

Borrego Water District
MINUTES
Conservation Standing Committee
Wednesday, November 3, 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: Ray Delahay
 Jim Engelke

CALL TO ORDER
INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of July 7, 2010 were approved as written.

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The group discussed the proposed BWD sign at Palm Canyon Resort, which was a component of the agreement with the Resort to replace their toilets with low flow models. Further discussion was continued to the next meeting.

- Discussion of tiered water rates

Jerry Rolwing recommended elimination of the four-year usage history requirement for applicability of tiered rates. Jim Engelke expressed concern that the commercial, industrial and irrigation customers were not included. He urged more communication and public input, noting that some felt lot and family size should be considered. Director Shimeall suggested restoring the turf removal rebates. Mr. Rolwing distributed charts showing the impact of the conservation program, which saved approximately 10 percent last year. He will prepare another chart for the next meeting, showing more recent impacts and highlighting users within the upper tier.

Ray Delahay suggested a minimum rate for very low users. Mr. Rolwing noted that we tried that initially, but they didn't save that much. Perhaps a reduction incentive could be offered. Mr. Engelke suggested reminding high users periodically of the need to conserve. Mr. Delahay suggested high users be charged their tier rate for all units, not just those in the higher tier.

Mr. Rolwing suggested periodic progress reports to the Board on the Committee's tiered rate ideas, rather than completing a final recommendation before presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next regular Conservation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2010.