

# Minutes

## County of Inyo Water Commission

June 18, 2014

The Chairperson called the Water Commission meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Inyo County Water Department conference room, Independence, CA. Water Commissioners in attendance were Bruce Dishion, Craig Patten, and Jim Stroh. Commissioners Prather and Red Owl were absent. Present from the Water Department were Bob Harrington and Laura Piper.

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Patten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Public Comment**

Sally Manning – Ms. Manning stated she requested flow data information from the Water Department (totals & means) and asked for location of the gauges that accompany the data. She stated some of the data she has been provided is incorrect and she would like the correct data. Dr. Harrington stated she requested all totals and means data which is data received from LADWP and is tens of thousands of data going back as far as 1930's. Dr. Harrington stated with a data set that size; there will be some inaccuracies. Dr. Harrington and the Commission stated if Ms. Manning would like to submit a specific request on particular stations that would be helpful.

Daris Moxley – Ms. Moxley stated she has exception with the Bishop Cone Audit and asked who audits this. She stated LADWP provides all the numbers which the County uses and the data changes. Dr. Harrington stated if Ms. Moxley will point out the data that changed; the Water Department would review it.

Sally Manning – Ms. Manning asked if the process for the Bishop Cone Audit was going to be revised. Dr. Harrington stated LADWP has annually raised the issue that there are some uses on the Bishop Cone that are not included on the audit. Dr. Harrington stated they have discussed going out to check the field devices but it has not been done yet.

Earl Wilson – Mr. Wilson stated he spent 20 years with Great Basin in hydrology and no data was ever released until it was calibrated and corrected. He said that LADWP should insure that their data is defensible before they turn it over to the Inyo County Water Department.

### **3. Approval of minutes from April 15, 2014 meeting**

Moved by Commissioner Stroh and seconded by Commissioner Dishion to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Commissioners Report**

Commissioner Dishion discussed the water flow in the canal as being excessive. He stated the well behind Kmart is raging and he cannot imagine where all the water is going.

Dr. Harrington provided an update on the water conditions in north Bishop as well as South Lake and Sabrina.

Public Comment – Daris Moxley – Ms. Moxley asked if W370 had been turned on. Dr. Harrington stated that well is by the Blackrock Fish Hatchery and Commissioner Patton stated she may be referring to W407. Dr. Harrington stated W407 is on.

## **5. Water Directors Report**

Dr. Harrington stated the pumping plan came through on schedule which is a six month plan; Dr. Harrington stated he received positive feedback from the last Water Commission meeting complimenting the Water Commission on their efforts to provide information regarding the water conditions in west Bishop. He stated there are challenges with the LORP budget this year with regard to operating and maintenance costs; irrigation began on the regreening projects in Big Pine and Independence; a new well installed on the Van Normal field; additional acreage was provided for the high school farm in Lone Pine; the Water Departments annual report had been posted to the website; and provided a briefing to the Board on legislation being considered in Sacramento regarding a water bond and funding for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy; and groundwater management legislation.

Daris Moxley – Ms. Moxley stated she loved the last page of the Water Departments annual report (pink flamingos).

## **6. Briefing on dispute concerning vegetation conditions in parcel Blackrock 94**

Dr. Harrington provided an update and PowerPoint presentation in detail and at length regarding the Blackrock 94 dispute.

## **7. Public Comment**

Public Comment – Earl Wilson – Mr. Wilson asked a question regarding some monitoring wells not on the map with regard to the PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Harrington explained the map to Mr. Wilson with regard to the location of the monitoring wells.

Public Comment – Sally Manning – Ms. Manning asked if the CEQA document is available and Dr. Harrington stated it is an addendum to the 1991 EIR and is on LADWP's website for their Board meeting held yesterday. Dr. Harrington provided Ms. Manning a brief summary regarding the CEQA addendum.

## **8. Schedule next Water Commission Meeting**

The next Water Commission Meeting will be scheduled via email in Lone Pine during the first week of August as schedules allow.

## **9. Adjourn**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.