



**MINUTES OF THE
WORKSHOP/MEETING OF
THE
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Paul Hofer, President
Kati Parker, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Camacho
Steven J. Elie

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jasmin A. Hall, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT:

Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager
Kathy Besser, Executive Manager of External Affairs & Policy Development/AGM
Shaun Stone, Acting Executive Manager of Engineering/AGM
Christina Valencia, Executive Manager of Finance & Administration/AGM
Andrea Carruthers, Manager of External Affairs
Andy Campbell, Groundwater Recharge Coordinator/Hydrogeologist
Tina Cheng, Budget Officer
Francis Concemino, Senior Associate Engineer
Connie Gibson, Executive Assistant
David Malm, Deputy Manager of Integrated Systems Services
Kanes Pantayatiwong, Manager of Business Information Services
Teresa Velarde, Manager of Internal Audit
April Woodruff, Board Secretary/Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jean Cihigoyenette, JC Law Firm
Amanda Coker, City of Chino
Courtney Jones, City of Ontario
John Mosen, National Parks Conservation Association
Mary Ann Ruiz, City of Chino resident
Hector Ruiz, GHD

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency* was held at the office of the Agency, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Bldg. A, Chino, California on the above date.

President Hofer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A quorum was present.

President Hofer stated that members of the public may address the Board.

Mr. John Monsen from the National Parks Conservation Association stated that he had presented the scientific findings on the Cadiz Water Mining Project in October 2018. He stated that he was surprised to see the Agency take a position of 'oppose' SB 307. He asked the Board to reconsider the Agency's position on SB 307 at the next Board meeting.

President Hofer thanked Mr. John Monsen for his comments. He stated if Mr. Monsen had any documents for the Board to please give them to the Board Secretary/Office Manager.

Ms. Mary Ann Ruiz stated that she is a 30-year resident of the city of Chino. She stated her concern for the Cadiz Water Mining Project. She stated her reasons for her support of SB 307. She requested to have a public discussion of SB 307 at the next Board meeting and to support and not oppose this bill.

President Hofer thanked Ms. Ruiz for her comments. He stated if Ms. Ruiz had any documents for the Board to provide them to the Board Secretary/Office Manager.

Director Elie stated that historically, the Agency has not taken a position one way or the other on the Cadiz Project. The opposition letter that was sent was consistent with the practice that the Agency has had while this bill was out. The Agency has had the issue of the process going beyond the existing legislation and nothing to do with the Cadiz Project. He stated as the Chair of the Community & Legislative Affairs Committee for the prior 2 years, his understanding was the Agency was opposing the bill and not taking a position on the Cadiz Project.

President Hofer stated that this was his understanding as well. He asked for the letters the Agency has sent regarding this legislation and any materials provided by Mr. Monsen and Ms. Ruiz to be provided to the Board of Directors.

President Hofer asked if there were any changes/additions/deletions to the agenda. There were no changes/additions/deletions to the agenda.

WORKSHOP

ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Acting Executive Manager of Engineering/AGM Shaun Stone gave a presentation on the Asset Management Program Update. Mr. Stone gave an overview of the program, assessment preliminary outcomes, implementation outcomes, and the Agency's next steps.

Director Camacho entered the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2024 goal and recommendation, the Agency's contract with the consultant, value of asset management, cost of high level participation and low level of participation, and next steps.

Director Elie advised to take this item to the Regional Technical & Policy Committee meetings.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

SANTA ANA RIVER WATERMASTER VIDEO

General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh gave a short background of Santa Ana River Watermaster and spoke about the 50th Year Celebration held on April 12. He stated that this video was shown at the event.

Director Camacho left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Board of Directors.

Director Camacho returned to the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 10:50 a.m., A. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)4 – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, INITIATION OF LITIGATION

The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m., and General Counsel Jean Cihigoyenette stated that the below-mentioned matters were discussed in Closed Session, and the Board took the following actions:

Regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of Litigation:

Case #1

The Board took no reportable action.

With no further business, President Hofer adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.



Kati Parker, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED: JUNE 19, 2019

