## Borrego Water District MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, October 14, 2014 9:00 AM 806 Palm Canyon Drive Borrego Springs, CA 92004

## I. OPENING PROCEDURES

A. Call to Order: Vice-President Lyle Brecht called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**B.** <u>Pledge of Allegiance:</u> Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call: Directors: Present: Vice-President Lyle Brecht,

Secretary/Treasurer Marshal Brecht, Delahay

Absent: President Hart, Estep

Staff: Jerry Rolwing, General Manager

Wendy Quinn, Recording Secretary

Public: Dick Walker Ray Shindler

**D.** Approval of Agenda: MSC: Delahay/M.Brecht approving the Agenda as written.

E. Comments from Directors and Requests for Future Agenda Items: None

**F.** Comments from the Public and Requests for Future Agenda Items: Ray Shindler expressed concern regarding the amount of water used at the Roadrunner Club during golf course reseeding and on the greenbelt. He hoped the Borrego Water Coalition would address this issue. Mr. Shindler further inquired whether the primary means to reduce the aquifer overdraft was considered to be fallowing of agricultural land. Jerry Rolwing explained that policy recommendations would be presented to the Board next month.

## II. CURRENT BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Discussion of 2014 Community Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP), Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP): Mr. Rolwing reported that the Association of California Water Agencies had published a new series of frequently asked questions and due dates for GSPs. Copies are available. Discussion followed regarding the need for clarification as to when new GWMPs will be accepted, what funding might be available, the need for an IRWMP and implications of the anticipated transfer of responsibilities from the Department of Water Resources to the State Water Resources Control Board. Mr. Shindler suggested including elements from the new law in the District's planning, such as required water metering for all extraction. Mr. Rolwing brought up questions which have arisen. Can BWD be the GSP authority? (He thinks so.) Do we need to include the County in BWD's GSP? (He thinks so.) Do we need to shrink our basin size, which now includes BLM land and the State Park? (He is not sure.)

**B.** Discussion of proposed schedule for Raftelis Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Analysis: Director Lyle Brecht expressed concern that the Raftelis water and wastewater utility rate analysis may be premature. He questioned whether input from Dudek, David Dale and the District's capital improvement plan should be considered first. Mr. Rolwing pointed out that the proposed schedule was designed to lead to a public hearing in March, 2015, when most seasonal residents would still be here. He suggested referring the matter to the Operations and Management Committee and getting Mr. Dale involved.

Director Lyle Brecht suggested that the Strategic Planning Committee, Mr. Dale and Mr. Rolwing develop a plan and cost estimate for the GSP, including potential litigation costs.

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- C. Discussion of proposed Ordinance No. 14-01 ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BORREGO WATER DISTRICT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-2 INSTITUTING A CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AND THE ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS: Mr. Rolwing explained that the Operations and Management Committee had discussed this proposed Ordinance last year but it was never adopted. It was agendized today for discussion, followed by publication and posting and consideration for adoption on November 19. If approved, it will be published again and become effective on December 19.
- **D.** <u>Update on Viking refinancing process and questions:</u> Director Lyle Brecht referred to the Board's action at its last meeting, endorsing a 15-year amortization for the Viking refinancing subject to certain conditions. Lance Lundberg has been contacted and supports the District's proposal to refinance but is not interested in being part of it. Morgan Foley has reviewed the Stern Brothers agreement and has no concerns. Two bond counsels are under consideration. As to the ID4 bond, Stern explained that whatever private placement is put into effect would be with full knowledge of the ID4 covenants, so an absence of conflict would be ensured. Director Marshal Brecht said there does not appear to be any conflict.
- **E.** <u>Discussion of potential agenda items for October 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting:</u> Agenda items for the next meeting will include a report by the auditors via teleconference, a resolution changing the November and December meeting dates, possibly a closed session, possibly a decision on the Tandem Solar proposal, the retention of Stern Brothers as investment bankers for the Viking note, signature of the Destination Borrego charter, and assignment of the Due Diligence Committee to the rate analysis.

## III. CLOSING PROCEDURE

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 22, 2014 at the Borrego Water District.