REGULAR MEETING  8:00 A.M.  OPERATIONS CENTER - 1200 SOUTH GENE AUTRY TRAIL – PALM SPRINGS – CALIFORNIA

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION  KRAUSE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 19, 2018  CIOFFI

4. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT  KRAUSE

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS -  A. Executive – June 27, 2018  CIOFFI

6. PUBLIC INPUT:
   Members of the public may comment on any item not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Agency. In addition, members of the public may speak on any item listed on the agenda as that item comes up for consideration. Speakers are requested to keep their comments to no more than three (3) minutes. As provided in the Brown Act, the Board is prohibited from acting on items not listed on the agenda.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION:
   A. Request Board Action Regarding CSDA Election  KRAUSE

8. OUTREACH & CONSERVATION  METZGER
   A. Media Information
   B. Activities

9. DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

10. CLOSED SESSION
   A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
       Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)
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   F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
       Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)
       Name of Case: Safari Park, Inc. vs. Southridge Property Owners Assoc. of Palm Springs, et al

11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURN

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The following employee is scheduled to attend and be introduced to the Board of Directors at the July 3, 2018 Board Meeting:

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President Cioffi opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and asked everyone to join Director Ewing in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cioffi called for approval of the June 5, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes.

Director Ewing moved for approval. After a second by Vice President Stuart, the minutes were approved as written.

President Cioffi called upon General Manager Krause to provide an update on Agency operations.

Mr. Krause provided an update on the State Water Contractors (SWC) dues. He stated the Agency’s contribution for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 is $123,874, which is broken down into three funds: 1) Dues, 2) Energy, and 3) Bay Delta. The Dues fund has increased due to increases in legal, outreach and staffing. The Energy fund has decreased due to a reduction in consulting costs. The Bay Delta fund has increased due to increased legal support for Cal WaterFix, additional science and technical investments.
Mr. Krause stated that Metropolitan Water District (MWD) recently announced they are planning a re-vote on the funding for the Delta Tunnels (Cal WaterFix) at their July 10 meeting. The re-vote is in response to the notice of Brown Act violation and Public Records Act request from Food and Water Watch and the First Amendment Coalition.

Mr. Krause stated on June 9 at approximately 6:00 p.m. stand-by personnel responded to a hit fire hydrant on the east side of Sunrise Way, south of Racquet Club Rd. Staff replaced the bolts and gasket, and placed the hydrant back in service. The water loss was from a 1/4 inch by 2-inch gap between the flanges, which ran for approximately 20 minutes. A police report was filed.

Mr. Krause stated as of June 5, MWD is delivering water at a rate of 300 cfs to the Whitewater spreading basins. Of the 300 cfs, approximately 170 cfs is being diverted through the Whitewater Hydro plant. MWD has tentatively scheduled an increase in pumping capacity along the CRA on June 29 and has asked for the Whitewater Hydro be placed offline for a week so they can evaluate the water levels within the CRA. There is concern that the Hydro may “trip” during this timeframe, disrupting the water level evaluation process. Between June 1 and June 14, the Whitewater Hydro plant has generated approximately 288,300 kWh.

Mr. Krause reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently provided an update on construction related activities for the Lake Oroville Spillways Emergency Recovery Project. Foundation prep for construction on the main spillway is 34 percent complete. Foundation prep for the construction of the emergency spillway is 40 percent complete. Lake levels are currently at 818 feet.

Mr. Krause noted the Facilities & Safety department updates: 1) Window Security Film project – MasterShield finished the 3M reflective/security film on the lobby windows and Engineering front counter room, 2) First Aid/CPR Training – 61 employees were trained in CPR and First Aid using Medic First Aid G2015 guidelines, 3) Confined Space Rescue (CSR) Entry Training – National Safety Services, Inc. conducted two training classes for the Agency’s CSR team. Training included simulations of rescue scenarios and incorporated new and proven techniques and procedures, 4) 8 Hour Confined Space Entry Training – Training included familiarizing and operating gas detection devices, understanding regulations and best practices, 5) Respirator Fit Test & Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fresh Air Class – National Safety Services, Inc. conducted two SCBA classes and an annual Quantitative Respiratory Fit Test, 6) Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) – National Safety Services, Inc. conducted two classes. This training complies with Cal-OSHA’s requirements, 7) Phone Room Mini Split Air Conditioning Unit – Due to a Freon leak, Blair Heating & Air replaced the system.
Concluding his report, Mr. Krause noted the current system leak data, and meetings and activities he participated in during the past several weeks.

18148. President Cioffi noted the minutes for the June 13 Executive Committee were provided in the Board’s packet.

18149. President Cioffi opened the meeting for public input.

There being no one from the public wishing to address the Board, President Cioffi closed the public comment period.

18150. President Cioffi called upon Secretary-Treasurer Bloomer to provide an overview of financial activities for the month of May 2018.

