



Cabazon Water District
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Location:

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Cabazon, CA 92230

Teleconference:

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Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 20, 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

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 March 16, 2021
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of March 16, 2021

Motion to approve following consent calendar items (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021, and (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021, made by Director Sanderson and 2nd by Director Morris.

Director Sanderson - Aye
Director Morris - Aye
Director Wargo - Aye
Director Lynk - Aye

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

UPDATES

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

- Nothing to report

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

- No PSPS this month.
- No changes to COVID-19 procedures.
- Progress report on Well #1:
 - Legend attempted to remove the wrench that was dropped in Well #1 last month.
 - They used a magnet that is strong enough to lift 2800 lbs., but were unsuccessful, due to the wrench being lodged vertically.
 - The GM had inquired with the District Engineers if there was a possibility that the wrench would eventually cause problems with the Well.
 - Both Legend and Engineers felt confident there would be no issues.
 - Director Wargo, and Director Lynk voiced concerns about future issues, and whether Legend would pay for any potential damages.
 - Completion date is postponed to May, due to shipping delays.
- Tank #1 is complete, and is awaiting the activation of Well #1.
- The District is providing information and drawings requested by Tesla for the Powerpack battery.
- Manuel Delgado conducted the biennial sanitary inspection of the District, and had some positive comments, such as *"Cabazon's management and staff are conscientious and have done a good job of maintaining the water system."* There were 8 recommendations imposed by Federal Health Department, which are being addressed within the next 30 days. Director Lynk told GM Louie that if these incur any costs, to bring them up at the next board meeting.

- Update on 50100 Main St. Property:
 - The District has been trying to work with Riverside County's Building & Safety department, and Planning department, but each says it is not their jurisdiction. Director Lynk recommended asking each department to submit a letter stating that it isn't their jurisdiction, so that it's in writing.
 - 2 storage containers are now on the new property.
- GM Louie attended a conference call on April 14 with CWSA, regarding some proposed bills, and CWSA's decision on each of them.
 - AB588- This bill augments the 30 day compliance period of new water regulations to up to 3 years, and possibly 12 additional months. GM Louie signed his support letter, and asked if the board would agree to have Director Lynk also sign the same letter of support.
 - SB222- This is a low-income rate assistance program. CWSA voted to oppose unless it is amended.
 - SB223 – This bill ensures that low-income customer's water is not cut off. GM Louie stated that while it appears great on the surface, it would eventually cause the need to raise the rates. This bill was voted to be opposed unless amended.
 - AB1431- This bill lowers the limits of indoor water use. GM Louie stated that there are many reasons for high water usage, besides irresponsibility. Some being leaky pipes, swamp coolers, inability to afford plumbers, and more. This bill was voted to be opposed.
- The District will begin recruitment of a new Field Crew Worker next week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: **Review resumes, discuss, interview, and select a community member for the Board of Directors vacant seat. (by Chairman Lynk & Board)**

- There were no letters of intent to join the Board of Directors.
- Director Lynk pointed out the Board can wait until the May 18 board meeting to appoint a new Director.
- Director Wargo mentioned the window on the post office bulletin board, where one of the Board vacancy notices was posted, is faded, making it hard to see through. She said this might be a contributing factor of why no one applied to join the Board.

***Note: No motion was made – This will be postponed until the May 18 regular Board Meeting**

2. Discussion/Action: **Proposed Fiscal Year Budget, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – Board to determine whether a Special Meeting is to be convened or assigned to the Financial & Audit Committee to meet with the District's Financial Advisor (Cindy Byerrum) and Management team on 04/27/2021. (by Chairman Lynk & Board)**

- The Board collectively agreed that only the FAC, as opposed to the entire board, would need to be present to meet with the District's Financial Advisor to discuss the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/22 on April 27, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: General Manager's Performance Evaluation – Personnel Committee to establish a date and time to meet with the GM. (by Chairman Lynk, Director Wargo, and GM)

- The personnel committee and GM Louie discussed a date and time for the GM's performance evaluation. They agreed on May 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

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))

- Charles Ripps from Rippco LLC stated that he has property with two Wells in great condition. He said he had been in touch with GM Louie about selling or leasing these Wells, but nothing happened, which he assumed was likely due to the District's budget. Charles brought up that there is a stimulus bill that has been proposed, that would grant funding to water districts that need it. He recommended CWD take advantage of this funding, should the bill be approved, and that he would be happy to provide any information needed. Director Lynk asked him to send the District a proposal of his offers. Charles said he would, but that wouldn't be able to discuss any prices, until intent is shown by the District.

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 Lynk suggested the District replace the window of the bulletin board at the post office, to make flyers more visible to the public.
- Director Wargo asked the Board Secretary to post a Notice of Vacancy that it easier to read through the faded window.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

- a. Finance & Audit Committee – FY 21/22 Budget meeting – Tuesday – April 27, 2021, 6:00 pm
- b. Personnel Committee – GM Evaluation – Wednesday – May 12, 6:00 pm
- c. Finance & Audit Workshop – Tuesday – May 18, 2021, 5:00 pm
- d. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday – May 18, 2021, 6:00 pm
- e. San Gorgonio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Alliance Meeting – Wednesday – May 26, 2021

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn at 18:47 hr. made by Director Sanderson and 2nd by Director Morris.

Director Sanderson - Aye
Director Morris - Aye
Director Wargo - Aye
Director Lynk - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 18:47 hr. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021



Robert Lynk, Board Chair
Board of Directors
Cabazon Water District



Evelyn Aguilar, Secretary
Board of Directors
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