

JUNIPER RIVIERA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
Thursday June 16th, 2022  
5:30 PM District Office

AGENDA

**Board of Directors:**  
Erin D’Orio, President  
Jason Chormicle, Vice-President  
Charlene Grenier  
Waldo Stakes  
(1) Vacant Seat

**Staff:**  
Lorrie Steely, General Manager  
Lee Logsdon, Director of Operations

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE**
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECORDED MEETING/ ROLL CALL**
- III. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE PER SECTIONS 54950 et seq. – TO DISCUSS DISTRICT PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS**
- IV. **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**
- V. **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).
- VI. **INTRODUCE LAURA McDANIELS – INTERN FROM VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE**
- VII. **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**  
Motion to approve the regular Board Meeting Minutes for Board Meeting held: May 19, 2022
- VIII. **APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUDING MONTHLY OPERATING EXPENSES:**  
Motion to approve the financial report including monthly operating expenses for May 2021
- IX. **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**
  - **District Business/General Managers Update – Lorrie Steely**
    - + **Marijuana issues and water consumption update:** Attended the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Deputies from Sheriff’s Dept were present. Discussed MET progress in eradication and Code Enforcement ability to now destroy facilities that have been cited. Growing season is here. Let neighbors, residents know if they see something – say something!!! Staff has direct contact with the Lieutenant of the MET, neighbors can report directly or to our office and remain anonymous.

- **GRANT UPDATES**

- + **Demonstration Garden – Edible Garden Grant Update:** Grant application submitted in February and the award announcements were just received, the District will have \$17,500 for our Demonstration Garden and Community Education Vegetable Garden!! We can start the work right away, but likely due to weather the work will be done when things cool down.

- + **IRWMP Grant Update:** Staff from the third-party grant administrator Woodward & Curran has confirmed that the Department of Water Resources approved the addendum to increase our grant funding from \$250,000 to \$377,000. This will cover the cost for additional work at Well 3 for access to profile, and for replacing all 4 PRV Stations along Milpas.

- Well 3:** Physical sampling of Well 3 was conducted May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, results were received from Geo-Monitor on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> and sent to Besst Environmental for their profiling analysis. Expectation on analysis 3 – 4 weeks.

- PRV Stations:** Priority for Rebuilding/Replacing PRV Stations has been identified. Staff has determined that all the PRV stations along Milpas should be replaced. This is a change to the original scope of work, and has required an amendment with the Department of Water Resources. The amendment has been approved, and staff extended the completion date from this scope of work in order to perform this phase of the project in the fall/winter after summer heat.

- + **State Water Resources Control Board Grant – Generators :** Status of application; Good news!! Staff received a call from Cal Rural Water Association on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>, the State of CA has approved our application to go to the next phase. There has not been any push-back on the request for a total of (4) generators. CRWA staff will complete the next phase of the application process, we should know an answer within 4 – 6 weeks, which should be before the July Board meeting. Stay tuned!!

- + **Prop 1 Grant:** Preliminary Engineering Report draft under review, survey work complete, profiling of Well No. 02 was completed, findings as expected, well not a great producer, no recommendations for improvements. Tri-County Pump did replace the pump and motor while the profiling work was done, labor cost was covered by the IRWM Grant no cost to District. District realized savings in labor costs of \$15,000 by timing the replacement while this work was underway.

X. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Staff will implement direct deposit (dd) for employees. Most municipalities have dd, will save staff time, and is a benefit to employees.
- Demonstrate Infrastructure/Asset Map that Cal Rural Water Association created for the District in 2019.
- Considerations must be made for new Superior Court interpretation and impending ramp-down. With the new judge's interpretation, each year District will be allocated less BAP. As a result, District will be forced to procure more replacement water annually. Select date for Finance Committee to meet, review Cal Rural Water Rate Study and discuss rate increases as recommended. Discuss increase for new meter installations, discuss different rates for active vs inactive meters. Note: Each time a rate increase is discussed it necessitates a public hearing, Study recommends implementing 5 year plan, Staff concurs.
- Discuss San Bernardino County Tax Collections for FY 2022-2023, include Ad Valorem and Stand-By Fees as well as separate collection for uncollectable (bad) debt. Draft documents due to County by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will have a resolution prepared for next Board meeting.

XI. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

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

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE- 5:00pm Thursday July 21, 2022**