Secretary-Treasurer Bloomer reported that the Operating Fund received $2,402,318 in Water Sales Revenue, $138,267 in Reclamation Sales Revenue, $3,614 in Snow Creek Hydro Sales from SCE for April and $35,842 in Advanced Construction Deposits. Included in the Miscellaneous receipts category is $36,700 for Prop. 84 Grant Funds and $42,000 in Sewer Connection Fees (Cove Resort). $1,645,505 was paid out in Accounts Payable. Year-to-date Water Sales are 7% over budget, Year-to-date Total Revenues are 12% over budget and Year-to-date Total Expenses are 12% under budget. There were 22,603 active services as of May 31, 2018 compared to 22,595 as of April 30, 2018.

Reporting on the General Fund, Ms. Bloomer stated that $9,868,404 was received in Property Tax Revenue, $22,577 in Groundwater Assessments and $325,855 in State Water Project Refunds (2017). $2,047,969 was paid out in State Water Project Charges (YTD $22,158,445).

Reporting on the Wastewater Fund, Ms. Bloomer stated that $45,779 was received in sewer contract payments. There are a total of 44 contracts with total delinquents of 12 (27%). $73,769 was paid out in Accounts Payable.

18151. President Cioffi asked Finance Director Krieger to present staff’s request for adoption of Resolution No. 1187 Revising Agency Reserves Policy.

Mr. Krieger stated in May 2006, the Board adopted Resolution No. 926 establishing a policy for Agency reserves. It also established and defined three types of reserves: 1) Restricted, 2) Unrestricted and 3) Administration.

Continuing his report, Mr. Krieger explained with the Department of Water Resources commitment to the California WaterFix
(CWF) and the Agency’s participation in the CWF, it is necessary to establish a new reserve category for CWF. The Agency’s estimated commitment for participation over the next ten years is $35,262,100. By moving forward and creating a CWF reserve, this will aid and prepare the Agency for costs associated with the CWF and to stabilize rates. Staff requests the Board adopt Resolution No. 1187, revising the Agency’s Reserve Policy.

Vice President Stuart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1187. After a second by Director Ewing, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1187
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY REVISING THE AGENCY RESERVE POLICY

18152. President Cioffi asked Finance Director to present staff’s request for adoption of Resolution No’s. 1188 and 1189 Establishing Rates and Fees for Domestic Water Service and Sewer Service.

Mr. Krieger explained after a comprehensive rate study Proposition 218 hearing, the Board of Directors implemented rates effective January 1, 2017. At that time, the Board approved assessing future rate adjustments. July 1, 2018 is the next planned step within the rate plan. Resolution No. 1188 increases the volumetric rate for water from $1.72 to $1.89 per hundred cubic feet; it also updates the drought rate surcharge and zone charges for pumping water to higher elevations. Resolution No. 1189 increases the sewer rate for pass thru charges to CVWD and Palm Springs from $5.55 to $5.74. Staff recommends the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 1188 and Resolution No. 1189.

Director Ewing made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. After a second by Vice President Stuart, the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1188
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY ESTABLISHING RATE, FEES & CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC WATER SERVICE, BACKUP FACILITY, SUPPLEMENTAL IMPORTED WATER CAPACITY AND SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

RESOLUTION NO. 1189
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY ESTABLISHING RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE

Resolution No. 1187 Adopted
Request Adoption of Resolution No’s. 1188 & 1189 Establishing Rates & Fees for Domestic Water & Sewer Service
Resolution No. 1188 Adopted
Resolution No. 1189 Adopted
President Cioffi asked Finance Director Krieger to present the Operating, General and Wastewater Budgets for 2018/2019.

Mr. Krieger stated after the June 5 draft Budget presentation, adjustments were made to the Turf Buyback program and the California WaterFix expense. Staff recommends adoption of the budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Vice President Stuart made a motion to adopt the 2018/2019 Operating, General and Wastewater budgets. Secretary-Treasurer Bloomer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

President Cioffi asked Finance Director Krieger to present staff’s request for adoption of Resolution No. 1190 Establishing Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Mr. Krieger stated the proposed resolution will fix the tax rate of $0.10 per $100 of assessed valuation, as adopted in the 2018/2019 General Fund budget (same rate as 2017/2018). The resolution directs the County Board of Supervisors to levy such tax rate for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year on all taxable property within the Agency boundaries. Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 1190 establishing the tax rate for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year of $0.10 per $100 of assessed valuation.

President Cioffi made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1190. Vice President Stuart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1190
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY DETERMINING, CERTIFYING, AND DIRECTING 2018-2019 LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 27 OF THE AGENCY ACT AS AMENDED

President Cioffi asked Finance Director Krieger to present staff’s request for adoption of Resolution No. 1191 Establishing an Account with Piper Jaffray for Purposes of Investment.

Mr. Krieger stated Piper Jaffray is a full service brokerage and investment firm founded in 1974. Staff would like to include Piper Jaffray with the Agency’s other authorized investment firms, in order to increase investment options. Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 1191.

