

MINUTES
BORREGO SPRINGS INTERIM WATERMASTER REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Conducted Virtually via GoToMeeting
Thursday, October 8, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

I. Opening Procedures

- A. Director Duncan called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- B. Director Duncan led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Samantha Adams (Executive Director) called roll and confirmed that all members of the Board were present. The following individuals were present at the meeting:

Directors Present	Chairman Dave Duncan – Borrego Water District
	Vice Chairman Shannon Smith – Recreational Sector
	Mike Seley – Agricultural Sector
	Jim Bennett – County of San Diego
	Mark Jorgensen – Community Rep.
Watermaster Staff Present	James M. Markman, Legal Counsel
	Samantha Adams, Executive Director (WEI)
	Kristan Culbert – Staff Scientist, WEI
Others Present	Michele Staples, Jackson Tidus
	Kathy Dice, BWD Board Member (Board Alternate)
	Lyle Brecht, BWD Board Member
	Rebecca Falk
	Cathy Milkey, Rams Hill
	Rich Pinel, Roadrunner Club and Springs RV and Golf Resort
	Geoff Poole, BWD General Manager
	Diane Johnson, BWD Board Member
	Tammy Baker
	Trey Driscoll, Dudek
	Leanne Crow (Board Alternate) – County of San Diego
	Martha Deichler (Board Alternate) – Community Rep.
	Mark Stevens, BSUSD
	David Garmon
	Scott Morgan
	Gary Worobec
Anita Regmi, DWR	

- D. Approval of Agenda.

Executive Director Adams requested addition of a new agenda item (IV.C), Consideration of Approval of Resolution 20-08 to establish a bank account.

Motion: Motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Jorgensen to add Resolution 20-08 to the Agenda as item IV.C. *Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).*

II. Public Correspondence

- A. Correspondence Received – None reported.

B. Public Comments.

- Lyle Brecht addressed the Board regarding the potential for impact to groundwater in Borrego Springs associated with the Hemp Ordinance being considered for approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.
- Gary Worobec addressed the Board regarding the potential for impact to groundwater in Borrego Springs associated with the Hemp Ordinance being considered for approval by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and stated that he would send additional information to Executive Director Adams on the issue.
- Rich Pinel addressed the Board to request an opportunity to ask questions during the agenda item to discuss the status of the Stipulated Judgement.

III. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar for the October 8, 2020 meeting included:

- A. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting on September 24, 2020.

Section VI.B of the minutes from the September 24, 2020 meeting should be corrected as follows:

“Ms. Falk noted that the official location of the WMB local office should be ~~established~~ **discussed further** since the discussion was not completed at the last meeting. Director Duncan asked that this be added for consideration on the next meeting’s agenda.”

Motion: Motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Bennet to accept Consent Calendar with noted corrections to the meeting minutes. *Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).*

IV. Items for Board Consideration and Possible Action

- A. *Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution to Establish Financial Reporting Protocols (Resolution 20-07).* Executive Director Adams provided an overview of Resolution 20-07 in the Board package. A discussion ensued.

Motion: Motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Jorgensen to approve Resolution 20-07 to Establish Financial Reporting Protocols. *Motion carried 5-0-0 by roll call vote.*

- C. *Interim Borrego Springs Watermaster to Establish a Bank Account to Support Implementation of the Settlement Agreement and Assign Authorized Signatures (Resolution 20-08).* Chairman Duncan requested to hear this item before Item IV.B. Executive Director Adams introduced the item and explained that Resolution 20-08 is intended to assign check-signing authority to two Board Members and the Executive Director and establishes the Executive Director as the contracting officer on the account. Resolution 20-08 supersedes the Board’s direction on check-signing authority as defined in Resolution in 20-06. Ms. Adams requested the Board to name two directors with check signing authority for the Watermaster bank account as part of the motion to approve the resolution. accepted check-signing authority, and Executive Director Adams will follow up with Directors Duncan and Jorgensen via email.

