



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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Paul Hofer, President
Jasmin A. Hall, Vice President
Kati Parker, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Camacho
Steven J. Elie

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager
Chris Berch, Executive Manager of Engineering/AGM
Kathy Besser, Executive Manager of External Affairs & Policy Development/AGM
Randy Lee, Executive Manager of Operations/AGM
Shaun Stone, Acting Executive Manager of Engineering/AGM
Christina Valencia, Executive Manager of Finance & Administration/AGM
Andrea Carruthers, Manager of External Affairs
Warren Green, Manager of Contracts & Procurement
Sylvie Lee, Manager of Planning & Environmental Resources
Cathleen Pieroni, Manager of Government Relations
Teresa Velarde, Manager of Internal Audit
April Woodruff, Board Secretary/Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Ashton, City of Victorville
Amy Bonczewski, City of Ontario
Jean Cihigoyenetché, JC Law Firm
Danielle Coats, Eastern Municipal Water District
Martha Davis
Kelley Donaldson, Monte Vista Water District
Kristeen Farlow, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Eric Grubb, Cucamonga Valley Water District
Rich Haller, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Anne Larsen, Office of Assemblymember James C. Ramos
Susan Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Doug Matthews, City of Victorville
Jonathan Nelson, Community Water Center

Darrin Polhemus, State Water Resources Control Board
Taylor Quan, Office of Senator Ling Ling Chang
Ghazal Seino, Office of Assemblymember Phillip Chen
Kathy Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District
Cindy Tuck, Associations of California Water Agencies
Rick Whetsel, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

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

President Hofer called the meeting to order at 10:03 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. There was no one desiring to do so. He stated that if time allowed, there would be an opportunity for the public to ask questions after the presentations.

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

President Hofer acknowledged the elected officials, their representatives, and staff members from the different agencies in the basin who were in the audience. President Hofer stated that General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh will introduce the four speakers.

WORKSHOP

CURRENT LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR ASSURING SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER STATEWIDE

General Manager Shivaji Deshmukh introduced Mr. Darrin Polhemus from the State Water Resources Control Board. Mr. Polhemus gave a presentation on re-imagining safe and affordable drinking water through partnerships. He gave an overview of California's water systems, drinking water goals, water partnerships, and various tools available.

Mr. Shivaji Deshmukh introduced Ms. Danielle Coats from the Eastern Municipal Water District. Ms. Coats gave a presentation on statistics of non-compliant systems in California, the implementation and benefits of the Small System Water Authority Act.

Mr. Deshmukh introduced Mr. Jonathan Nelson from Community Water Center. Mr. Nelson gave a presentation of safe, accessible and affordable drinking water challenges and proposed solutions to the challenges.

Mr. Deshmukh introduced Ms. Cindy Tuck from the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). Ms. Tuck gave an overview of the challenges and proposed solutions to providing safe, accessible and affordable drinking water in California especially in legislation.

Mr. Deshmukh thanked the panelists for their presentations and opened it up to the Board of Directors for any questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the trust proposed, school's participation in water testing, and members of ACWA.

President Hofer opened it up to the public for any questions.

Cucamonga Valley Water District Board member Kathy Tiegs expressed her respect for the presenters, their positions, and acknowledged the problem that needs to be solved. She stated that the only other member agency in the audience is the city of Ontario. She stated that this issue does not impact IEUA directly but its retailers. She asked the Board to keep all the member agencies at the table for discussion regarding issues that will impact them.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

President Hofer stated that this workshop served to further inform some members of the Board on this legislation. He stated he understood Director Tiegs concern and the Agency will inform the member agencies that this meeting was solely to gather more information for the IEUA Board member. Moving forward, if there are other member agencies will be noticed or mailed. He thanked Ms. Tiegs for her input.

Mr. Deshmukh stated that IEUA staff will take note of Director Tiegs comment. He stated that the Agency will review its communication protocol to ensure that all contract agencies are informed of these meetings.

Director Hall echoed the statements of President Hofer stating that this meeting is a workshop for the Board. She stated she had requested this information to better understand this matter now that she is the Chair of the Community & Legislative Affairs Committee. She stated she represents many constituents in her community that is served by the Fontana Water Company. A better understanding of legislative bills would assist her when working with the retailers. This meeting was the beginning of becoming educated for better outreach to the Board's service areas. The Board will make other attempts to bring in more of the public. She stated that she appreciates all those who took the time to attend the meeting.

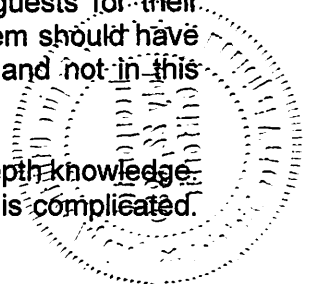
Director Elie stated that having chaired the Community & Legislative Affairs Committee for eight years and having been involved in this issue and other related issues for ten years, he was surprised that member agencies were not represented on the panel as this issue directly impacts them. As a service wholesaler, the Agency should have been aware of what the member agencies wanted prior to today's presentation.

Director Hall stated that this time served to inform some of the new members of the Board of legislation by local and state representatives. She stated she learned and benefited from the meeting. As the new Chair of the Community & Legislative Affairs Committee and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California representative for the Agency, it was very informational.

President Hofer stated that with each meeting, the Agency will make an effort to improve. He stated that he is the President of the Board and he holds the responsibility of the meeting.

Director Camacho thanked Director Tiegs for attending the meeting and stated he appreciated her comments and shared her feelings. He thanked the guests for their presentation. He stated he also agreed with Director Elie and that this item should have been handled through the Community & Legislative Affairs Committee and not in this forum.

Director Elie stated that these issues are clearly complex and require in depth knowledge. He stated he appreciated what the State Board has done, but this issue is complicated.



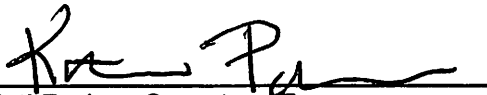
He stated he doesn't want anyone leaving believing that if the legislation passes, the problem has been solved.

President Hofer thanked everyone in the audience for taking the time out of their day to listen. Water in California always has been and will continue to be an enormous issue.

Director Parker thanked the guest speakers for coming. She stated that she is grateful to have the opportunity to hear this conversation at the Board workshop and that it was not limited to the two Board members who sit on the Community & Legislative Committee. She stated that the Board of Directors at IEUA understands that the member agencies are IEUA's customers, invitations went out to inform them of this meeting. She stated she would like to continue to work closely with the member agencies.

President Hofer agreed with Director Parker, stating that the Board values the relationships with all the member agencies and by that all the people in the basin. The Board diligently works to set policies to carry out safe and effective work. In doing so, it is incredibly important to work closely with the member agencies. He thanked the speakers for taking the time to share this information with the Board.

With no further business, President Hofer adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.



Kati Parker, Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED: JUNE 19, 2019

