

MINUTES
BORREGO SPRINGS WATERMASTER SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Conducted Virtually via GoToMeeting
Monday, January 10, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM
- II. Chairman Duncan led the meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Executive Director (ED) Samantha Adams called the 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 (BWD)
	Vice Chairman Shannon Smith – Recreational Sector
	Jim Bennett – County of San Diego
	Mike Seley – Agricultural Sector
	Martha Deichler, Board Alternate – Community Representative
Watermaster Staff Present	James M. Markman, Legal Counsel
	Samantha Adams, Executive Director, West Yost
	Andrew Malone, Lead Technical Consultant, West Yost
	Lauren Sather, Staff Scientist, West Yost
Others Present	Atley Keller, LGC
	Cathy Milkey, T2 Borrego LLC
	Claudia Flores
	David Garmon
	Diane Johnson (BWD Director)
	Dr. Michael Wells, Environmental Working Group Member
	Geoff Poole, BWD General Manager
	Jane Gray, Dudek, representing BWD
	Jim Dax
	John Peterson, Environmental Working Group Member
	Kathy Dice, BWD Board Member
	Leanne Crow, Board Alternate – County of San Diego
	Leonardo Urrego-Vallowe, WBE, representing AAWARE
	Madelyn Murray
	Meagan Wylie, representing BWD
	Michele Staples, Jackson Tidus, representing AAWARE
	Paul Rosenboom
	Randal Slane
	Rebecca Falk
	Rich Pinel, Board Alternate – Recreational Sector
	Steve Anderson, BB&K, representing BWD
	Tammy Baker, BWD Board Member
	Tom Watson
	Trey Driscoll, Dudek, representing BWD
	Tyler Bilyk, Board Alternate - Agricultural Sector

IV. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation – Planning and Projects


- A. Presentation by Borrego Water District.** Meagan Wylie gave a presentation summarizing the current status of the Grant and the BWD’s proposed application process.
- B. Public Comment.** At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Duncan opened the floor to public comment. Public comment was made by David Garmon, John Peterson, Michele Staples, and Tammy Baker.
- C. Board Discussion and possible action.** The key points of discussion included:
 - The composition of the Project Review Committee responsible for scoring and ranking projects should include multiple Watermaster Board members given each represents different stakeholder interests in the Basin (agriculture, recreation, County).
 - There are certain projects that can only be performed by the Watermaster as the responsible entity for implementing the Physical Solution to comply with SGMA.
 - To secure full Watermaster support and address concerns expressed by some Board members that the grant projects need to be consistent with the Physical Solution and subject to Watermaster review, an agreement with BWD should be developed and executed. The agreement should be developed by a sub-committee of the Board.

Motion: Motioned by Vice Chairman Smith, seconded by Director Seley, to create a subcommittee to include Vice Chairman Smith and Director Seley that will work with Watermaster Staff to develop an agreement with BWD to secure Watermaster support for the grant application. *Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote (5-0-0).*

- V. Next Meetings of the Borrego Springs Watermaster.** Chairman Duncan reviewed the potential agenda items for the next Board meetings included in the agenda package. The next meetings are:
 - A. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 4:30 pm.
 - B. Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 5:28 PM.



Recorded by:
Lauren Sather, West Yost Staff



Attest:
Shannon Smith, Vice Chairperson, Secretary,
and Treasurer of the Board