

MOJAVE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
15844 K STREET
MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA 93501

MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2024
BOARD MEETING - 7:00 P.M. - DISTRICT OFFICE

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Smith.

Roll call of Directors:	Present	Absent
Harold Smith	X	
David Adams	X	
Dor Hansen	X	
Paul Holzer	X	
Victor Yaw	X	

Public Comments: None.

President Smith opened the public hearing regarding the proposed water and sewer rate increase. District Legal Counsel described the legal process for increasing water and sewer rates and stated that the legal notice requirements had been met. District Legal Counsel then presented into the record the following: Exhibit "A," a copy of the 2024 Water Rate Study prepared by engineering consulting AECOM, as required by law; Exhibit "B" a copy of the 2024 Sewer Rate Study prepared by engineering consulting AECOM, as required by law; and Exhibit "C", an Affidavit of Mailing verifying that the Public Notice and Proposition 218 Rate Increase Notice was mailed to each holder of title to land within the District's boundaries, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County of Kern. General Manager Rickman provided an overview of the Water and Sewer Rate Studies that were performed by engineering consultant AECOM. General Manager Rickman further explained the recommended rate increases. President Smith then asked for any public comments. There were no comments. President Smith closed the public hearing.

On motion by Director Yaw, and seconded by Director Holzer, the Board unanimously approved by a roll-call vote Resolution No. 369 Increasing District Water and Sewer Rates and Charges as recommended in the Water and Sewer Rate Studies.

President Smith opened the public hearing regarding the Resolution Finding and Determining a Public Interest and Necessity for Acquiring and Authorizing the Condemnation of a portion of real property in Kern County, California, known as Kern County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 224-112-20, 24, 25, 27, 29; and 224-300-01, 02 for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating an underground pipeline known as the Cache Creek Pipeline. District Legal Counsel described the legal purpose of the hearing and reported that notice of the hearing was sent to the owners of record. General Manager Rickman discussed the public necessity for the proposed pipeline project, that the subject property was the only viable location and therefore necessary, and that the project was designed for the least amount of public harm. President Smith then asked for any public comments. There were no comments. President Smith closed the public hearing.

District's legal counsel, Mr. St. Lawrence, reported that after lengthy negotiations with the landowner, an agreement was reached to purchase the necessary property. The required documents have not been fully executed, therefore, legal counsel advised that the consideration of the Resolution of Necessity to initiate a condemnation action to acquire the property be tabled to the next Board meeting. Upon such advice from legal counsel, the Board tabled this item to the next Board meeting.

District legal counsel announced there was no need to go into Closed Session, therefore no action was taken.

The minutes from the March 14, 2024. Board meeting were approved with a motion made by Director Yaw and seconded by Director Adams. Motion passed.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Smith, Adams, Hansen, Holzer & Yaw

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

General Manager updated the Board on current projects and informational items.

Oral communications were received from Directors and staff.

Director Hansen moved for adjournment at 7:23 p.m. with a seconded by Director Holzer. Meeting adjourned.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Smith, Adams, Hansen, Holzer & Yaw

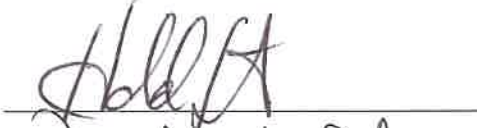
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



DeVon Aller,
Secretary clerk of Board

President Smith



Director Adams

David W. Adams

Director Hansen

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Director Holzer



Director Yaw

Victor Yaw