

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District met in special session on December 09, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Cook at 8:00 am.

ROLL CALL:

Directors present: President John Cook, Steve Kunkle, June Rockwell, and Victor Sirkin.
Also present was Chief Financial Officer, Hosny Shouman and Board Secretary, Erica Gonzales.

Director Schelly was absent.

General Public Present- 5

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESIDENT COOK- Requested that the public return at 1:30pm for the public comment section because they were on a tight schedule for interviews.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:05 am to discuss and interview candidates for the Interim General Manager position.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:40 a.m. to break for lunch.

RESUMED TO OPEN SESSION: The Board resumed to open session at 1 p.m. to hear public comment.

Directors present: President John Cook, Steve Kunkle, June Rockwell, Victor Sirkin, and Dr. Charles Schelly. Also present were Chief Financial Officer, Hosny Shouman and Board Secretary, Erica Gonzales.

General Public Present- 7

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NANCY- Thought public comment wasn't until 1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT COOK- That was the schedule but everybody showed up at 1 p.m. so we will start early.

MARLENE PIERCE- Presented a letter written to Supervisor Chuck Washington to the Board of Directors from the Pine Cove Property Owners Association. The PCPOA is concerned about the purpose of IWD purchasing property near the Pine Cove wells and a plan to store Recycled Water in Foster Lake.

PRESIDENT COOK- There is no plan to store Recycled Water in Foster Lake, believes there was a misunderstanding from a newsletter that was sent out in July. The land that was purchased is to be used as a site for monitoring the levels of Foster Lake.

MARLENE PIERCE- Wants us to know the Pine Cove is monitoring IWD.

GEOFFREY CAINE- Board should create a set of by- laws stating when elections are held, what is a quorum, etc. and create an ad hoc committee for urgent legal issues.

DIRECTOR SIRKIN- Resolution 714 establishes election times.

GEOFFREY CAINE- Board should start the by- laws process, slowly.

PRESIDENT COOK- IWD awaiting decision from State Water Board on the Strawberry Creek Water Rights.

DIRECTOR SCHELLY- This District is under California County District Law, therefore since IWD has no by-laws, CA County District law takes precedent.

GEOFFREY CAINE- State law recommends individual districts create their own set of by-laws.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE- Would like Tom Lovejoy to come to Special Meeting on December 14, 2016 to educate the Board on the projects he has been working on for IWD. Would like to compensate Hosny Shouman for taking on the extra responsibility of keeping the District running while we have been without a General Manager. Would like to stop having the Sheriffs attend the Board Meetings. Would like to create policy of when Board members can call legal counsel.

DIRECTOR SIRKIN- There is a policy in Resolution 714.

DIRECTOR KUNKLE- Would like policy to state that another individual must be present when a Board Member calls legal counsel.

NANCY- What is your legacy going to be? Make wise long term decisions that are in the best interest of the community.

JERRY HOLLDBER- Not here to apply for Interim GM but as a paid consultant. His presence would repair IWD credibility, has 40 years of experience. Would like to educate the new Board members. Simple approach, straight forwardness and show and tell, can give the Board the tools to make educated decisions. Could be a benefit to IWD. It would be a simple agreement to avoid conflict of interest according to legal counsel.

DIRECTOR SCHELLY- How do you see yourself if we were to also hire an Interim GM?

JERRY HOLLDBER- It depends on what the Board decides, after giving you the tools to make better decisions the Board may be better equipped to hire a GM, interim or full time. This is a great time to work together.

DIRECTOR SIRKIN- Some of the applicants know the hill and some not at all, all with great credentials. Would you be able to work with them in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

JERRY HOLLDBER- Can't answer one way or another, can't predict the future but anything is possible. Also, holds current D3 T3 and WW1 certificates.

DIRECTOR SCHELLY- Would like to add to a future agenda the possibility of adopting Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

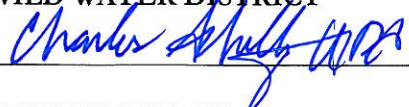
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: The Board Adjourned to Closed Session to resume interviews at 1:37p.m.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: The reconvened into Open Session at 5:23 p.m. President Cook reported that a selection has been made and will be announced to the public in the following week.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: None


ADJOURNMENT: Director Sirkin made a MOTION to adjourn the special meeting which was seconded by Director Schelly. With a unanimous vote of all Directors present, the special meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

APPROVED:
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

DR. CHARLES SCHELLY -
NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

BY: 

ERICA GONZALES -
BOARD SECRETARY



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December 7, 2016

Riverside County Supervisor
Mr. Chuck Washington
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Re: Pine Cove CA Water Quality

Dear Mr. Washington:

Pine Cove Property Owners Association currently has 800 plus members. At our December 3rd meeting, members present requested that I write to express our concerns about possible threats to Pine Cove well water.

The Idyllwild Water District has been purchasing property adjacent to Foster Lake, in the Dutch Flats area, near Highway 243. We understand that Idyllwild Water District plans to build infrastructure there to facilitate their plan to store reclaimed sewage water in Foster Lake. As several Pine Cove water wells are very close to their planned facility, Pine Cove water quality would surely be adversely affected.

Pine Cove is a small village fortunate to have exceptionally good water quality, thanks to the planning and work of Pine Cove Water District's general manager, Jerry Holldber and his staff. We understand Jerry Holldber contacted the state, and was told non-potable water would not be allowed in Foster Lake.

Also, Pine Cove has few businesses, therefore, any problems with water quality from our limited supply of well water, would mainly affect our residents, their children and families. We are asking for assurance that Pine Cove water and wells will not be compromised with non-potable water. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marlene Pierce
PCPOA President

CC Distribution:

Idyllwild Water District – John Cook, President
Fern Valley Water District, Victor Jimenez, General Manager
Pine Cove Water District, Jerry Holldber, General Manager
Idyllwild Town Crier Newspaper, Becky Clark, Editor
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