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

## NOVEMBER 24, 2015 / 4:00 P.M.

## Call to Order and Roll Call

President Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., 72401 Hatch Road, Twentynine Palms, California. Those responding to roll call were Directors Chancey Chambers, Carol Giannini, Suzi Horn, Sam Moore, and Roger Shinaver. Also present were General 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**

None

1. LAFCO Reorganization – Annexation to San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and Divesture of Fire Function from Twentynine Palms Water District Consideration and possible action – Financial information and contributions for LAFCO Reorganization; Proposals from the City of Twentynine Palms for support of LAFCO Reorganization; Additional updates and requirements for LAFCO Reorganization.

Ed Vallerand, of Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of selling the Lear Fire Station and ladder fire truck to the City of Twentynine Palms and disputed the county's projected increase.

Frank Lukino, City Manager of Twentynine Palms, confirmed that placing PERS in the inactive phase is a viable option.

Ms. Rollings-McDonald, of LAFCO, answered questions from the Board and clarified the following:

- The unfunded liability for the CalPERS contract remains the obligation of the Twentynine Palms Water District. The City does not assume the liability for the contract.
- If the Fire Department ceases to operate, the Twentynine Palms Water District must continue paying the unfunded liability with the special fire tax.
- The City must provide fire service within the City's boundaries, not unincorporated
- An unprecedented condition of approval would be drafted with the City contributing to the PERS unfunded liability. LAFCO approves the funding mechanism for the unfunded liability not the number presented.

The Directors were presented with the City's proposal and three options for the termination of liability for the unfunded PERS. After discussion of all presented options including the City's proposal, the Directors agreed to have the Fire Ad Hoc committee meet in lieu of a joint meeting with the City tentatively scheduled for November 30th.

Director Shinaver moved to reject the City's proposal seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Directors Chambers, Giannini, Horn, Moore, and Shinaver

Noes:

None

Abstain: Absent: None None

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

Director Horn thanked Ms. Rollings-McDonald for attending the meeting and providing clarification.

3. Adjournment

On motion by Director Shinaver seconded by Director Chambers and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Kerron E. Moore, President

**Board of Directors** 

Ray Kolisz, Board Secretary

Twentynine Palms Water District