

Minutes

County of Inyo Water Commission

March 29, 2012

Water Commissioner Mike Prather called the Water Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Inyo County Water Department Conference Room, Independence, CA. Water Commissioners in attendance were Mike Prather, Mike Carrington, and Bruce Dishion. Present from the Water Department were Bob Harrington and Laura Piper.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Prather led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

Sally Manning – Big Pine Paiute Tribe – Ms. Manning stated she would like the Water Commission to request that the Water Department send out the Technical Group agenda 72 hours prior to the meeting. She stated it is normally sent out hours before the meetings. Ms. Manning stated she wants public comment put back at the end of the Technical Group meeting agenda's.

3. Approval of minutes from February 16, 2012 meeting

Moved by Commissioner Dishion and seconded by Commissioner Carrington to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2012 Water Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Director's report concerning Water Department activities

Dr. Harrington provided information on the green book progress, a Technical Group meeting review on vegetation monitoring, approval of the 2012-13 LORP work plan, a workshop on 4/17/12 at the Board Meeting concerning the LORP Recreation Use Plan, Owens Lake meetings concerning groundwater modeling and possible impacts of pumping, pumping plan preparation, updating groundwater models, and information on the Hidden Hills Solar Project.

Public Comment – Nancy Masters – She stated that Lessee's should not have their allotments reduced due to the Owens Lake project and it should be held at the 1981/82 runoff year levels.

Public Comment – Sally Manning – stated the lessee's should have their allotments provided to them and remain at the 1981/82 runoff year and the County should stand up for the lessee's according to the Water Agreement. She stated the Water Department should be looking out for the lessee's.

5. Water Commission goals and workplan for 2012

The Commissioner's voted unanimously to move this item to the next Water Commission Meeting.

6. Public Comment

Sally Manning – Ms. Manning expressed her concern in hearing that LADWP, Inyo County, and Owens Valley Committee have been holding discussions to expand the capacity of the pumpback for operational flexibility. She believes the pumpback station should remain at what it is according to the Water Agreement.

Dr. Harrington explained the reason's for the discussion regarding expanding the capacity of the pumpback station in detail.

Commissioner Prather recessed the meeting at 7:21 p.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

7. Schedule next Water Commission Meeting

The next Water Commission meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Independence, CA.

8. Adjourn

The Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.