

MINUTES

County of Inyo WATER COMMISSION

August 1, 2016

The Chairperson called the Water Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Inyo County Water Department, Independence, CA. Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson Mike Prather, Craig Patten, and Mike Carrington. Commissioner's Red Owl and Dishion were absent. Present from the Water Department was Bob Harrington

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Prather led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Public Comment

The Chairperson opened the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Commission.

3. Approval of minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting

Moved by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Carrington to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

4. Commissioners Report

The Chairperson asked for a field trip to be scheduled in October on a Saturday morning to the Owens River Water Trail area and Owens Lake that will not conflict with the Lone Pine Film Festival.

5. Water Director's Report

Dr. Harrington provided an update on the following to the Commission; the ongoing field season, DWR's assessment of groundwater conditions in west Bishop, work the Water Department is doing related to SGMA including the proposal to subdivide the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (which DWR gave a negative recommendation to) and work being done with a facilitator to prepare for forming a GSA in Owens Valley, the Technical Group's agreement on reducing the water supply to the McNally Ponds and Pasture E/M project, and the slow progress on constructing a water vending machine in Tecopa.

6. Owens River Water Trail

Larry Freilich provided a presentation on the Owens River Water Trail.

7. Public Comment

The Chairperson opened the public comment period and there was no one wishing to address the Commission.

8. Schedule next Water Commission meeting

The next Water Commission meeting will be a field trip to the Owens River Water Trail project area and the Owens Lake on a Saturday morning.

9. Adjourn

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.