

Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2018:

A meeting of the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority was convened at 7:02 a.m. in the Pinal County Offices in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Directors Present:

- David Snider, Pinal County, Chair
- Bill Collings, Water utilities without a CAP Water Subcontract
- Kelly Anderson, Maricopa-Stanfield IDD
- Kevin Pakka, Water utilities with a CAP Water Subcontract
- Keith Brown, City of Eloy
- John Anderson, Town of Florence
- Marvin Brown, City of Maricopa
- Melissa Campbell, City of Coolidge

Also Present:

- Joe Singleton, PCWAA Executive Director
- Mitch Basefsky, Central Arizona Project
- Brian Betcher, Maricopa-Stanfield IDD

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Chairman David Snider called the meeting to order at 7:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Marvin Brown moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 12, 2017. Bill Collings seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joe Singleton reviewed the list of bills prepared for payment as well as bank statement balances dated the end of December. John Anderson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented. Bill Collings seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2018 WRRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SPONSORSHIP, AGRIBUSINESS & WATER COUNCIL OF ARIZONA - MEMBERSHIP:

Joe Singleton said that he had been contacted by representatives of the Water Resources Research Center regarding sponsorship of their 2018 annual conference, "The Business of Water". Singleton reminded the Board that the Authority had been a sponsor for last years' conference, "Irrigated Agriculture in Arizona: A Fresh Perspective." He asked the Board if they wanted to continue to sponsor the conference, and reminded them that their annual dues for the Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona would be owing in a few months. Melissa Campbell moved to sponsor the WRRC annual conference and participate in the Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona at similar levels to last year. Bill Collings seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Joe Singleton said that the Governor's Water Augmentation Council was scheduled to meet on January 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Arizona Department of Water Resources building in Phoenix. He added that the Desalination Committee was scheduled to meet on January 28, 2018 from 1 -3 PM at ADWR, but that the other committees to the group had not met for several months.

Singleton told the Board that since their December meeting he had been engaged in a variety of year-end reporting and administrative tasks, including quarterly reporting and accounting-related items. He said that he had continued to have discussions with third parties concerning possible roles for the Authority in development related activities.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chairman Snider said that there was continuing public interest in water, particularly now that the state legislature was back in session. He reminded members that the Authority was available for presentations, particularly in relationship to their partnership funding requests.

CALL TO THE AUTHORITY:

There was a call to the Authority. John Anderson said that Florence had been approached regarding growing prickly pear cactus for a biogas developer. Bill Collings asked what the status of the "Water Bud" section was relative to being part of the package of water items that could be amended this legislative session. Joe Singleton said that he would know more the following day.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There was a call to the public. Mitch Basefsky said that Colorado Basin was at 35-45% of normal snowpack, and that it was unlikely to get above 70% by the end of the water year. He said that CAP was supporting the Drought Contingency Plan, but that there was a problem concerning authorities. He said that the 2007 shortage sharing guidelines would expire in 2027, and that renegotiating those would begin in 2020. Basefsky said that if the Drought Contingency Plan couldn't get done soon, that CAP may forgo those efforts, and move on to renegotiating the 2007 agreement. Basefsky reminded the Board that \$200,000 had been appropriated for the purpose of auditing the CAP. He said that the audit report was now available, and indicated only a few minor issues.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2018 at 7:00 a.m., 820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Suite A-1, Casa Grande.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST:


David Snider, Chairman



Kevin Pakka, Secretary-Treasurer