

**MINUTES
BANNING HEIGHTS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**

Board of Directors Regular Meeting – Agenda
Meeting Held in-Person, Telephonically and/or Virtually for Board Members, in-person for
Shareholder's City of Banning Senior Center- Nutrition Room,
769 San Geronio Ave., Banning, CA 92220
Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER – By S. Romberg at 7:03 pm

ROLL CALL

Board:

Julie Hutchinson - Present (call-in)
Steve Romberg - Present
Jay Callin - Present
Larry Ellis - Present
Lori Askew - Present

Staff:

Bill Thompson - Present
Dawn Fischle - Present

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be separately considered under items pulled from consent calendar.

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting of August 12, 2024
- B. Minutes of the Emergency meeting of August 23, 2024

Motion to Approve the Consent Calendar by L. Ellis – 1st - L. Askew 2nd Approved 5-0

2. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Treasurer Report

- 1. Pending Outstanding Debt (\$464,032.73) to City of Banning – For Emergency Water Purchases Due to Apple Fire.
 - a. Update: Discussions in progress with city over interpreting a contractual agreement (2013 AGREEMENT FOR REHABILITATION AND MAINTENANCE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS FOR SAN GORGONIO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT NO.344 WATER CONVEYANCE FACILITIES; more commonly known as the Flume Operation and Maintenance (O & M) Agreement) BETWEEN BHMWC and the City of Banning.

Report Presented by Director L. Askew

Motion by L. Askew 1st – S. Romberg 2nd – Receive and File 5 - 0

3. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATION

- A. August 2024 SAFER Reports
- B. General Managers Monthly Operations & Office Report
- C. Backflow/Cross Connection Letters

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tropical Cyclone Hilary (August 19 & 20, 2023) and its impacts to BHMWC infrastructure. Notified of Federal Disaster Declaration on November 22, 2023 for Riverside County.

Director Ellis and Hutchinson reported that work is still taking place with FEMA to finalize damages and restoration funding. Delays due to the water flow in the canyon preventing access to our infrastructure.

B. Update on Short-Term (Post Apple Fire) and Long-Term Flume Discussions & Milestones

1. Repair work Phase 1A &1B

Director Ellis and Hutchinson provided updates to repair work on Phase 1A (South Fork to Raywood) will be concluding for 2024 season in October. SCE contractor is waiting for micropyle foundational structures to hold supports at BlackWheel Diversion and will be installing those 2025 season. All the anchors, aprons and erosion control requirements at the storm water crossings for 1A was completed this summer

Director Ellis and Hutchinson provided updates to repair work on Phase 1B (South Fork to East Fork) FERC review of the proposed restoration package (submitted June 2023) was stopped due to changes to the area due to Hurricane Hilary (2023). FERC requesting updated proposal based on new landscape of the area and road damage and destruction of the East Fork Diversion. Design and engineering under way by SCE to develop a new 1B restoration plan and package to submit to FERC. The South Fork Diversion structure will be overhauled in 1B as well.

2. Update on meeting with USFS, SCE and FERC Dispute Resolution Service – Road design

Director Ellis and Hutchinson provided updates to repair work on in-person meeting with USFS, SCE and FERC Dispute Resolution Service on September 5, 2024– Very productive and positive confidential settlement meeting. Discussion of full flume alignment plan, environmental requirements, East Fork Diversion and road restoration necessity and engineering, developing timelines, and necessity to get water direct to BHMWC.

3. Update on Gaging from SGPWA

Director Ellis and Hutchinson provided updates when the SGPWA board will be considering funding gaging at Raywood and Lower Burnt Canyon now that Burnt Canyon Diversion has been cleared of storm debris.

4. Update Burnt Canyon Diversion Storm Repairs

Director Romberg provided and update on Burnt Canyon Diversion Storm Repairs. The diversion structure has been cleared of boulders, rocks and dirt. The spur road has been cleared to access the diversion. Additional work needed to replace valves, gates, and weirs damaged by fire and storms prior to installing gaging.

C. Source Capacity Assessment Study

1. Draft document review expected September 2024

- a. Staff has completed submission of two requests for data and information.

D. Department of Water Resources (DWR) Drought Grant Award - Update & status

1. Quarterly Report completed and approved – reimbursement received
2. Receipt of “Notice of Termination” of the SUSP Engineering Contract
3. Gap Funding Opportunity and Agreement with SGPWA is on hold
4. Well and Water Storage Tank Project is in development for BHMWC to self-manage the grant.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of gWorks Billing Platform Contract

Motion to Approve by L. Askew – 1st - L. Ellis 2nd Approved 5-0

6. SHAREHOLDERS COMMENTS/INPUT

(Shareholders may address the board at this time on non-agenda items. Any shareholder may address the Board at this time. (Shareholders please provide your name for inclusion in the meeting minutes and keep Comments to 3 minutes).

Fernando Ruelas; Has Board reviewed Assessment Study? Steve Romberg, it is expected next month.

Brianne Gulizia; Do we expect a draft by next month? Bill T., we are hopeful.

Brianne Gulizia; Ask Larry Ellis, what did the City of Banning say regarding additional water? Larry Ellis, maybe three meters, no guarantee. Julie Hutchinson, City of Banning has no extra water.

Seth Ireland; Any new meters? Steve Romberg, once flume repairs are completed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 14, 2024 (in-person, telephonically and/or virtual for the board) or as called by the board to deal with existing, new, and emerging issues that require timely resolution or Board action.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to Adjourn at 7:25 pm by L. Askew – 1st – J. Callin 2nd Approved 5-0

CLOSED SESSION – No Actions to Report

_____ **Approved:** _____ **Date: October 14, 2024**