

Borrego Water District
MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, November 30, 2009
9:15 AM
806 Palm Canyon Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A.** Call to Order: President King called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- B.** Pledge of Allegiance: Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C.** Roll Call: Directors: Present: President King, Vice-President Smiley (via teleconference), Secretary/Treasurer Andersen, Mendenhall, Shimeall
Staff: Richard Williamson, General Manager
Jerry Rolwing, Operations Manager
Diana Del Bono, Administrative Assistant
Allison Burns, Stradling, Yocca, Carlson & Rauth (via teleconference)
Public: Marshal Brecht Bob McKee
Michelle Witherspoon, MSA Judy Meier, *Borrego Sun*
Jim Jordan Jack Cameron, Borrego Springs Resort
Beth Hart Dennis Dickinson
- D.** Comments from the Public and Requests for Future Agenda Items: None
- E.** Comments from Directors and Requests for Future Agenda Items: None
- F.** Correspondence: None

II. CURRENT BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Public hearing on the Borrego Valley Road Sewer Lift Station No. 1 Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration: President King opened the public hearing at 9:16 a.m. Mr. Williamson reported that the new lift station will be on Borrego Valley Road in the vicinity of the former Community Services District treatment plant. Upon completion, it will replace two older lift stations and enable us to use the former CSD plant for emergency backup only. The BWD treatment plant will operate more efficiently with higher flows and we will save costs.

Michelle Witherspoon from MSA consultants had performed a full CEQA analysis of the project and found the impacts to be primarily temporary, during construction. They can be mitigated through air quality measures. Cultural resources will also be monitored during construction, and geological impacts and soil erosion will be mitigated. Upon completion, there will be no additional impacts. Mr. Williamson reported one comment to the proposed study and declaration, from the Department of Parks and Recreation. MSA prepared a response, which was distributed to those present. Ms. Witherspoon explained that the project did not have to be submitted to a State clearinghouse, because it does not have regional impact and the District is not a State agency.

Director Shimeall asked whether a paleontologist from the State Park could visit the site, and Mr. Williamson replied that they could, as long as necessary safety precautions are followed and they don't interfere with the contractors.

Marshal Brecht inquired about the next-to-the-last paragraph on page 2 of the Initial Study, referring to combined flows of 10,000 gallons per day for 600 homes. Mr. Williamson agreed that it should be 100,000 gallons.

Bob McKee asked how much BWD paid for the CSD lift station, and Mr. Williamson replied that it had been fully depreciated.

President King closed the public hearing at 9:30 a.m.

B. Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Borrego Valley Road Sewer Lift Station No. 1: *MSC: Shimeall/Mendenhall adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Borrego Valley Road Sewer Lift Station No. 1. RC: AYES – Shimeall, Mendenhall, Andersen, Smiley, King.*

III. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

None

IV. CLOSING PROCEDURE

A. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for December 16, 2009 at the Borrego Water District.