



**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, July 20, 2021 – 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

**ROLL CALL**

Director Martin Sanderson - Absent  
Director Diana Morris - Absent  
Director Sarah Wargo - Present  
Director Terry Tincher - Present  
Director Robert Lynk - Present

Calvin Louie, 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 of June 15, 2021
  - b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021

Motion to approve following consent calendar item(s) (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021, and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021, made by Director Wargo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Lynk.

Director Sanderson - Absent  
Director Morris - Absent  
Director Wargo - Aye  
Director Tincher - Aye  
Director Lynk - Aye

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

#### UPDATES

1. Update: **San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Update (Director Morris)**

➤ Director Morris was not present to provide an update, but GM Louie stated there was nothing to report.

2. Update: **Manager's Operations Report (by GM Louie)**

- No Public Safety Power Shutoffs. There was an API event on 07/09/2021. This did not cause any interruptions in operations. There was also a CAISO Flex alert ordered by Governor Newsom, suspending certain use of backup generators on 07/10/2021.
- COVID-19 update: The district Lobby is now open. Face masks are optional for vaccinated individuals.
- On 06/29/2021, District staff met with Engineering to discuss the following topics:
  - Main St./Pecan Ave. Yard – The District has been in contact with the County of Riverside for over a year, but hasn't had much progress. Russ Romeyn of K&S was appointed to take the lead on this project, and has performed a Green Tag inspection on the property.
  - Location for Test Well – The US Geological Survey (USGS) recommended that the test well be placed on the northern side of town, due to high nitrates in the southeast part of town. Directors Lynk and Tincher stated that he knows some property owners who might allow a test well to be drilled on their property.  
The Board had concerns about this location, since there is currently only one pipeline leading from the wells to the east part of town. The Board asked GM Louie to get information on the tests done by USGS, or to perform tests on the east side of town, to see if nitrates are still high in that area.
  - Tesla Battery - Keith from Legend stated that the original proposed site of the battery would be acceptable.  
GM Louie suggested removing the generator at Well #2, since he stated it is a financial burden to the District. Director Lynk recommended that this be discussed after the battery is installed.
  - GSA Updates – Engineering and Legal will hold a “workshop” at the August Board Meeting, to re-educate the board about the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.
- Broken gate valve on Broadway – Being coordinated with the county to schedule repairs.
- Leak on Lois - Repaired
- Leak on Mojave - Repaired
- Leak on the road to Well #1 – 10” coupler was purchased, but repair is not completed yet.

- Well #1 update: Legend received negative coliform test results. The District flushed the well over the weekend (07/09/21-07/12/21). On Tuesday morning, the well started up, but shut down after a few minutes. The Field Crew was unable to get it started again. Tess Electric examined the control panel, and discovered that the problem is likely the pump shaft. Keith from Legend stated that it might be "sand locked". Engineering says the only option is to remove the pump, and disassemble the bowls to determine the problem.
- On 07/01/2021, a fire was reported on Peach St. GM Louie responded to cut the lock on the Fire Hydrant for Fire personnel. Director Wargo shared her concerns about the locks delaying the Fire Fighters, and questioned if the Fire Department has keys to the hydrants, or bolt cutters on their trucks. GM Louie said the local Fire Department has keys, but if another Department responds, they would need to cut the lock. The water at this address was supposed to be shut off earlier in the day (after the fire), but wasn't turned off correctly, so the GM had to respond after hours to turn it off. There will be no charge for the after-hours service.
- On 07/14/2021, during construction at the old Wheel Inn restaurant, a leak was discovered across the street. This was likely caused by the construction on this project. Further investigation will be done.
- Several years ago, the District agreed to restore the service lateral for a Steve Thomas. He recently inquired with GM Louie about this. GM Louie is looking into this.
- A short break was taken from 19:12 hr. until 19:17 hr.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion/Action: Customer Concern – Paul Oshideri – Address his concerns with the Board. (by Mr. Oshideri)**
  - Mr. Oshideri was not present. The Board Secretary stated that she emailed him the previous Thursday, and left a voicemail on his phone the day before the meeting, reminding him of his place on the Agenda.
2. **Discussion: Draft Contract for drilling of test well – Charles Ripps (by GM Louie)**
  - Charles Ripps had drafted an Agreement, offering his property as a location for the test well. As stated in the Manager report, USGS recommended the well be drilled on the North side of town. The Board requested that the GM obtain information regarding the tests done by USGS, and/or get tests done on the East side of town to determine if there are still high nitrates in that area.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion/ Action: Approval for Director Lynk's previous badge to be embedded in lucite and released to Director Lynk. (by the GM Louie, Vice Chair Wargo, and the Board)**

History of the Cabazon Water District's issuance of badges. The vendor is Dekker Design Plastic – Crystal-Like Products – Chatsworth, California.

- Since it would be a conflict of interest if Director Lynk were to vote on this item, it was decided to table this item until more Directors are present.
- 2. **Discussion/Action: Determine a date and time for Special Meeting regarding Annual Standby Charges (by Board Secretary Aguilar, chairman Lynk, & the Board of Directors)**

**Motion to approve the Special Meeting regarding Standby charges to be held on August 4, 2021, at 3:00 pm made by Director Wargo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Tincher.**

**Director Sanderson - Absent  
Director Morris – Absent  
Director Wargo - Aye  
Director Tincher - Aye  
Director Lynk – Aye**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**1. Discussion/Action: General Manager Performance Evaluation**

- This item was tabled for the August meeting, so that the other Directors could share their input as well.

**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 GM Evaluation is being tabled for the August Meeting**
- **Engineering and Legal plan to hold a series of workshops informing the Board about the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, starting at the August Meeting**
  - **Suggested agenda items from Board Members.**
- **The Board requested that GM Louie obtain information from USGS on their testing for the East side of town, so that the location for the test well and Mr. Ripps agreement can be discussed more thoroughly.**

**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)

- Director Wargo shared that the net loss for FY 20/21 came out to only 52% of what was expected.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Future Board Items/Next Board Meeting Date(s)

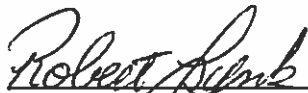
- a. Finance & Audit Workshop – Tuesday – August 17, 2021, 5:00 pm
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday – August 17, 2021, 6:00 pm
- c. Personnel Committee – None
- d. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Meeting – Wednesday – July 28, 2021 – 5:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 19:33 hr. made by Director Wargo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Tincher.

Director Sanderson - Absent  
Director Morris - Absent  
Director Wargo - Aye  
Director Tincher - Aye  
Director Lynk - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 19:33 hr. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021



Robert Lynk, Board Chair  
Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District



Evelyn Aguilar, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District

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