



JUNIPER RIVIERA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Thursday April 21, 2022  
5:00 PM District Office**

**AGENDA**

**Board of Directors:**

Erin D’Orio, President  
Jason Chormicle, Vice-President  
Charlene Grenier  
Daniel Taylor  
Waldo Stakes

**Staff:**

Lorrie Steely, General Manager  
Lee Logsdon, Director of Operations

- I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE**
- II. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECORDED MEETING/ ROLL CALL**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** The public is invited at this time to address the Board on matters relating to water district business. Comments regarding specific agenda items may also be addressed during the time that the item is before the Board of Directors, with prior notice being given. The Board of Directors at its discretion may impose time limits on the speaker(s).
- IV. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**  
Motion to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes for Board Meeting held: March 17, 2022
- V. APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUDING MONTHLY OPERATING EXPENSES:**  
Motion to approve the financial report including monthly operating expenses for March 2021
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS: The following items, announcements and/or reports are presented for information and discussion only:**
  - **Operations/Water System Update – Lee Logsdon**
    - + **Overall System update:** Another new meter has been requested on Outpost, staff has scheduled ½ day for meter installation and ½ day of hydrant flushing.
    - + **Clean-out Storm Drains & Culverts, Regular System Maintenance:** Discuss scheduling

- **District Business/General Managers Update – Lorrie Steely**
  - + **GM Meeting Mariana Ranchos Water District:** L Steely spent a fruitful 4 hours meeting with Jim Hanson General Manager of Mariana Ranchos Water District; bad debt to County Taxes, solutions for water service interruption, partnership for equipment/tools/parts.
  - + **Demonstration Garden – Edible Garden Grant Update:** Grant application submitted, results and award announcements expected by July 1, 2022.
  - + **IRWMP Grant Update:** Profiling of Well No. 03 began on March 28th. Team has determined the next course of action, staff will discuss. Priority for Rebuilding/Replacing PRV Stations identified, this work is scheduled to begin after staff concludes cost vs. funding analysis for Well No. 03.
  - + **State Water Resources Control Board Grant:** Status of application for (4) generators; pending.
  - + **Prop 1 Grant:** Preliminary Engineering Report draft under review, survey work complete, profiling of Well No. 02 has begun; pump/motor and well casing removed due to access issues. Staff recommends replacing pump and motor while it is exposed as preventative measure. Cost for labor already covered in the Prop 1 Grant, time to take advantage and save money long term.
  - + **Marijuana issues and water consumption update:** Growing season will soon be upon us growers will be preparing for another season. Please be cognizant of any suspicious activities. Let neighbors and residents know if they see something - say something!! Staff has direct contact with the Marijuana Enforcement Team, neighbors can report it directly to our office and remain anonymous.
- **+ Cal Rural Water Association Annual Expo:** L Steely will attend the annual Water Expo from April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup> as discussed at the February Board Meeting. Excellent change for networking and very good educational classes offered throughout the entire event. Will pursue specific details regarding the Cal Rural Digital Mapping program that is available to small water districts. Office to be closed April 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> to walk-in business, with remote access via laptop, regular business will still be conducted and phones answered.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discuss internship program with Victor Valley College, Ag Department.
- Discuss Finance/Budget Committee meeting date and possible rate increase for monthly service fee as well as cost for new meter installation due to the new adjudication interpretation and ramp-down. As a result, each year the District will have to procure more and more replacement water and therefore needs to consider the long term financial impact. Discuss active and inactive meters. Action will require public hearing, staff recommends implementing 5 year plan. Discuss customer participation during process and with the Finance Committee.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve engagement of new law firm Wesierski & Zurek LLP; retaining Arto Nuutinen JRCWD as District counsel.
- Approve changing start time for Board of Director’s monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm to 5:00pm. Note: any meeting that could generate public attendance will be scheduled for 6:00pm to accommodate/encourage public attendance.
- Approve expenditure for Well No. 02 in the amount of \$18,000 for new Gould’s submersible pump, Franklin 20HP motor, 930 LF submersible cable, and ¾” Sch 40 flush thread air tube. District pays material costs only and no labor since pump and motor are being removed under State grant. Estimated savings for labor costs; \$15,000.

IX. **ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn the April Board of Directors Meeting

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE- 5:00pm Thursday, May 19<sup>st</sup> 2022**