Director Ewing made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. After a second by Vice President Stuart, the motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 1191
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF DESERT WATER AGENCY AUTHORIZING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNTS WITH
PIPER JAFFRAY FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTMENT
(OPERATING FUND/GENERAL FUND)

President Cioffi asked General Manager Krause to present staff’s request for Board action regarding a claim for damages filed by Geobany Martinez.

Mr. Krause stated that Mr. Martinez filed a claim for damages on June 4, 2018. Mr. Martinez claims on May 8 at 5:20 p.m., while at the intersection of Francis Drive and Indian Canyon Road, an agency vehicle driven by construction personnel hit his vehicle. He is seeking damages of $3,532.47 for the repair of his vehicle. Staff recommends that the Board deny the claim for damages filed by Mr. Martinez and forward to ACWA-JPIA for their handling.

President Cioffi made a motion to deny the claim filed by Mr. Martinez and have staff forward it to ACWA-JPIA for their handling. After a second by Vice President Stuart, the motion carried unanimously.

President Cioffi asked General Manager Krause to report on the May water use reduction figure.

Mr. Krause reported that the Agency and its customers achieved a 21% reduction in potable water production during May 2018 compared to May 2013. He noted the cumulative savings June 2016 through current is 17.3%.

Director Ewing requested staff report to the Board at a later date information on the new water conservation law.

President Cioffi asked General Manager Krause to provide an update on the Spring Crest Water Company.

Mr. Krause stated last week he toured the Spring Crest Water Company facilities where representatives from Riverside County Environmental Health and the USDA were present for their annual inspection. Spring Crest was encouraged to work with USDA for grant funding for a feasibility study.

Secretary-Treasurer Bloomer announced the Agency is a supporting sponsor of the Palm Springs International Shortfest taking place June 19-25.
At 9:07 a.m., President Cioffi convened into Closed Session for the purpose of Conference with Legal Counsel, (A) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians vs. Coachella Valley Water District, et al; (B) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), ACBCI vs. County of Riverside, et al; (C) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency, (D) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54959.9 (d) (1), Albrecht et al vs. County of Riverside; and (E) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54959.9 (d) (1), Abbey et al vs. County of Riverside.

At 10:12 a.m., President Cioffi reconvened the meeting into open session and announced there was no reportable action.

In the absence of any further business, President Cioffi adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

James Cioffi, President

ATTEST:

Kristin Bloomer, Secretary-Treasurer
## Sites Reservoir Update

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<td>Sites Reservoir Committee workshop preparation for Phase 2 agreement and financing (bonding). Sites bond counsel will be evaluating the bonding capacity of each of the participants.</td>
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<td>Opportunity for one on one meetings between Agency Boards and Sites bond counsel.</td>
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<td>Estimates of Class 1 water presented.</td>
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<td>DWA to determine its Class 1 water estimate, Phase 2 participation commitment.</td>
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<td>Class 1 water approval by Sites and Authority Boards.</td>
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DWA/CVWD/MWD Water Delivery Exchange Account Update

It is projected that 150,000 acre feet will be delivered to the turnouts this year. 126,000-acre feet is being deducted from the advanced delivery account. This would be water from our SWP allocations, non-project water, and the 35,000 acre feet quantification settlement water. The remaining 24,000-acre feet is going into the bank as advanced delivery. 118,000-acre feet remains to be delivered.

The advanced delivery account delivery account is currently 229,489-acre feet.

The end of the year advanced delivery is projected to be approximately 350,000-acre feet. Whitewater Hydro is scheduled to go off from June 29th through July 8th during testing of the Colorado River Aqueduct and testing of the Whitewater River Recharge Basin’s new intake structures.

*WWR Recharge Basin new intake pictures in PowerPoint presentation.*
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**TOTAL LEAKS IN SYSTEM:** 51

* Streets highlighted in green are scheduled to be replaced as part of the 2017/2018 Replacement Pipeline Project

* Streets highlighted in blue are being proposed as part of the 2018/2019 Replacement Pipeline Project
SYSTEM LEAKS

(Period beginning June 13, 2018 thru June 26, 2018)

DESERT WATER AGENCY
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

LEGEND
- LEAK(S)Recorded
- LEAK(S) Recorded; Included in 2017/18 Replacement Pipelines
- LEAK(S) Recorded; Included in Proposal for 2018/19 Replacement Pipelines

DWG. BY SR DATE SCALE
NCS 6/18 NTS

EXHIBIT "A"

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**General Manager’s Meetings and Activities**

