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Regular Board Meeting
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AGENDA

Items with supporting documents in the Board Package are denoted with a page number.

I. OPENING PROCEDURES (Chair)

- A. Call to Order and Begin Meeting Recording
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Approval of Agenda

II. PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENT (Chair)

The Board may direct staff to include topics brought forward during Public Correspondence and Comment on a future meeting agenda. No action or discussion is otherwise taken by the Board. Written correspondence received between March 2, 2024 and April 10, 2024.

- A. Correspondence Received (none)
- B. Public Comment

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (Chair)

Action Item: All items may be approved with a single motion

- A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 14, 2024 **Page 4**
- B. Approval of March 2024 Financial Report **Page 10**
- C. Receive and file November 2023 Land IQ Invoices **Page 20**
- D. Receive and file December 2023 Land IQ Invoices **Page 39**
- E. Receive and file January 2024 Watermaster Staff invoices
 - i. January 2024 RWG Invoice **Page 55**
 - ii. January 2024 Land IQ Invoice **Page 60**
 - iii. January 2024 West Yost Invoice
 - a. Technical and Administrative Services (not grant reimbursable) **Page 74**
 - b. Grant Component 7 – Monitoring and Reporting **Page 80**
 - c. Grant Component 6 – Biological Restoration Study **Page 88**
- F. Receive and file February 2024 Watermaster Staff invoices
 - i. February 2024 RWG Invoice **Page 92**
 - ii. February 2024 West Yost Invoice
 - a. Technical and Administrative Services (not grant reimbursable) **Page 96**
 - b. Grant Component 7 – Monitoring and Reporting **Page 101**
 - c. Grant Component 6 – Biological Restoration Study **Page 107**
- G. Approval of Nomination of Community Representative to the TAC **Page 112**

IV. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation; Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 - Letter from D. Leibert dated February 8, 2024

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

All items listed are for Board discussion and are subject to possible action. Staff memos are provided in the agenda package (at the noted page numbers) and contain background information, staff recommendations (and alternatives), fiscal impacts (if any), and next steps.

- A. Policy on the use of “Best Available Science” (MARKMAN/ADAMS) **Page 132**
- B. Status Update on the Redetermination of the Sustainable Yield (MALONE) **Page 137**
- C. Watermaster Budget Status Report as of March 31, 2024 (ADAMS) **Page 148**
- D. Scoping Discussion for WY 2025 Budget (ADAMS) **Page 152**

VI. REPORTS

- A. Legal Counsel Report – *verbal*
 - a. Report out from March 2024 Court hearing on motion to amend Judgment
- B. Technical Consultant Report – *verbal*
 - a. Status update on the Biological Restoration of Fallow Lands project

- C. Executive Director Reports – *verbal*
 - a. Update on Prop 68 grant reimbursements
 - b. Update on DWR Groundwater Management Plan Review

- D. Chairperson's Report – *verbal*

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 9, 2024 BOARD MEETINGPage 160

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETINGS OF THE BORREGO SPRINGS WATERMASTER

- A. Open House – Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 1:30 to 4:00 pm – IN PERSON at the Borrego Springs Library, Community Room
- B. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 4:30 pm – IN PERSON at the Borrego Springs Library, Community Room
- C. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 4:30 pm

X. ADJOURNMENT