

Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2018:

A meeting of the Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority was convened at 7:00 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
- Kevin Pakka, Water utilities with a CAP Water Subcontract
- John Anderson, Town of Florence
- Marvin Brown, City of Maricopa
- Keith Brown, City of Eloy
- Melissa Campbell, City of Coolidge

Also Present:

- Joe Singleton, PCWAA Executive Director
- Robert Romo, Arizona Water Company
- Mitch Basefsky, Central Arizona Project

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CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bill Collings moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 10, 2018. Kevin Pakka 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 April. John Anderson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented. Bill Collings seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PCWAA BUDGET – FY 19:

David Snider presented the membership with a draft FY 2019 budget. Singleton indicated that the draft budget's spending plan was the same as the current budget, excepting some activities that were highlighted in yellow. Singleton said that the highlighted items could allow for increased legal fees and the hiring of a lobbyist to work on statutory changes that the Authority might promote relating to its capacity to bond for supply acquisition. Snider reminded the Board that the budget represented spending authority that would not necessarily be exercised. Kevin Pakka asked what kind of projects might the Authority is bonds for. Singleton replied that water projects, credit purchases, and acquiring non-groundwater supplies had all been theorized, but the current focus was on ways to expand the physical availability of water for the Active Management Area. Snider said that any of these activities that the Authority might engage in would be done with an abundance of caution with respect to protecting the Authority as a whole and its individual members.

Marvin Brown moved to approve the draft FY 2019 budget as presented. Bill Collings seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Joe Singleton said that the legislature had adjourned on May 5, 2018. He said that the Governor's staff seemed unhappy with the legislature from the onset of the process with respect to some of the bill language, and particularly unhappy that there was no language addressing forbearance. He said that ADWR and CAP were supposed to renew discussions on this topic. He added that most of the proposed water legislation did not make it through the legislative process. He told members that the Governor had vetoed the containerized plants

bill (SB 1510) explaining in his veto letter that he was rejecting it because it was not accompanied by a larger package of proposed legislation that addressed state water issues.

Singleton told the Board that the Pinal Stakeholders group had met on April 18, 2018. At that meeting the group was told that ADWR had not yet completed work on revising the Pinal groundwater model. ADWR representatives again expressed doubts that the revisions to the model would allow for enough physical availability for all currently pending projects to move forward. Singleton said that the stakeholders were reminded again of the critical need for additional renewable supplies for the AMA.

Singleton said that in addition to recently completed work on the FY19 budget, he had been working on the backend of the PCWAA website as well as preparing to work with the Authority's accountants in preparation for the annual audit.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chairman Snider said that he had also attending the Pinal Stakeholders meeting and that he and Joe Singleton had updated the group on PCWAA activities towards expanding physical availability for the Pinal AMA. Snider added that the Groundwater Users Advisory Council of the Pinal AMA would meet next month on June 12, after the PCWAA Board meeting.

CALL TO THE AUTHORITY:

There was a call to the Authority. John Anderson said that he had attended a meeting of the Pinal Partnership. He said that Jordan Rose had moderated a discussion on legislative activities. He added that Dick Powell had urged attendees for more local involvement in regional water issues.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

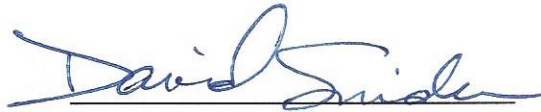
There was a call to the public. Mitch Basefsky of CAP said that the upper Colorado River basin states had complained to CAP that they felt that CAP's management of Lake Mead was not in the spirit of cooperative management of the river. Basefsky said that as a result that CAP had met with representatives of the upper basin states and would revisit the issues of a drought contingency plan with ADWR.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2018 at 7:00 a.m., 820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Suite A-1, Casa Grande.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.



David Snider, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kevin Pakka, Secretary-Treasurer