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**Activities:**

1. Outreach Talking Points – KESQ
2. Whitewater Hydro – Automatic Re-start
3. State and Federal Contractors Water Authority and Delta Specific Project Committee (Standing)
4. ACBCI Section 14 Facilities & Easements
5. Lake Oroville Spillway Damage
6. Replacement Pipelines 2018-2019
7. CWF – Finance JPA Agreement
8. DWA/CVWD/MWD Operations Coordination/Article 21/Poold A/Poold B/Yuba Water
9. DWA/CVWD/MWD Agreements Update
10. SWP 2018 Water Supply
11. ACBCI Lawsuits
12. Lake Perris Dam Remediation
13. Section 14 Pipeline Easements
14. DOI Regulation
15. Repair of Facility Access Roads Damaged in the September 10 Storm (Araby)
16. Whitewater Hydro Operations Coordination with Recharge Basin O&M
17. SGMA Tribal Stakeholder Meetings
18. Whitewater Spreading Basins – BLM Permits
19. Lake Perris Dam Seepage Recovery Project Participation
20. Cal Waterfix Cost Allocation
21. DWA Surface Water Filtration Feasibility Study
22. MCSB Delivery Updates
23. Well 6 Meaders Cleaners RWQB Meetings
24. SGMA – Indio Subbasin Classification
25. SGMA – San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin
26. DWA Annual Water Quality Report
Minutes
Executive Committee Meeting
June 27, 2018

Directors Present:  Jim Cioffi, Joe Stuart
Staff Present:  Mark Krause, Martin Krieger

1. Discussion Items

   A. Review Agenda for July 3, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
      The proposed agenda for the July 3, 2018 meeting was reviewed.

   B. Expense Reports
      The expense reports for May were reviewed.

2. Other - None

3. Adjourn
Attached for the Board’s review is the candidate information for the CSDA’s Southern Network, Seat A upcoming election. There are two candidates, Jo MacKenzie (Incumbent) Vista Irrigation District and Joseph Kelly, Big Bear Airport District. It is up to each member agency to determine their own process in terms of selecting a candidate to vote for. The Agency received an endorsement request from Jo MacKenzie (attached).

Ballot instructions were sent to CSDA’s member agencies to complete an electronic ballot. The deadline to cast a vote is August 10, 2018; with ballots to be counted and confirmed on August 13.

It is recommended that the Board provide direction on the selection for the position of CSDA’s Southern Network, Seat A election.
Re: Jo MacKenzie for CSDA Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat A

Dear Board President:

On March 7, 2018, the Vista Irrigation District (VID) Board nominated Jo MacKenzie to the CSDA Board of Directors for the Southern Network, Seat A. As President of the Board, I’m requesting that your Board cast its vote for Jo MacKenzie, CSDA Board of Directors. The electronic balloting starts this week.

Jo’s enthusiasm, commitment, and comprehensive knowledge of special districts have brought a high level of experience to the CSDA Board of Directors. Jo believes it is important that CSDA continue to be the voice of all special districts, and continue to build on the present foundation of legislative advocacy, educational programs, and public outreach.

Currently serving on the CSDA Board as a Past President (President, 2011), Jo served as Chair of the Legislative Committee from 2006-2010, and again in 2012. She was named Legislative Advocate of the Year in 2010. Jo currently serves as President of the CSDA Finance Corporation, and she also serves as Treasurer of the Special District Leadership Foundation. Jo has been very active with the San Diego Chapter of CSDA and served as its President 1998-2000.

Jo was elected to the VID Board of Directors in 1992, and has since served as President seven times. She is current Chair of San Diego LAFCO, and has continually served on LAFCO in various capacities since 1994. Jo is a past Board Director for ACWA and serves on the ACWA Local Government Committee (Chair 2014-15) and on the ACWA Membership Committee. She is active in her local community, having served on the City of San Marcos Planning Commission, Traffic/Safety Commission, Budget Review Committee and Affordable Housing Task Force. Jo has also been active in the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce for 30 years, serving as a Board Member and a Life Member Ambassador.

During my Board’s nomination of Jo for re-election to the CSDA board, my comments was as follows:

“...She’s been their [CSDA’s] loyal representative, for sure. And when it comes time to supporting all of their projects, you know that she provides the emphasis.”

I urge your Board to vote for Jo MacKenzie for Southern Network Director. Thank you for your support!

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Dorey
President, Board of Directors
Jo MacKenzie, Director  
Vista Irrigation District

* DEDICATED  * EXPERIENCED LEADER  
* FINCALLY RESPONSIBLE  
* COMMITTED TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS

I would be honored to continue representing the Southern Network on the CSDA Board of Directors.

I am dedicated to CSDA’s mission and I pledge to continue building on CSDA’s foundation of education programs, legislative advocacy, and public outreach. During my tenure, special districts have gained recognition as the third leg of local government. It is important that CSDA continues to be the voice of California’s special districts in the Capitol.

Representing the Southern Network, I will bring to the California Special District Association years of experience in local government including LAFCO, and a strong understanding of how CSDA can best serve its members.

I have served as CSDA President, Treasurer, and the Chair of the Legislative Committee. I know the commitment and time it takes to be an effective board member. A flexible schedule is paramount to being a successful director. I have attended all board of directors and assigned committee meetings, read through a myriad of legislation, and hundreds of pages of Board packets in order to provide the leadership necessary for the association to run efficiently and effectively to serve the needs of the diverse special districts.

