



**Cabazon Water District**  
14618 Broadway Street • P.O. Box 297  
Cabazon, California 92230

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting Location:**

**Teleconference:**

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Access Code: 117188

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**Meeting Date:**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER at 6:12 PM**

**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 Maxine Israel – Present (by conference call)**

**Director Robert Lynk - Present**

**Calvin Louie, General Manager - Present**

**Elizabeth Lemus, Board Secretary - Absent**

**Cindy Byerrum, Financial Consultant - Present**

**Steve Anderson, Best Best & Krieger Law Firm – Present (during closed session)**

**Joseph Ortiz, Best Best & Krieger Law Firm - Present**

**Note: This meeting was recorded by the District - Yes**

**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 August 18, 2020
  - b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Warrants of August 18, 2020

**Motion to approve following consent calendar item(s) (a.) Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes/Warrants of August 18, 2020, (b.) Regular Board Meeting Minutes/ Warrants of August 18, 2020, and (c.) Special Board Meeting Minutes/ Warrants of August 5, 2020 made by Director Sanderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Morris.**

Director Sanderson - Yes  
Director Morris - Yes  
Director Wargo - Yes  
Director Israel - Yes  
Director Lynk - Yes

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

#### UPDATES

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

Director Israel made a verbal report. It was inaudible to the GM who took the place of the Board Secretary for this meeting.

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

See GM's Operations Report Notes

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: **Cabazon Water District Water Rate Study Presentation by NBS.**

NBS and Byerrum, District's Financial Advisor presented the Cabazon Water District Water Rate Study.

GM advised the Board the 1 million reserve goal was outdated as it was the original goal set back 13 years ago. Byerrum suggested a \$1.5 million goal to be set for 2025 may be an easier goal to meet.

GM also advised the Board the Contract between the District and DHPO would end in 2022. This fact was part of the answer for Director Wargo when she questioned why DHPO, a high water user, was paying less than what a residential high water user would pay. The GM slightly touched on the Excess

Capacity pay back (credit) to Simon Properties, owners and property management of DHPO.

Chairman Lynk favored the 50/50 recommendation citing water conservation has resulted other water districts and cities to raise their rates even more to cover their cost. He stated lower water usage meant lower revenue.

Director Wargo, Sanderson, Morris, and Israel favored the 30/70.

**Motion to accept the 30/70 percent water rates made by Director Sanderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Morris.**

Director Sanderson - Yes  
Director Morris - Yes  
Director Wargo - Yes  
Director Israel - Yes  
Director Lynk - Yes

Motion: Approved

2. Discussion/Action: Resuming Interest and Penalty Charges, along with other misc. fees (tag fees, etc.)

Director Wargo stated there were still Cabazon residents still having financial challenges. She was not in favor of bringing back Penalty Charges, along with other misc. fees (tag fees, etc.)

**Motion to approve Resuming Interest and Penalty Charges, along with other misc. fees (tag fees, etc. made by Director Sanderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Lynk.**

Director Sanderson - Yes  
Director Morris - Absent  
Director Wargo - No  
Director Israel - Absent  
Director Lynk - Yes

Motion Failed

1. Discussion/Action: Transfer of funds from the District's General Acct. to the District's LAIF Acct. Requesting \$125,000 transfer.

**Motion to approve Transfer of funds from the District's General Acct. to the District's LAIF Acct. Requesting \$125,000 transfer made by Director Wargo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Sanderson.**

Director Sanderson - Yes  
Director Morris - Absent  
Director Wargo - Yes  
Director Israel - Absent  
Director Lynk - Yes

Motion: Approved

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CLOSED SESSION @ 19:09 hr.**

- (1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Potential Litigation vs. Cabazon Water District (1 case)
- (2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – General Manager's Personnel Evaluation / Annual Performance Review.

**OPEN SESSION @ 20:27 hr.**

Report to the public of action taken by the Board, if any.

**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)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

- a. Finance & Audit Workshop – Tuesday – October 20, 2020, 5:00 pm
- b. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday – October 20, 2020, 6:00 pm
- c. Personnel Committee – None
- d. San Geronio Pass Regional Water Alliance – Alliance Meeting – Wednesday –

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 20:40 hr. made by Director Sanderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Wargo.

Director Sanderson - Yes  
Director Morris - Absent  
Director Wargo - Yes  
Director Israel - Absent  
Director Lynk – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 20:40 hr. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020



Robert Lynk, Board Chair  
Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District



Elizabeth Lemus, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District

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