

**Borrego Water District**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2011**  
**9:00 AM**  
**806 Palm Canyon Drive**  
**Borrego Springs, CA 92004**

**I. OPENING PROCEDURES**

- A.** Call to Order: President Hart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- B.** Pledge of Allegiance: Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C.** Roll Call: Directors: Present: President Hart, Vice-President Lyle Brecht, Secretary/Treasurer Marshal Brecht, Estep (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
- Staff: Jerry Rolwing, General Manager  
Diana Del Bono, Administrative Assistant  
Lisa Foster, McDougal Love Eckis Beohmer & Foley  
Wendy Quinn, Recording Secretary
- Public: Carey Blakely, *Borrego Sun* Ray Delahay  
Lane Sharman, BWX Julian Peabody  
Bob McKee Hans Hoefler  
Ray Shindler Dennis Dickinson  
Don Davis Roberta La Frate  
Marlene Engebretson (arrived at 3:00 p.m.)
- D.** Approval of Agenda: ***MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht approving the Agenda as written.***
- E.** Approval of Minutes:

Special meeting of October 18, 2011  
***MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht approving the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 18, 2011 as written.***

Regular meeting of October 26, 2011  
***MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2011 as amended (replacing the word "Agenda" with "Board package" when referring to Agenda attachments).***

- F.** Comments from Directors and Requests for Future Agenda Items: None
- G.** Comments from the Public and Requests for Future Agenda Items: Bob McKee presented current and past water rates charged by BWD, summer and winter, for the various customer categories, with comparisons to other districts' rates.
- H.** Correspondence:

Letter from R. Martinez family  
The Martinez family lost its home to a fire and does not plan to rebuild. They want to continue water service but be exempted from sewer and trash fees. The Board agreed to handle it in the same manner as other vacant lot owners who have water only.

Letter from R. La Frate  
Roberta La Frate expressed concern regarding water which often pours out of the Country Club tank. Jerry Rolwing explained it was due to the malfunction of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. Repair expenditure has been authorized.

Ms. La Frate was also concerned about the tamarisk trees surrounding the tank and the amount of water they used. The trees had been donated in order to screen the tank. The Board agreed to

check with local nurseries and/or park personnel regarding the type of tamarisk, and Mr. Rolwing will determine how much water is required for their irrigation.

Director Marshal Brecht reported that Don Pachuta had contacted him regarding water bill late fees incurred when he is traveling. Mr. Rolwing explained that he had offered Mr. Pachuta options such as automatic payment or advance deposit.

President Hart reported that she and Director Lyle Brecht had begun setting up a table at the Friday farmers' market to listen to customers' comments and answer questions.

**I. Staff Reports:**

**A. Financial Reports – September 2011**

Director Marshal Brecht reported that revenue and expenses were both lower than projected.

**B. Manager/Operations Report**

Mr. Rolwing reported that Don McKelvey was traveling and upon his return, they would meet to discuss best management practices for commercial and irrigation customers.

**J. Attorney's Report:** Lisa Foster reported that Cal Pers requires the use of its own resolution form in order to implement the Second Tier retirement plan for new hires. Kim Pitman has been in touch with them.

**II. CURRENT BUSINESS MATTERS**

**A. Discussion and possible action of solar electric generation:** Lane Sharman referred to his prior proposal to save the District money on its electrical costs by locating and connecting to a solar facility in Borrego Springs. The owner of the proposed site has now decided to sell the property due to a request from San Diego Gas & Electric to the Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase and a "network use" surcharge for solar users. He urged the Board to invite SDG&E and a solar provider to make presentations.

**B. Discussion and possible approval of *Resolution 2011-11-1 authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment fund*: MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht adopting Resolution 2011-11-1 authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund.**

**C. Review of CASGEM Groundwater Monitoring plan:** A copy of a revised CASGEM Groundwater Monitoring Plan was included in the Board package for information.

**D. Discussion and possible action on updating existing MOU on Groundwater Management issues:** A 2004 MOU between the District and other local agencies, used to support grant applications, needs updating. It was referred to the Strategic Planning Committee.

**E. Discussion and possible action regarding a motion: for General Counsel to research the form of legislation necessary for the District to have GWM authority for the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin and for the Strategic Planning Committee to identify the costs associated with passing this legislation: MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht requesting the General Counsel to research the form of legislation necessary for the District to have groundwater management authority for the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin and asking the Strategic Planning Committee to identify the costs associated with passing this legislation.**

**F. Discussion and possible action regarding increase IRWM budget to allow for RMC's additional meetings:** The deadline for submission of the IRWM's planning grant proposal to DWR has been extended, and additional assistance from RMC was requested. **MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht amending the contract between BWD and RMC to increase the budget to \$53,462.**

**G. Discussion and possible action regarding ABD-IRWM grant proposal budget development and 25% share: MSC: L.Brecht/M.Brecht authorizing Mr. Rolwing to negotiate with other IRWM participants in our region and offer them up to \$50,000 toward their matching share (money already spent by BWD) should the grant application succeed.**

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS & PROPOSALS

#### Ad Hoc Committees

1. Audit Committee

Director Marshal Brecht hoped the audit would be complete by the December Board meeting.

2. Due-Diligence

Director Lyle Brecht explained that the electricity portion of the O&M budget designated by Rich Williamson as a "power fee" was not technically a separate power pass-through charge but an accounting notation.

3. Strategic Planning Committee/IRWM

The Strategic Planning Committee has been working with the IRWM on the planning grant proposal.

4. Executive Committee (Cameron)

President Hart announced that the Committee had completed its negotiations with the Camerons and entered into a new five-year lease and a maintenance agreement. The Committee will remain in effect for other efforts as needed, but the term "Cameron" will be removed from its title.

5. Operations & Management Committee

No report.

6. Asset Ad Hoc Committee

No report.

7. Christmas Circle Committee

President Hart is continuing her efforts to contact LAFCO for information on park powers.

8. Negotiating

The Board agreed to insert "(Montesoro)" in the title of the Committee.

### IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Water and Wastewater Operations Report – October 2011:

B. Water Production/Use Records – October 2011:

Mr. Rolwing reported that with the exception of the SCADA system, all facilities are running well.

### V. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

At 11:55 a.m., the Board adjourned until 3:00 p.m.

### VI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Discussion of and possible appointment of new Director: The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m., and the two candidates for Director addressed the Board. Marlene Engebretson served as a Customer Service Representative for the District and was subsequently promoted to Office Manager. If appointed she would focus on conservation, education and public outreach. Ray Delahay retired from Metropolitan Water District, where he worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Maintenance Man. He had been attending Board meetings regularly and was familiar with the issues.

After discussion the Board agreed that both candidates were excellent, but Mr. Delahay's regular attendance at meetings was a plus and his operations experience would be a benefit. ***MSC: Estep/M.Brecht appointing Ray Delahay to the BWD Board of Directors.*** Mr. Rolwing administered the oath of office.

### VII. CLOSING PROCEDURE

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for December 14, 2011 at the Borrego Water District.