I have completed CSDA’s Special District Leadership Academy, a requirement to serve on the Board. Under my leadership, my district, Vista Irrigation District, has obtained the Special District Leadership Foundation District of Distinction Accreditation, Gold, and the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

I believe it is important to the continued success and growth of CSDA that the Board of Directors remain committed to its mission: to provide legislative advocacy, education, and member services for all special districts.

Your district’s vote will be greatly appreciated!
Name: Jo MacKenzie

District/Company: Vista Irrigation District

Title: President, Board of Directors

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected

Length of Service with District: 26 years

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):
   - President 2011, Vice President 2010, Treasurer 2008-2009
   - CSDA Legislative Advocate of the Year 2010
   - Finance Corporation 2007-present, President 2012, 2013, 2015-present
   - Special District Leadership Foundation Board of Directors, Treasurer 2014-present
   - Fiscal and Audit Committees; Membership Committee 2011-present
   - Legislative Committee 2004-present; Chair, 2006-2010 and 2012
   - San Diego Chapter, Board of Directors 1993-present, President 1998-2000
   - Graduate of CSDA Governance Academy
   - Attend Annual Conference and Legislative Days

2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):
   - ACWA: Past Board Director; Local Government, Chair 2014-2015 and Membership Committees
   - ACWA Region 10 Board, Vice Chair, Alternate Chair, Director 1997-2010
   - Special District Official of the Year by PublicCEO 2011

3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCO, Association of Governments, etc.):
   - San Diego LAFCO, 1994-present, Current Chair; served on Advisory Committee for 14 years
   - CALAFCO Board member
   - Served on City of San Marcos Planning and Traffic Commissions
   - Personally initiated the City of San Marcos Budget Review Committee in 1980, Chair 1996-2006

4. List civic organization involvement:
   - San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, Lifetime Ambassador
   - Graduate Leadership 2000, Cal State San Marcos
   - Soroptimist International

**Candidate Statement—Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. Any statements received in the CSDA office after May 31, 2018 will not be included with the ballot mailing.**
Hello, I am Joseph Kelly, your candidate for the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board of Directors. As an elected official, I understand the concept of serving our constituents. When elected to the CSDA Board, I will serve you.

CSDA is our "go to" organization, for training, support, data, answers and legislative outreach. During my tenure on the Big Bear Airport District Board of Directors, I have drawn on many of the resources provided by our membership in CSDA. These resources will not only continue, but get better with my input in Sacramento.

Technical innovations, communication and legislative support is what I bring to the table. I have no complaints about CSDA. To the contrary, I only seek to add my voice to make CSDA an ever improving association. I ask for your vote, the vote of your agency, to elect me to the CSDA Board of Directors.

Special Districts like yours provide vital services to a major portion of California. We as representatives require the support CSDA provides to help us carry out our responsibilities. We serve in every type of district from small rural areas to large metropolitan areas. One thing in common is that our constituents rely on us to provide services, without fail; and we are held accountable.

Each district faces its own challenges. In addition to these, some general concerns to me are:

• UNFUNDED MANDATES from Sacramento which are growing

• PREVAILING WAGE regulations impact on districts which don't have the large base of contractors

• NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION between agencies to find solutions to problems in common

• ENCOURAGING INPUT from Special Districts as to their needs from CSDA

(spartanizer@live.com) The opinions expressed herein are those of the candidate
2018 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET
The following information MUST accompany your nomination form and Resolution/Minute order:

Name: Joseph Kelly

District/Company: Big Bear Airport District

Title: Director

Elected/Appointed/Staff: Elected Member - Board of Directors

Length of Service with District: 3.5 years

- Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):
  2016 Special District Leadership Academy
  2018 Special District Leadership Academy
  Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts Membership

- Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):
  Institute for Local Government - Public Engagement Certificate and Subscriber
  Jefferson Madison Society, President

- List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):
  Contributor in Numerous Events/Meetings of:
  City of Big Bear Lake
  Bear Valley Municipal Water District
  Big Bear Community Services District
  Bear Valley Healthcare District
  Bear Valley Unified School District

- List civic organization involvement:
  Better Big Bear
  Bear Valley Historical Society
  Big Bear Business Bunch
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Nestlé gets new 3-year water permit

Ian James, June 28, 2018

The U.S. Forest Service has granted Nestle a new three-year permit to continue operating its bottled water pipeline in the San Bernardino National Forest.

The agency announced the decision Wednesday, saying the permit has been offered to the company “with measures to improve the watershed’s health” along Strawberry Creek.

The Forest Service took up the matter in 2015 after a Desert Sun investigation revealed Nestlé was piping water out of the mountains under a permit that listed 1988 as the expiration date. The revelation that officials had allowed the company to use the permit without a review for 27 years generated an outpouring of opposition and prompted the permit review, as well as a lawsuit by environmental groups and an investigation by California regulators. Nestlé’s special-use permit allows the company to use its pipelines, horizontal wells and water collection tunnels in the mountains north of San Bernardino.

