



Cabazon Water District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Meeting Location:
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Meeting Date:
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

ROLL CALL

Director Martin Sanderson – Present
Director Diana Morris – Present
Director Sarah Wargo – Present
Director Robert Lynk – Present

Calvin Louie, General Manager – Present
Evelyn Aguilar, Board Secretary – Present
Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant – Present
Scott Nelson, Financial Consultant – 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 approved by the committee on April 20, 2021
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of April 20, 2021

Motion to approve the following consent calendar items (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021, and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021 made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

Director Sanderson – Aye

Director Morris – Aye

Director Wargo – Aye

Director Lynk – Aye

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

*Note: The items were discussed in a different order than the Agenda, due to there being other parties present to discuss certain items.

UPDATES

1. Update: San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance Update (by Director Morris)
 - No Update. The meeting will be on May 26.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion/Action: Review and adoption of FY 21/22 Budget (by Cindy Byerrum and Scott Nelson)
 - Scott Nelson presented the proposed budget for FY 21/22.
 - GM Louie brought up that the paint on the roof of Tank #2 is peeling. He said if it doesn't get recoated, it could spread to the entire tank, which would cost the District a lot more than just repainting the roof. He suggested that these costs be included in the budget, and he could postpone the purchase of a new district vehicle and the detachment of the tribal land until the next Fiscal Year, if needed.

*Note: The Board decided to table this item until the June 15 meeting.

1. Discussion/Action: Review resumes, discuss, interview, and select a community member for the Board of Directors vacant seat. (by Chairman Lynk & Directors)
 - Terry Tincher was interviewed by the Board. He gave a brief introduction about himself, mentioning that he has lived in Cabazon for a long time, and works in the plumbing/pipeline industry. When asked why he would like to join the board, he responded that he likes Cabazon, and wants to help the community by getting this town back to the way it used to be. Director Morris mentioned that she knows Mr. Tincher on the West Desert Municipal Advisory Council, and recommended that he fill the vacant seat.
 - There were no other candidates present.

Motion to appoint Terry Tincher to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

**Director Sanderson – Aye
Director Morris – Abstain
Director Wargo – Aye
Director Lynk – Aye**

- Mr. Tincher took his Oath to Office, and will now be listed as Director Tincher.
- A short break was taken from 18:50 hr. until 19:00 hr.

CLOSED SESSION General Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation

- Closed session began at 19:00 hr.

OPEN SESSION Report of Action to the Public

- Closed session ended at 20:45 hr.
- There were no reportable Actions
- Director Lynk stated that Director Morris had left the conference call, so she will be absent for the rest of the meeting.

3. Discussion: Rippco LLC Well Proposal (by Charles Ripps)

- Mr. Ripps explained the qualities of the two Wells on the Cabazon property that he owns, and the benefits to the District if it were to obtain this property. He said his Wells have been tested regularly, and always come back with very good results. He said Legend has examined his Wells, and have pointed out that they are in a very good location. He stated that he understands the District probably doesn't have the funding to purchase this property, but there are proposed bills that, if passed, would help water districts in getting funding.
- GM Louie pointed out that he has already obtained a grant, which allows the District to put a test Well on the East side of town. If this test Well is successful, the District could be granted with funding to place a permanent Well on the East side of town. Engineering is currently looking for a location for the test Well.
- Director Lynk recommended that Mr. Ripps write a letter to the District's Engineering, offering his property for the test Well. If the District obtains funding from this test, Mr. Ripps proposal could be discussed again.

4. Discussion/Action: Public Bulletin Board (by GM Louie)

- The window in the bulletin board at the Post Office is faded. During the last regular Board Meeting, Director Lynk asked GM Louie to look into replacing it. GM Louie determined it would be around \$275.
- The Board mentioned they weren't sure who is in charge of the bulletin board, but that would have to be determined prior to replacing it.

Motion for the GM to ascertain who has authority to replace the public bulletin board, and get permission to replace the window on it made by Director Lynk and 2nd by Director Wargo.

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

UPDATES

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

- There was a planned power outage on 04/28/2021 that the District was unaware of, due to SCE notifications going to a spam email folder. This caused a lot of confusion, as this was the day the monthly bills were to be printed. The District worked with Accent to resolve this issue.
- No changes to COVID-19 procedures, but California is expected to relax certain guidelines on 06/15/2021. It is unclear to which extent businesses will be affected.
- There was a missing cap and graffiti on a fire hydrant/ construction meter. This may have been attempted water theft.
- Well #1 update:
 - New pump motor was installed and test activated.
 - Well was set to flush over the weekend in an attempt to produce negative coliform results. The Well failed to pump, due to a high pressure alert.
 - GM Louie observed cuts on the new pump shaft, and noticed Legend crew smoothing the cuts with sandpaper. He inquired with Engineering if this is the proper procedure, or if Legend is contracted to replace the entire pump shaft. The GM is awaiting a response from Engineering. Director Lynk stated that the pump shaft should be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: **Customer Concern – Paul Oshideri**

- Mr. Oshideri was absent.
- The Board Secretary stated that Mr. Oshideri emailed her saying he would be there.

***Note: No motion was made.**

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.
- 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)

➤ Director Wargo welcomed Director Tincher onto the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

- a. Finance & Audit Workshop – Tuesday – June 15, 2021, 5:00 pm
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday – June 15, 2021, 6:00 pm
- c. Personnel Committee – None
- d. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Alliance Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 21:41 hr. made by Director Wargo and 2nd by Director Sanderson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 21:41 hr. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.



Robert Lynk, Board Chair
Board of Directors
Cabazon Water District



Evelyn Aguilar, Secretary
Board of Directors
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