

MOHAVE VALLEY IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD September 1, 2015 AT THE OFFICES OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING TO BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Charles B. Sherrill, Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Perry Muscelli.

ROLL CALL.

Present: Charles B. ("Chip") Sherrill, Jr., Chairman, Director Division III
Vince Vasquez, Director Division II
Perry Muscelli, Treasurer, Director at Large
Clay Vanderslice, Director at Large
John Kai, Director Division I
Steven Moss, District Counsel
Mark Clark, CCM, Manager
Kerri Hatz, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Jaime Kelley, District Counsel

WAIVER MOTION. Motion to waive the reading of full minutes and resolutions presented for approval or adoption.

A waiver motion was made by Perry Muscelli and seconded by John Kai. All board members were in favor, motion passed.

1. REPORTS.

A. Staff report on water use.

Manager Mark Clark reported that July 2015 water use was 3,089 acre feet, year to date was 18,601 acre feet, 82% was used by agricultural, 17% was used by M & I users, which includes the Amenity users. Last year at this time was 22,126 so we are little bit behind then last year in our water use about 3,000 acre feet less this year than last year. Perry Muscelli asked why that was? Mark replied that we have had a lot wetter year this year then last year and we've got about the same amount of farm land in place so it must be just that the fact that the beginning of the year someone got a late start and the weather was a lot wetter this year then last. Chip added that there is farm ground out there that's being brought into farm but it's not

being farmed yet so you only water it once or twice to get ready for the new farms. Probably another reason why it looks like there is a lot more. Next year will be a whole different matter. Mark Clark stated we should see huge increase in water use, because we have the Jerome Farm coming in and there are a few other parcels that are coming back on line because last year 2014 we had about 2000 acres were fallow, and so a lot of that should be back in production this year.

- B. Bureau of Reclamation Lower Colorado Water Supply Report as of August 24, 2015; Upper Colorado River Basin Snowpack Report; Lake Powell Water Data Graph; and Lake Mead Water Data Graph.

Manager Mark Clark reported, Lake Powell is at an elevation of 3611 or 53% full, Lake Mead is at 1078 it did get down below 1075 for a few days this summer but we are back up with the rains we had to 1078 its 38% full.

- C. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Report on August 2015; 24-Month Study of Lake Powell and Lake Mead

Manager Mark Clark reported that the (BOR) released its August 2015 water use report a couple of weeks ago. The report shows that Lake Mead is above 1075 in January so we will not have a shortage declared for 2016. The probability of a shortage for 2017 has now dropped in half, part of that is due to the wet weather we have had this summer and part of the strong El Nino that they are anticipating over the winter months so keep our fingers crossed we hopefully will not have a shortage in 2017 either. However, in 2018 it jumps up to 65% probability of a shortage but every year we can push it back another year that we try and come up with some augmentation for the river. The elevation of Lake Mead for January of 2016 is to be at 1083 which will be above the 1075 trigger point for a shortage to be declared.

- 2. **AGENDA MODIFICATION.** Possible action to withdraw from, or move, any item on the Agenda, including the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda.

No discussion, no action.

- 3. **CONSENT AGENDA.** The items listed below will be considered as a group and acted upon by one motion with no separate discussion of said items, unless a Board Member requests an item or items be removed for separate discussion and action.

- A. Approve the July 7, 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve the June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve the July 7, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
- D. Ratify payment of expenses for July, 2015

- E. Ratify payment of expenses for August, 2015

Perry Muscelli made a motion, John Kai seconded. All in were favor, motion passed

4. REGULAR AGENDA.

- A. **WPI Jerome Farm AZ LLC, T18N,R22W,Section 13, APN No. 225-20-009, Application for a water allocation** Discussion and possible action to approve the Application for a Water allocation of 192.6 acre feet of water for 29.91 acres.

Manager Mark Clark stated this is an application from WPI for their Jerome property that they own. When they initially came in for an application for water for this property a couple of months ago they did not put in for all of the land that they had they only put in for a portion of the land. This is for the rest of the property they own there. This is an allocation for the additional acreage that they did not request on the last time through. They have provided an application and all the documentation necessary for the approval. Staff is recommending the approval. John Kai motioned to approve, Perry Muscelli seconded. Vince Vasquez abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

- B. **WPI-919 Farm AZ LLC, T18N, R21W, Section 31, APN No. 225-09-049, Application for a PPR Accounting Contract.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Application for a portion of the misc PPR No. 18 in the amount of 11.5 acre feet of water for 2.5 acres.

