



BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING (WORKSHOP) MINUTES

Wednesday, August 09, 2023 at 10:00 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Martin called the meeting to order at 10 AM

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: April Scott, Oriana Hoffert, Rachel Pust, Kurt Kettenacker, Marion Champion, Brian Macy, Arturo Ceja, Dori Petee

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input

President Martin announced the order of items below will change. The Board will hear the Proposed MCL for Hexavalent Chromium in Drinking Water presentation first.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

PROPOSED MCL FOR HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM IN DRINKING WATER

Brian Macy began by noting the last discussion regarding Chrome VI was back in April of 2022 when the State opened the comment period related to the draft Chrome VI MCL, which was 10 parts per billion. MSWD submitted a comment letter as part of a coordinated effort with other Coachella Valley Water Agencies and ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies). Similar to this, the State is again asking for comments related to Chrome VI with the maximum contaminant level still at 10 parts per billion. The current comment period was extended from August 4th to August 18th and we are working with our consultant Chad Seidel, who is presenting today, to draft that letter.

Chad Seidel of Corona Environmental Consulting presented a description of Chromium in all forms and their health impacts, MSWD Wells impacted by Chrome VI, a regulatory history and Chrome VI compliance options and non-treatment options.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTANT SUBMITTALS, PRESENTATIONS AND POSSIBLE SELECTION

Marion Champion gave a quick update on this process. Request for proposal went out last July and was then reviewed and scored internally by staff. The Board heard presentations from the top three bidders. Following the presentations, staff requested the Board provide direction on their selection so they could prepare a contract agreement. The Board requested staff reach out to three references for each bidder and report back to the Board.

Respectfully,

Dori Petee
Executive Assistant