



**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, April 16, 2024 – 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

**ROLL CALL**

Director Melissa Carlin - Present  
Director Taffy Brock - Present  
Director Alan Davis - Present  
Board Vice Chair Terry Tincher - Present  
Board Chair Sarah Wargo - Present  
Michael Pollack, General Manager - Present  
Evelyn Aguilar, Board Secretary - 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 and Warrants of March 19, 2024
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of March 19, 2024

**Motion to approve following consent calendar items (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants of March 19, 2024 and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of March 19, 2024 made by Director Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Brock.**

Director Carlin - Aye  
Director Brock - Aye  
Director Davis - Aye  
Board Vice Chair Tincher - Aye  
Board Chair Wargo - Aye

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

### UPDATES

1. Update:           **CWD Operations Report**  
                          **(by GM Pollack)**
  - Another fire hydrant was stolen. This one was located at Brett and Aloma. GM Pollack registered with Scrap Theft Alerts, so he will be notified if anyone tries to sell fire hydrants for scraps at any local recycling centers.
  - The cell tower lease with Crown Castle is set to expire on June 30, 2028. A draft of the lease extension proposals was received.
  - Preparations for the FY 24/25 budget are underway.
  - The Sanitary Survey inspection is scheduled for April 17 to ensure all health and safety measures are being followed.
  - The contract negotiations for the Union MOU are underway, and a meeting with Union representatives should be taking place in the near future.
  - The plans and specs for the Esperanza Pipeline project have been reviewed and are ready to go to bid.
  - Core States Group has expressed interest in developing a 9.5 acre lot with 75 spaces on Dolores and Irene.
  - CWD is waiting on SGPWA for the next step regarding the Heli-Hydrants.
  
2. Update:           **SGPRWA Meeting Updates**  
                          **(by Director Brock and Director Carlin)**
  - Discussions were about the same topics as previous months, such as the high cost of requirements regarding chromium 6.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Updates:   **Discussion/Updates with SGPWA Director(s) regarding various matters**
  - No SGPWA representatives were present.
  
2. Discussion/Action:    **Community Involvement**
  - There are no upcoming holidays.

- Director Davis suggested that maybe CWD could host an event with food to socialize with the community.
- Some of the Directors expressed that there has been a lack of participation from the community at recent events.
- Board Chair Wargo mentioned that if the County were to host an event, maybe CWD could contribute.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Approval of Esperanza Pipeline Replacement Project, Phase 1 Bidding Process

Motion to approve the Esperanza Pipeline Replacement Project, Phase 1 Bidding Process made by Director Davis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board Vice Chair Tincher.

Director Carlin - Aye  
Director Brock - Aye  
Director Davis - Aye  
Board Vice Chair Tincher - Aye  
Board Chair Wargo - Aye

2. Discussion/Action: 50020 Seminole Cell Tower Lease Extension

- The current lease is expiring June 30, 2028. The new proposed lease would expire June 30, 2048. With the new lease, there would be a 10% initial increase in rent, then the annual increase would go back to 2% per year. There would also be a \$5,000 signing bonus.

Motion to approve the 50020 Seminole Cell Tower Lease Extension made by Board Vice Chair Tincher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Brock.

Director Carlin - Aye  
Director Brock - Aye  
Director Davis - Aye  
Board Vice Chair Tincher - Aye  
Board Chair Wargo - Aye

### 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))

- James Brock said that he heard about the 22.5 miles of aging infrastructure in the District and wondered how it has taken so long to be addressed. He expressed that he's grateful that someone (referring to GM Pollack) is looking out for the District by looking to replace the aging infrastructure.

CLOSED SESSION at 6:20 PM

1. Discussion/Action: Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: General Manager  
Labor Association: SEIU Local 721

**OPEN SESSION at 6:57 PM**

- No reportable actions were taken during closed session.

**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.
- The draft budget for FY24/25 should be going to the FAC at the next meeting.
- Suggested agenda items from Board Members.
- Board Chair Wargo asked about CWD Badges for 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)

- GM Pollack asked Directors who attend online meetings without roll call to take a screenshot to show attendance, so proof of attendance can be provided in the event of an audit.
- He also stated that he is excited that the Esperanza Pipeline project should be starting soon, and that the Test Well project is slow-going, but moving forward.

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. 05/13/2024 (Monday) at 1:30 PM: San Geronio Pass Water Agency Meeting
- b. 05/09/2024 (Thursday) at 6:00 PM: West Desert MAC Meeting at the Community Center
- c. 05/20/2024 (Monday) at 6:00 PM: San Geronio Pass Water Agency Meeting
- d. 05/21/2024 (Tuesday) at 5:00 PM: Finance & Audit Committee Meeting

- e. 05/21/2024 (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM: Regular Board Meeting
- f. 05/22/2024 (Wednesday) at 5:00 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Committee Meeting
- g. TBD: Community Action Committee at the Cabazon Library
- h. TBD: Personnel Committee Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM made by Board Vice Chair Tincher and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Brock.

Director Carlin - Aye  
Director Brock - Aye  
Director Davis - Aye  
Board Vice Chair Tincher - Aye  
Board Chair Wargo - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2024



Sarah Wargo, Board Chair  
Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District



Evelyn Aguilar, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
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