Manager Mark Clark stated that this is the last piece of the Swan PPR owned by Guerra, Guerra was the prior owner. WPI has now purchased the property. It equates to 11.5 acre feet of water WPI will now own all of PPR No. 18 with this purchase. They have provided all the proper documents and staff is recommending approval. Vince Vasquez stated this is the property South of Willow and East of Vanderslice. Perry Muscelli asked if this was just an accounting contract. Both Mark Clark and Chip replied that this is not a new allocation only a PPR Accounting Contract. Perry Muscelli motioned to approve, John Kai seconded. Vince Vasquez abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

- C. **WPI-R3 Farm AZ LLC, T17N, R22W, Section 11, APN No. _____, Application for a water allocation transfer.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Application to transfer a portion of the Sherrill Ventures Water contract 2009-03, 2282 acre feet of water for 326 irrigable acres.

Manager Mark Clark stated this is a WPI entity that has bought a portion of Sherrill Ventures property in Section 11 just North of Courtwright Road. The reason we do

not have all of the APN No's for this is because some of the property parcels were split and the County is still working through to get new APN No's issued. Once we get those APN No's they will be inputted on the water inventory. This is not new water, this is a water transfer so no new water will be issued under this approval. John Kai made a motion to approve, Perry Muscelli seconded. Charles B. Sherrill and Vince Vasquez abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

- D. **Voter Registration Maverick Farms.** Discussion and possible action to approve the application for registration as a qualified elector of the district.

Chip said he would abstain from this. Manager Mark Clark said that this is an application to become a qualified elector in the district. This has come to the board for approval. He does have the requisite application filed, he does own the requisite farmland and is farming for commercial purposes within the district which is a requirement to become a qualified elector within the district. This is a commercial enterprise and staff is recommending approval. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve, John Kai seconded. Charles B. Sherrill, Jr. abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

- E. **Voter Registration WPI-Hulet Farm AZ, LLC.** Discussion and possible action to approve the application for registration as a qualified elector of the district.

Manager Mark Clark said, we have the application, WPI is a qualified commercial farming entity within the district thus meeting the qualifications to become a qualified elector of the district and staff is recommending the approval. Perry Muscelli asked why this was not approved before? Mark replied that it was never presented, it was missed so we are getting it taken care of now. Chip said we are trying to get all records up to snuff and make them right. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve, John Kai seconded. Vince Vasquez abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

- F. **Voter Registration WPI-Hancock Farm AZ, LLC.** Discussion and possible action to approve the application for registration as a qualified elector of the district.

Manager Mark Clark said, we have the application, the farmland is being farmed for commercial purposes and meets the qualification to be a qualified elector of the district and staff is recommending approval. Perry Muscelli made a motion to approve, John Kai seconded. Vince Vasquez abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

- G. **Voter Registration WPI-R3 Farm AZ LLC.** Discussion and possible action to approve the application for registration as a qualified elector of the district.

Manager Mark Clark said, we have the application, the farm in question is being farmed for commercial purposes and meets all of the qualifications to be a qualified elector within the district and staff is recommending approval. John Kai made a motion to approve and Perry Muscelli seconded. Vince Vasquez abstained. All

were in favor, motion passed.

- H. **Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) annual 417 report.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Annual 2015 BOR 417 report.

Manager Mark Clark reported that on an annual basis we are required under our contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to file a report with the Bureau of Reclamation. There is a number of questions that they ask on an annual basis and those questions change from year to year. I have completed the 417 report a copy is in the packet, staff is recommending approval, this has been reviewed by District council and by the chairman Charles B. Sherrill Jr. (Chip) any changes they have requested have been inputted to this document and staff is recommending approval. It is due to the Bureau of Reclamation by September 15, 2015. John Kai made a motion to approve, Perry Muscelli seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- I. **Voter Registration Charles B. Sherrill, Jr.** Discussion and possible action to approve the application for registration as a qualified elector of the district.

Manager Mark Clark said this is an application from Charles B. Sherrill, Jr. for property being farmed for commercial purposes and meets all the requirements to be a qualified elector in the district and staff is recommending approval. John Kai made a motion to approve, Perry Muscelli seconded. Chip abstained. All were in favor, motion passed.

5. PUBLIC INPUT.

Richard Park asked Chip how many bails of hay did he get. Chip replied 152 on one cut and the last cut was a little weaker, about 136. Richard Park asked if this was the sixth, Chip replied sixth. Richard Park said 7?, 8?. Chip said he is hoping for 9. Chip said alfalfa is not that good, it's \$100.00 a ton cheaper this year than it was last year and its really taking a hit. Your exports have dropped off, your dairies have really dropped off. It's a pretty big wreck right now. Richard Park made a remark about the market. Chip said it's the whole market, its not just alfalfa, its grain, its wheat, its all the things we done with all our exports and with China. But you know corn has been down \$2-\$3 from a couple of years ago. Its really tough on commodities and the American farmer. The entire group talked about the drought and hopefully with the El Nino it can resolve it self over time. The group talked about oil also.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Charles B. Sherrill, Jr. thanked everyone for coming and encourage them to keep coming and the meeting was adjourned. Perry Muscelli made a motion to end, John Kai second and the meeting ended at 4:24pm