

Director Lyle Brecht reported that the Audit Committee recommended a 10 percent increase in water commodity rates and sewer rates, but was undecided about the base rate (meter fee). He distributed a chart comparing BWD's base rate to those in other communities, and ours was the highest. President Hart pointed out that it provides a guaranteed income, and the Board agreed to consult Raftelis. Director Delahay spoke in support of a 10 percent increase in the commodity rate, but suggested investigating a survival rate for the disadvantaged. After further discussion, the Board members present agreed to recommend 10 percent increases in commodity and sewer rates and leave the meter fee the same. The matter was tabled until the return of Director Estep. Director Lyle Brecht asked that a budget package be compiled for the Audit Committee's review and presented to the full Board at the May workshop.

C. Discussion of potential agenda items for May 20th special board meeting: Items for the May 20 meeting will include groundwater management, the budget and Rams Hill issues.

III. CLOSED SESSION

A. Public Employee Appointment, Government Code section 54957. Title: General Counsel:

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Consideration of possible initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. One case: The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:30 a.m., and the public meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. The Board hired a new general counsel, Morgan Foley. The former counsel, Morton Parks, resigned to accept a position with the State Department in Washington DC.

IV. CLOSING PROCEDURE

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for April 23, 2014 at the Borrego Water District.