District Ranger Joe Rechsteiner said in a statement that the decision ensures “the water withdrawal and conveyance infrastructure is under a current permit, and it provides for protection of forest resources.”

The permit comes with new conditions, including a requirement that the company take less water if necessary to maintain “minimum flows” of surface water.

The Forest Service said the watershed health is now rated as “impaired” and that water extraction will be allowed “when there is water available consistent with the forest’s Land Management Plan.”

The agency said that the company has 60 days to accept the terms of the permit, and that the three-year period will provide time to conduct more studies to “inform a longer-term decision.”

Nestlé acquired the operation in 1992, and has been paying $624 per year to the Forest Service for the permit. In 2016, Nestlé piped 32 million gallons of water from its sources in the national forest.

The Forest Service says its permit fees aren’t based on the volume of water but rather on the market value of using national forest lands. The agency said the initial fee for the new permit will be about $2,050 per year.

Nestlé’s opponents have urged federal officials to shut down the company’s pipeline, arguing the siphoning of water harms spring-fed Strawberry Creek and the wildlife that depends on it.

Nestlé denies causing harm to the environment and has insisted it’s entitled to keep using the lucrative namesake source of Arrowhead 100% Mountain Spring Water.

The company collects water using a system of 10 gravity-fed boreholes and two water tunnels drilled deep into the mountainside. The water flows downhill through a 4.5-mile steel pipeline to a roadside tank, where it’s pumped into tanker trucks and hauled to a bottling plant.
Alix Dunn, a spokesperson for Nestlé Waters North America, said the company “appreciates the time and effort the U.S. Forest Service dedicated to this decision regarding the permit renewal process at Arrowhead Springs.”

“We will carefully review the specifics of the decision, and will continue to comply with all permit requirements,” Dunn said in a statement, adding that the company has cooperated with the agency by providing dozens of environmental studies and reports.

Nestlé SA, headquartered in Vevey, Switzerland, is the world’s largest food company, and its Paris-based subsidiary Nestlé Waters is the world’s largest water bottling company. Nestlé Waters North America is the biggest bottled water company in the United States.

Water from Arrowhead Springs was first bottled for sale more than a century ago. It’s named after the famed arrowhead-shaped natural rock formation on a mountainside north of San Bernardino and the springs near it — both hot and cold. The hot springs were once the central attraction of a glamorous resort, which closed in the late 1950s and now stands vacant at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains.

The wells and water pipelines on the mountainside have been authorized under various permits since 1929. Forest Service officials have said Nestlé’s most recent 1978 permit, which was issued to predecessor Arrowhead Puritas Waters Inc., remained in effect while they reviewed the company’s renewal application.

In 2016, the Forest Service had released a proposal to issue Nestlé a longer five-year permit. The agency said the new three-year permit may be extended for two one-year periods — if that time is needed for additional studies.

The decision was announced three weeks after environmental groups reached a settlement with the Forest Service in their legal fight over the permit. In the settlement, the groups agreed to drop their appeal and the agency agreed to issue a decision within 30 days.

The three groups — including the Center for Biological Diversity, the Story of Stuff Project and the Courage Campaign Institute — sued in 2015, accusing the Forest Service of violating the law by allowing the company to continue drawing water from the national forest. They’ve argued that the taking of water threatens a sensitive habitat and rare species ranging from mountain yellow-legged frogs to birds such as Southwestern willow flycatchers.

A federal judge sided with the Forest Service in 2016, ruling that the existing permit was still valid because in 1987 the company’s predecessor requested a permit renewal and didn’t receive a response.

Nestlé says it has valid water rights in the national forest. But starting in 2015, critics filed several complaints with California’s State Water Resources Control Board questioning the company’s water rights claims.

State officials conducted a 20-month investigation and concluded in December that the company doesn’t seem to have valid rights for much of the water it’s been drawing from the forest north of San Bernardino. Nestlé disputed the findings, arguing in a written response in February that it has
rights to take at least 88 million gallons each year — nearly three times as much as the amount that ran through its pipes in 2016.

State officials have said they’re studying comments that have been submitted in response to their investigation, and they may revise their report based on those comments.

The Forest Service said its decision “leaves any issue concerning the extent of Nestlé’s water rights to the State Water Resources Control Board,” which has authority over questions of water rights.

Nestlé’s opponents had been hoping for a different decision from the federal government.

“We’re disappointed with the Forest Service’s decision to issue a new permit, particularly in light of the ongoing investigation by the State Water Board into Nestlé’s shaky claim to a water right,”

Michael O’Heaney, executive director of The Story of Stuff Project. “While we need time to more fully understand the decision, in the days ahead we will certainly be studying our options for ensuring that the public’s natural resources are protected.”

Rechsteiner explained his decision in a 33-page memo, saying there are no “extraordinary circumstances” that would warrant additional analysis through an environmental assessment. In a seven-page appendix, he outlined an “adaptive management plan” that would require the company to reduce water extraction if necessary to maintain the flow of surface water downhill from Nestlé’s water sources.

