



BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING (WORKSHOP) MINUTES

Wednesday, August 07, 2024 at 9:00 AM

66575 Second St, Desert Hot Springs, CA AND/OR Via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

President Sewell called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ivan Sewell, Vice President Robert Griffith, Director Russ Martin, Director Amber Duff, Director Ted Mayrhofen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Macy, Marion Champion, Arturo Ceja, William Whitten, Danny Friend, Kurt Kettenacker, Dori Petee

President Sewell observed a moment of silence for MSWD employee Grant Fournier, who passed away suddenly on August 2, 2024.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Position: District Legal Counsel

REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in closed session on the following item: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Position: District Legal Counsel
There was no reportable action.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OPTIONS FOR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ENERGY-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO MSWD FACILITIES

General Manager Brian Macy gave a brief history of this solar project. Tim Holmes of Kenwood Energy presented the results of the RFP process. The request for proposals began on May 7th and concluded on June 18th. Two proposals were received, one by Staten Solar and one by Total Energies. He compared the previous project with the project in front of the Board today. Under this project, a third party will own the system, making this type of project a power purchase agreement. Under this project, MSWD anticipates spending no money and seeing a value (savings) of thirteen to eighteen million dollars over twenty-five years. Kenwood Energy is recommending Staten Solar for this project.

CODIFICATION REVIEW: TITLES 1-3

Assistant General Manager Marion Champion presented the updates to the Codification. She reviewed the redline version of the code with the changes to titles one through three. Section 1.012 updates the

adoption of the Code of Conflict. General Counsel specified that the Board already adopted these changes at the meeting in which the code was adopted; they weren't included in the codification adoption because they had not yet been approved.

Title two changes include cleaning up the language and specifying that vaping is included in the no-smoking policy in the Boardroom. Kaytlin Empey of SBEMP noted that the code won't have to be re-amended whenever procedures are amended. Elections by Division language has also been updated to reflect current rules and procedures. The manner for which we call a special meeting has been updated with current Brown Act procedures and rules.

One minor change in Title Three is the addition of the word "vaping," which pertains to the no-smoking policy.

COMMENTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Macy thanked the Board for the moment of silence, honoring our employee who suddenly passed.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. General Comments
2. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Director Mayrhofen noted he had a conversation with the GM about changing the name of the District.

President Sewell thanked the Board for a productive discussion.

ADJOURN

With no further business, President Sewell adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dori Petee
Executive Assistant