Motion: Motioned by Director Smith, seconded by Director Jorgensen to approve Resolution 20-08 with Directors Duncan and Jorgensen assigned check-signing authority. *Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote (5-0-0).*

B. *Agenda for the Inaugural Watermaster Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.* Executive Director Adams presented the agenda item and invited the Board to provide additional items for the TAC Agenda. A discussion ensued, with the following key points:

- Director Duncan requested (1) information about the status of the SGMA GSP contract for water quality monitoring, (2) the status of water quality sampling in 2020, and (3) the addition of the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Plan to the TAC agenda.
 - Michele Staples identified that the Settlement Agreement provides for funding of the monitoring program through March 2020 and inquired if that funding is still available.
 - Director Bennett explained that the monitoring program funding was exhausted as part of the fall 2019 sampling event. He also noted that the draft Statement of Work being prepared for Watermaster staff includes tasks to continue to perform the monitoring semi-annually and that approval of the Statement of Work is anticipated at the November Board meeting.
 - Trey Driscoll reported that the spring 2020 water quality monitoring was not performed due to COVID but that BWD funded the semi-annual water level monitoring event.
 - Ms. Adams reported that the Judgment establishes the timeline for developing an updated Groundwater Quality Monitoring Plan.
 - The Board directed Ms. Adams to research the due date for the updated Groundwater Quality Monitoring Plan and, if due within one year, add the item to the TAC agenda.
- It was clarified that the TAC meetings are open to the public and will be noticed to the distribution list and website.

V. Reports and Updates.

A. Executive Director Report.

- *Meter Verification Progress and Meter Reading Update.* Executive Director Adams provided a detailed update on the status of meter certifications and the initial WY 2021 meter reads for the Settling Parties, reporting that meter reads were recorded for 51 out of 52 active wells. Ms. Adams thanked the BWD Board and Staff for the work to ensure the manual meter reads were completed timely. Directors Smith, Bennett, and Deichler offered their thanks to all involved in the efforts to accomplish this milestone. Director Smith requested that status reports on the remaining information be continued in future meetings.
- *CASGEM Monitoring and Reporting.* Executive Director Adams reported that she is coordinating with BWD staff on the CASGEM monitoring and reporting program and noted that budget is available to support CASGEM efforts of the BWD.
- *Fallowing Standards Verification for Conversion of Water Credits to BPA.* Executive Director Adams informed the Board that staff has initiated the process of addressing fallowing standards verification.
- *Data Transfer to initiate HydroDAVE Database.* Executive Director Adams informed the Board that WEI has received the data transfer from Dudek and that these efforts are moving forward.

- B. Legal Counsel Report. Mr. Markman noted that he would be able to assist the Board in addressing the concerns on the Hemp Ordinance, if needed.
- C. Chairperson's Report – *none*.
- D. Status of Stipulated Judgement – Steve Anderson, Best Best & Krieger (BBK) provided an overview of the status and answered questions from the Board and public.

VI. Board Member Comments.

- A. Chairman Duncan raised the issue of the potential impacts to water use in Borrego due to the Hemp Ordinance. The Board discussed the need for a special meeting to discuss the impacts of the ordinance. Mr. Markman explained that the Chairman would need to formally call the Special Meeting via a specific Process. The Board directed staff to proceed with the process to schedule a Special meeting.
- B. Director Jorgensen inquired about the purpose of the Environmental Working Group (EWG), and asked where additional information can be found. Mr. Anderson (BBK) clarified that the Judgment has limited direction regarding the in order to allow flexibility.

VII. Upcoming Borrego Springs Watermaster Board Meetings.

The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

Potential agenda items could include:

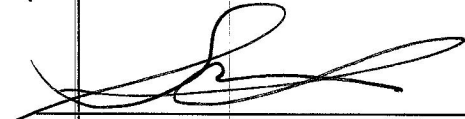
- o TAC Recommendations on Meter Reading Program
- o Watermaster Banking and Assessment Invoices
- o HydroDaVE Database updates
- o Following Standards Verification for Conversion of Water Credits to BPA
- o CASGEM Monitoring and Reporting
- o Environmental Working Group
- o Additional items noted in prior agenda items

VIII. Adjournment.

Director Duncan adjourned the Board meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Kristan Culbert

Recorded by: Kristan Culbert
Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.


Attest: Shannon Smith, Board Secretary