

Minutes

County of Inyo Water Commission

April 25, 2011

Water Commissioner Mike Prather called the Water Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Superior Court Room, Bishop City Hall, Bishop, CA. Water Commissioners in attendance were Mike Prather, Mike Carrington, Warren Allsup, and Sally Symons. Absent was Commissioner Teri Red Owl. Present from the Water Department were Dr. Bob Harrington and Laura Piper.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Prather led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes from February 7, 2011 meeting

Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Teri Red Owl absent.

Discussion of role of Inyo County Water Commission

Commissioner Mike Prather suggested rescheduling this item until the next meeting when all Water Commissioners are in attendance.

Inyo County Water Commission Goals for 2011

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The Commission voted unanimously to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to direct County staff to research the Long-Term Water Agreement's requirements for Type E (irrigated) vegetation. The Water Commission recommends that County Staff provide a legal opinion as to whether the Water Agreement's requirement that water shall be provided to Type E land in an amount sufficient so that the water related uses that were made during the 1981-82 runoff year can continue to be made takes precedence over any provisions in LADWP irrigation leases limiting irrigation to 5 acre-feet per acre.

Annual Operations Plan – recommendation to Board of Supervisors

Commissioner Prather provided an introduction to the annual operations plan and Dr. Bob Harrington provided an overview of the annual operations plan and the process requirements with regard to the LTWA between LADWP and the County of Inyo. Dr. Harrington also provided recommendations to the Commissioners regarding pumping in the wellfields. The Commission discussed the annual operations plan at length, with public comment interjected at numerous points from Mark Bagley, Daniel Pritchett, and Gary Bacock. The Water Commission agreed to recommend to the Board the pumping figures given below.

The Vice Chairperson recessed the meeting at 8:28 p.m. for a break and reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

<u>Wellfield</u>	<u>LADWP</u>	<u>Water Commission Recommendation</u>
Laws	6,200	6,200
Bishop	8,400	8,400
Big Pine	28,850	21,500
Taboose-Aberdeen	14,000	11,500
Thibaut-Sawmill	17,200	12,800*
Independence-Oak	7,540	6,500
Symmes-Shepherd	6,900	1,200
Bairs-Georges	950	950
Lone Pine	950	950

These figures were acceptable not including additional maximum expected water spreading, *specifically for the Thibaut-Sawmill area.

Public Comment: Daris Moxley – Ms. Moxley thanked the Inyo County Water Commission for listening to her and said this was the first group that has really listened to what she has said or her concerns. During the meeting, Ms. Moxley has read and submitted a letter regarding her DWP lease.

Larry Freilich – Inyo County Water Dept. – Mr. Freilich presented the Inyo County Water Commissioners with information regarding the LORP Recreation Use Plan. He went on to discuss the activities of our consultant, the upcoming events scheduled for May, workshop and fieldtrips, and hoped they would be in attendance

Schedule Next Water Commission Meeting

The next Water Commission meeting was scheduled for May 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Bishop, CA.

Adjourn

Mike Prather, Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.