

**Borrego Water District**  
**MINUTES**  
**Conservation Standing Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 9:00 a.m.**  
**806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

Attendance:    Director:        Shimeall  
Staff:            Jerry Rolwing, Operations Manager  
                         Wendy Quinn, Recording Secretary  
Public:            Jim Engelke                                Marshal Brecht

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jerry Rolwing corrected the name of a speaker in Item 1 of the April Minutes. It should be Jim Jordan, not Jerry. The Minutes of April 7, 2010 were approved as corrected.

**CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1.     IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Update Budget for FYE 2010

Mr. Rolwing distributed a chart showing Historical Production Well Pumpage from 1983 through 2009.

- Public outreach/education with Borrego College on Conservation Class

Mr. Rolwing announced that the conservation class at the College of Borrego would likely begin in the fall. Guest speakers such as our irrigation auditors may be included. Mr. Rolwing reported he would be attending an International Water Technology conference at Fresno State University next week, where information on irrigation systems will be provided.

- Water saved by incentive program participants

Mr. Rolwing distributed another chart showing water savings by rebate program participants. Jim Engelke reiterated his support for continuation of the turf removal rebate. Mr. Rolwing explained that many areas of the new budget must be reduced due to the slow economy.

**2.     CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MONITORING DUTIES**

- Review of irrigation audits

Mr. Rolwing reported that irrigation audits had been performed for homeowners Labelle, Attiyeh, DeLorenzo and Buxton.

- Turf removal approvals

Fred Emery had requested approval for removal of 1,150 square feet of turf, but he wants to cease watering now and then remove it in the fall. After discussion, the Committee agreed that he would need to remove it before July 1 in order to receive the rebate.

The Committee approved turf removal rebates for homeowners Villafana, Daley and Hansen (pending confirmation of sprinkler removal).

- Irrigation retrofit approvals

Mr. Attiyeh obtained an irrigation retrofit estimate of \$4,700 from Tom Fredericks. The District's share would be \$947, which was approved pending receipt of the final invoice.

Mr. Engelke asked whether replacing irrigation timers would qualify for a retrofit rebate, and Mr. Rolwing replied that it would.

The Committee approved a \$192.80 payment to Mike and Terry Stafford for replacing controllers and changing their drip irrigation system.

**3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Engelke reported that the County would not accept mitigation credits from Palm Canyon Resort's turf removal because the new landscaping still requires some irrigation. He may continue efforts to bring about a change in County policy through the appeal process.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next regular Conservation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010.