.

Director Giannini made a motion to approve the Determination of Environmental Compliance letter and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the Well 11 Replacement Project, seconded by Director Horn, and approved unanimously.

6. Discussion of Pharmaceutical Disposal

Upon the Board's direction, staff researched the possibility of the District becoming a drop off location for the disposal of pharmaceuticals. The District was advised that it is illegal to accept controlled substances. The District would also become a hazardous waste generator and would be required to follow all the regulations that accompany such designation including annual permit and disposal fees. The County of San Bernardino offers a monthly, third Saturday of the month, Household Hazardous Waste Collection program that will accept medications. The drop off location is at 62499 29 Palms Hwy, Joshua Tree, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. In addition, the Provost Marshall's Office at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center conducts a biannual prescription drug take back at the combat center.

7. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on June 28, 2017
- Audit List

Director Coghill moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Horn, and approved unanimously.

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

9. Management Reports

9.1 Operations

The District responded to 20 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 4 water meter leaks, 1 service line leak, 1 fire hydrant repair, performed 7 customer pressure checks, replaced 12 meters, replaced 8 customer gate valves, and installed 5 new services. Water production was down 10% as compared to the same month in 2013.

9.2 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported the District is trending as budgeted. Most districts are reviewing their fees and conducting rate studies.

9.3 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz reported that the state will not be filing an appeal for hexavalent chromium regulations. The State Water Board adopted a new regulation for 123 TCP. Fortunately, the District does not have 123 TCP in the water. AB1000 is a new bill being introduced to stop the CADIZ project. The bill contains language that could impact water districts in the future with additional regulations beyond existing CEQA requirements. Mr. Kolisz wrote a letter of opposition concerning the language in the document. The Board was asked to consider establishing a legislative committee to stay apprised of future bills.

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

Director Moore may not be in attendance at the August meeting.

11. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver, seconded by Director Horn, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Kerron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest:



Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary
Twentynine Palms Water District

APPROVED AUG 23 2017