

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT  
72401 HATCH ROAD, TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA 92277**

**JUNE 26, 2013 / 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Bo Bourikas, Chancey Chambers, Philip Cisneros, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were General Manager Tamara Alaniz, Operations Manager Ray Kolisz, Financial Consultant Cindy Byerrum, and District Secretary Cindy Fowlkes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Moore led the pledge.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item. Mr. Vallerand apologized to Director Moore for comments made at the last meeting pertaining to requirements to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee. He expressed concerns over a proposed oil pipeline that falls within the District's boundaries.

Gary Louies, of Twentynine Palms, spoke to a non-agenda item. Mr. Louies commented on billing issues regarding the installation of a new water meter.

Larry Bowden, of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, spoke in regards to the latest committee meeting. The first three meetings were very informative and the committee will be working to come up with ideas and solutions.

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Continuation of Water Availability Assessment

1.1 Board to Hear Public Testimony at This Time

Director Moore opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. There being no public testimony to be heard, Director Cisneros moved to close the public hearing at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Director Shinaver and unanimously approved.

2. Consider Resolution 13-07 Continuing the Current Existing Level of Water Availability Assessments for Fiscal Year 2013/2014

Staff recommends the Board approve the resolution as the rates will remain the same and there were no comments from the public.

Director Cisneros moved to approve resolution 13-07 to continue the current existing level of water availability assessments for fiscal year 2013/2014, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Cisneros, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

3. Consider Approval of Resolution 13-08 Adopting the Proposed Budget of the Twentynine Palms Water District for Fiscal Year 2013/2014

Ms. Alaniz pointed out that the LAIF balance has been included in the budget as well as capital expenditures, as requested by the Board. The telecommunications fund was split between the Water and Fire Departments after election costs were deducted. Staff recommends approving the proposed budget. Ms. Byerrum clarified that the District is not deficit spending, revenues are greater than expenses.

Director Bourikas made a motion to approve resolution 13-08 adopting the proposed budget of the Twentynine Palms Water District for fiscal year 2013/2014, seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Cisneros, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

4. Consider Resolution 13-09 for Paying Off the CalPERS Side Fund for the Water Department

Ms. Alaniz informed the Board that CalPERS requires the adoption of the resolution in order for the District to pay off the side fund. There is a 7.75% interest rate currently being charged on the fund. Paying off the fund will save the District approximately \$19,000 in interest rates over the life of the loan.

Director Cisneros made a motion to approve resolution 13-09 to pay off the CalPERS side fund for the water department, seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Directors Bourikas, Chambers, Cisneros, Moore, and Shinaver
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

5. Report on ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Spring Conferences by Director Chambers

Director Chambers touched upon a few items including the pollution of ground water by utility companies and the 2014 Water Bond.

6. Approve Director(s) to Attend ACWA/JPIA and ACWA Fall Conferences (December 2-6, 2013) and to Provide Daily Meeting Stipend

Director Bourikas made a motion to approve the attendance of a Director at the ACWA/JPIA and ACWA fall conferences, seconded by Director Cisneros and approved unanimously.

7. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2013
- Audit List

Director Cisneros moved to adopt the Consent Calendar, seconded by Director Chambers and approved unanimously.

8. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar for Discussion or Separate Action

None

9. Management Reports

9.1 Operations

Mr. Kolisz reported that the District responded to 19 Underground Service Alerts, had (1) 6" flex water main leak, 2 blown meters, performed 1 leak audit, and 3 fire hydrant repairs. Production is slightly up for the month of May and up 2% for the year. The District has three portable emergency generators which are rotated and tested on a monthly basis. The media at the arsenic removal system at Well 11 was regenerated this month, saving the District thousands of dollars. The media at the Fluoride Treatment plant does break down and has to be added to periodically during regeneration.

9.2 Finance

Ms. Byerrum reported on the summary of operations. The year is expected to end with a 5% positive variance in revenues.

9.3 General Manager

Ms. Alaniz provided the Board with a report from her attendance at the ACWA/JPIA Conference. Information technology improvements have begun. Ms. Alaniz and City Manager, Mr. Guzzetta, have met and discussed The Groundwater Protection Plan and Wastewater Plan. Staff has met with solar representatives and will continue researching solar alternatives. Ms. Alaniz recommended the Board consider including a report from the Citizens' Advisory Committee as a standing Fire agenda item.

10. Future Agenda Items and Staff Tasks/Directors' Comments and Reports

Director Moore proposed placing Mr. Louies' concern on the July agenda.


11. Adjournment

On motion by Director Cisneros seconded by Director Shinaver and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



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Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Tamara Alaniz, Board Secretary  
Twentynine Palms Water District