The company had previously proposed voluntary measures, but Rechsteiner decided on mandatory conditions. He wrote that Nestlé will be required to carry out additional environmental and hydrologic studies, and to take less water “if monitoring shows that water extraction is impacting surface water flow.”

“The initial studies provided by the permittee suggest that water extraction is reducing surface flow in Strawberry Creek. The effect of this flow reduction has not been thoroughly studied,”

Rechsteiner said. He said the company’s studies and field work by government officials “have demonstrated that the current water extraction is drying up surface water resources (springs and streams).”

The company will be required to study other sites in adjacent watershed for comparison, he wrote, “to determine what conditions would exist in Strawberry Creek without water extraction.”

The Forest Service is asking the company to submit a study plan, which may involve “suspending extraction for set time periods to evaluate any changes in streamflow.”

Last October, Desert Sun journalists visited Strawberry Creek to investigate how Nestlé’s use of water may be affecting the watershed. At a fork in the creek, the eastern branch was a free-flowing stream, but the western fork — downhill from Nestlé’s boreholes and water tunnels — was just a trickle, forming a series of shallow puddles hidden in a thicket of trees and bushes.

Under the new permit, the company will be required to monitor the streamflow downstream from its water sources and install “shut-off valves or other flow control devices.”
The extraction of water “will only be authorized when it is demonstrated by the user, and/or agreed to by the Forest Service, that the water extracted is excess to the current and reasonably foreseeable future needs of forest resources,” Rechsteiner wrote. The Forest Service received more than 40,000 comments from the public on the permit renewal proposal. Some people voiced concerns that if Nestlé is tasked with carrying out studies, the findings may be biased.

Responding to that point, Rechsteiner said although Nestlé will pay to conduct the studies, as is typical, “the qualifications of the scientists and resource specialists completing the work will be reviewed and approved by Forest Service staff,” and the studies will be independently reviewed.

The company will be required maintain “minimum flows” in two locations near the springs and boreholes: 20 gallons-per-minute in one spot and about 6 gallons-per-minute in another.

“Nestlé must manage extraction to maintain those minimum flows,” the agency said. “If the initial actions do not maintain minimum flows, all extraction must cease until flows reach minimum levels required to meet hydrological and biological concerns.”

Some of the activists who’ve been pressing to shut down Nestlé’s pipeline said the measures seem insufficient.

“This new permit will allow Nestlé to continue draining this fragile watershed without adequate resource protections,” said Lisa Belenky, a lawyer for the Center for Biological Diversity. “The Forest Service downplayed information about the damage Nestlé’s bottled-water operation is already doing and failed to do a robust environmental analysis, as the law requires. It doesn’t appear that the limited mitigation measures are adequate to prevent Nestlé from destroying plants and wildlife that have relied on Strawberry Creek for thousands of years.”

Ian James writes about water and the environment for The Desert Sun.
Nestlé offered new permit to draw water

SAN BERNARDINO

By Brian Whitehead, June 28, 2018

Nestlé has 60 days to sign and accept a three-year permit to draw water from the San Bernardino National Forest for its lucrative bottled water business.

On Tuesday, less than a month after Nestlé’s 30-year-old permit was terminated in a settlement between the company and three conservation groups, the U.S. Forest Service offered the bottled water giant a new permit for occupancy and use of the national forest land within the Strawberry Creek watershed.

According to a news release, the permit includes measures to improve the watershed’s "impaired" health. "Nestlé Waters North America appreciates the time and effort the U.S. Forest Service dedicated to this decision regarding the permit renewal process at Arrowhead Springs," Nestlé Waters spokeswoman Alix Dunn said in a statement. "We will carefully review the specifics of the decision, and will continue to comply with all permit requirements."

Three years ago, a trio of environmental groups sought to shut down Nestlé’s water-bottling operations until their effect on the environment could be evaluated.

The Center for Biological Diversity, The Story of Stuff Project and the Courage Campaign claimed in a 2015 lawsuit that for 28 years Nestlé was maintaining pipelines, pumps and other structures in the San Bernardino National Forest under an expired permit.

Nestlé, whose operations in the area date to 1929, disputed the allegations, and in 2016, a federal judge declared Nestlé’s permit valid.

The environmental groups appealed the judge’s decision.

Spring pipelines in the San Bernardino National Forest in 2015. The pipes transfer water to a collection point in Arrowhead Springs. The San Bernardino National Forest has offered a three-year permit to Nestlé Waters North America that would secure the company’s rights to withdraw water from the Strawberry Creek watershed.

In the interim, Nestlé conducted and provided the U.S. Forest Service with 70 environmental studies and reports, Dunn said in her statement.

Under its 1978 permit, for which it paid $524 a year to maintain, Nestlé reportedly drew up to 162 million gallons of water per year from Strawberry Creek, the Center for Biological Diversity contends. Nestlé reported drawing 36 million gallons in 2015, or 29 percent less than the annual average over the past 10 years.

