

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

MARCH 22, 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, and Sam Moore. Director Roger Shinaver was absent. Also present were General Manager Ray Kolisz and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes. Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Moore led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, complimented District management and staff under the leadership of Mr. Kolisz.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Open Comments

Gary Sturdivan, with Sierra West Consultants, provided the Board with an update. Sections I, II, and III have been vetted and are complete with agendas and minutes posted to the website.

1. Presentation of ACWA/JPIA Refund Check by Karen Thesing Director of Insurance Services

Ms. Karen Thesing presented the Board with a refund check in the amount of \$44,953 for the District's share of a refund for the close of a pooled property and liability policy. Losses were less than projected.

2. Consideration of Resolution 17-05 Intention to Continue Currently Existing Water Availability Assessments of the Twentynine Palms Water District in the Upcoming Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Director Coghill made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-05 intention to continue currently existing water availability assessments of the Twentynine Palms Water District in the upcoming fiscal year 2017/2018, seconded by Director Giannini, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Discussion of the Sustainable Management, Affordability, & Reliability for Twentynine Palms Water District (SMART) Plan and Possible Action to Implement

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, cautioned the District in moving forward with a joint agreement with the Marine base and City of Twentynine Palms for wastewater treatment and suggested the use of aerial surveys.

Staff recommends authorizing the General Manger to retain Adán Ortega to coordinate the SMART Plan and serve as the District's advocate for state funding and inter-agency cooperation and retain C.V. Strategies for community outreach and social media services. In attendance was Adán Ortega, who addressed the Board and briefed them on the Chromium VI regulations established by the state and the pending court case that has ensued. The District has been proactive in participating in a Special District survey concerning costs associated with Chromium VI compliance.

Mr. Kolisz informed the Board that Director Shinaver expressed his approval of the motion.

Director Horn made a motion to authorize the General Manager to execute the professional service agreements with OSG Inc. and C.V. Strategies to implement the SMART Plan, seconded by Director Giannini, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Consent Calendar

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

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

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

6. Management Reports

6.1 Operations

The District responded to 30 Underground Service Alerts, had 0 water main leaks, 0 water meter leaks, 1 service line leak at the Best Western hotel, 4 fire hydrant repairs, performed 4 customer pressure checks, replaced 14 meters, replaced 6 customer gate valves, and installed 0 new services. 0 Wastewater complaints reported. Water production was down 12% as compared to the same month in 2013.


6.2 Finance

Mr. Kolisz reported that line item, Other Penalties, on the financials is higher than expected with operating expenditures tracking as expected.

6.3 General Manager

Mr. Kolisz updated the Board on the progress of Well 11. The parking lot was resealed this past weekend. The District will be participating in the Water Education Day being held at Joshua Basin Water District from 1:00-4:00 pm.

7. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports
Director Coghill provided the Board with a brief report on his attendance at the Special District Leadership Academy. Director Coghill also inquired about potholing at the 801 Housing.
8. Adjournment
On motion by Director Horn, seconded by Director Coghill, and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Kerron E. Moore, President
Board of Directors

Attest.



Ray Kolsz, Board Secretary
Twenty-nine Palms Water District