

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

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Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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

Director Guillermo Perez - Present **Director Melissa Carlin - Present Director Alan Davis - Present Board Vice Chair Taffy Brock - Present Board Chair Terry Tincher - 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:

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants of February 18, 2025
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of February 18, 2025

Motion to approve following consent calendar items (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes and Warrants of February 18, 2025 and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of February 18, 2025 made by Director Carlin and 2nd by Director Perez.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion/Action: **Request for Board of Directors Compensation Increase**
- > The current compensation amount for Board of Directors services is \$100 per day of service, with a maximum of 6 days per month.
- > Director Davis said he requested this item be placed on the agenda, since it has been a long time since there has been an increase. GM Pollack shared that most Special Districts are required to set the amount at \$100. Any increases cannot exceed 5% per calendar year, and voters may petition for referendum on the ordinance. Director Davis responded that he just thought it was worth looking into.

Motion to not pursue the Board of Directors Compensation Increase made by Director Davis and 2nd by **Director Perez.**

Director Perez - Ave Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - Aye Board Vice Chair Brock - Aye Board Chair Tincher - Aye

- 2. Discussion/Action: Purchase used Truck/Sell 2022 Ford F-250
- GM Pollack explained that the District has paid \$75k for the current 2022 Ford F-250 so far, and still owes around \$36k. The current value for the same make and model is around \$58k. He and staff have been looking into used trucks, priced at about \$20k-25k.
- > GM Pollack requested permission to proceed with trading in the current truck, *as long as the current truck is worth at least \$40k, and the used truck to be purchased is worth \$25k at the most.

Motion to move forward with the purchase of a used vehicle, according to the terms above* made by Director Perez and 2nd by Director Davis.

Director Perez – Aye Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - Aye Board Vice Chair Brock - Aye Board Chair Tincher – Aye

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion/Updates: Discussion/Updates with SGPWA Director(s) regarding various matters
- SGPWA Director Wardo was present:
 - o The Heli-Hydrant project is moving along in Cabazon, and should be starting in High Valley in Q2 or Q3.

- o Wargo attended a "Women in Water" conference, and recommended the women in the room to attend these conferences in the future.
- 2. Discussion/Action: **Community Involvement**
- > There will be an event at the Community Center for Easter, but the details have not been provided yet. The District will contribute in some way when the details are available.

UPDATES

1. Update: **CWD Operations Report**

(by GM Pollack)

- > Heli-Hydrants: Most of the work is complete, including the piping. The tanks are being fabricated, and could be ready as soon as the end of the week. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for 04/17, but it is being postponed until sometime in May.
- > Well #5 is still not in operations. At the contractor's expense, adjustments need to be made to the pump motor.
- > A quote for a generator at the office for \$106k was received. An alternate option would be to purchase backup batteries for each necessary workstation and the server room (4 total), at \$7.8k for each.
- > A quote for a generator at Well #1 for \$287k was received. This item is expected to be grant-funded.
- > The Arrowhead bottling plant has expressed interest in reestablishing water service from the District.
- > Associated Press has contacted GM Pollack about conducting an interview regarding the Heli-Hydrants. This is expected to take place in early April. The GM plans to discuss how Heli-Hydrants can save time, money, and most importantly: lives.

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.
- > The proposed FY 25/26 budget will be presented to the FAC in May, then the FAC again and the full board in June.
 - 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. 03/26/2025 (Wednesday) at 5:00 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Committee Meeting
 - b. 04/07/2025 (Monday) at 1:30 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Meeting
 - c. 04/10/2025 (Thursday) at 6:00 PM: West Desert MAC Meeting at the Community Center
 - d.04/15/2025 (Tuesday) at 5:00 PM: Finance & Audit Committee Meeting
 - e. 04/15/2025 (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM: Regular Board Meeting
 - f. 04/21/2025 (Monday) at 6:00 PM: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency Meeting
 - g. TBD: Personnel Committee Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM made by Director Carlin and 2nd by Director Brock.

Director Perez - Aye Director Carlin - Aye Director Davis - Aye **Board Vice Chair Brock - Ave Board Chair Tincher – Aye**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM on Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Terry Tincher, Board Chair

Board of Directors Cabazon Water District **Board of Directors**

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