While the State Water Resources Control Board evaluates Nestlé’s water rights in the area, the environmental groups endeavor to protect Strawberry Creek, which has seen record-low flow levels in recent years.
"We’re disappointed, but not surprised, by the Forest Service’s decision, particularly in light of the ongoing lack of clarity about the basis of rights for Nestlé to remove water from public land," Michael O’Heaney, with The Story of Stuff Project, said by phone Tuesday. "The ongoing question of whether Nestlé has the right to the water under the national forest land remains unsolved with the state water board."

The proposed three-year permit allows Nestlé’s current operations to continue and includes new mitigation measures to provide for national forest resources.

According to the news release, surface water diversions and groundwater extraction will be allowed when there is water available consistent with the forest’s Land Management Plan.

Joe Rechsteiner, district ranger for the forest’s Front Country Ranger District, said Tuesday’s decision "ensures that the water withdrawal and conveyance infrastructure is under a current permit, and it provides for protection of forest resources, according to the Land Management Plan based upon the best available information at this time."

He added: "We are mandated by law to balance multiple uses of the land, however challenging that may be."

The new permit can be extended for two one-year periods and is not subject to administrative review or appeal.

The Forest Service’s decision leaves any issue concerning the extent of Nestlé’s water rights to the state water board, the release says. "Californians are passionate about water, and so are we," Dunn said. "We take our responsibility as a California water steward seriously, and Arrowhead’s successful operations for more than a century point to our commitment to longterm sustainability."
DEsert water agency
Outreach & Conservation Activities
June 2018

Activities:

6/07  Ashley Metzger and Vicki Petek attended a Hunter Desert Landscaping workshop at Coachella Valley Water District.
6/07  Ashley Metzger was on a live segment with KESQ about water quality report.
6/12  Director Bloomer and Ashley Metzger attended a CSDA phone conference regarding the development of a Riverside County local chapter.
6/13  Ashley Metzger and Vicki Petek conducted a water audit for Los Pueblos HOA.
6/14  Ashley Metzger was on a live segment with KESQ about the Dog Days of Summer.
6/15  Vicki Petek completed 2 turf buy back post inspections.
6/16  Suzie Tolksdorf staffed a table and provided water and information at the Palm Springs Farmer’s Market.
6/16  Suzie Tolksdorf provided conservation and rebate program information at Lowe’s.
6/20  Suzie Tolksdorf attended a CAPIO workshop in Temecula on Successful Community Relations.
6/21  Ashley Metzger was on a live segment with KESQ on pipeline projects.
6/22  Ashley Metzger graduated from the Leadership Coachella Valley program.
6/26  Ashley Metzger and Suzie Tolksdorf attended a CV Water Counts meeting to discuss public outreach on water conservation.
6/27  Vicki Petek completed 1 turf buy back post inspection.
6/28  Ashley Metzger was on a live segment with KESQ about water rate adjustment and Help2Others.
6/28  Ashley Metzger was interviewed on the Joey English radio show.

Public Information Releases/eBlasts:

June 4:  2017 Water Quality Report – Website
June 5:  Rebate Workshops – Website
June 12: HOA Rebate Workshop invite – eBlast
June 12: Landscape Rebate Workshop invite – eBlast
June 25: Desert Water Agency pipeline upgrade – Nextdoor

Upcoming Events

July 10:  2:00 to 3:00 – Landscaper Rebate Workshop @ DWA
July 11:  9:00 to 10:00 – HOA/Commercial Rebate Workshop @ DWA
July 12:  9:00 to 10:00 – Residential Rebate Workshop @ DWA
July 21:  8:00 to 12:30 – DWA at Palm Springs Farmer’s Market in the Palm Springs Pavilion Building
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Desert Water Agency pipeline upgrade

Desert Water Agency contractors are finishing the installation of the new water pipeline on Cottonwood Road, Chaparral Road and portions of Chuckwalla Road and Via Miraleste. Crews still have work to do to hook individual properties up to the new pipeline, which will result in a short water outage for some in your area. Please note: the paving that contractors put down is temporary. Final paving will be done in November. Waiting to put in final paving saves the agency and its customers money. We appreciate your patience. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Metzger (760-323-4971 ext 184).
## Tweet Highlights

### Top Tweet
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Our customers are committed to sustainability. Way to go! If you want to do more, we're here to help. dwa.org/rebates [pic.twitter.com/UGlyX3QTu2](https://twitter.com/DesertWaterAgency/status/1017233171811358720)

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Say hello to Daphne – a fun & smart pup [@PSAnimalShelter](https://twitter.com/PSAnimalShelter). RT so she can find her new best friend. ALSO – make sure you and your pets are staying hydrated. It is hot! 🌞 [pic.twitter.com/MnSt2DL7xL](https://twitter.com/DesertWaterAgency/status/1017233171811358720)

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