



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

*Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, there will be no public location for attending in person. Members of the public who wish to participate may do so by calling in at:*

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*Members of the public who wish to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Agency or any item on the agenda should submit comments by emailing sbaca@dwa.org before 5:00 p.m. August 17. Comments will become part of the Board meeting record. Board members and staff will be participating in this meeting via teleconference.*

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1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE STUART
2. ROLL CALL BACA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 4, 2020 STUART
4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT KRAUSE
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Executive – August 12, 2020 STUART
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 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. **ACTION ITEM**
  - A. Request Authorization for General Manager to Execute MOU with GSR Energy for Commercial Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Installation; Authorize Filing of Notice of Exemption Under CEQA (Minor Alteration of Existing Facilities, Guidelines Section 15301) JOHNSON
  - B. Request Approval of Second Amendment to Sites Reservoir Project KRAUSE
8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A. July Water Use Reduction Figures METZGER
  - B. Palm Springs International Airport Demonstration Garden METZGER
  - C. COVID-19 Financial Impact Update SAENZ
  - D. Directors' report on NWRA Virtual Conference Attendance BLOOMER, CIOFFI, STUART
9. **DIRECTORS COMMENTS/REQUESTS**
10. **CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)  
Name of Case: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians vs. Coachella Valley Water District, et al  
(2 cases)
  - B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)  
Name of Case: Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Name of Case: Albrecht et al vs. County of Riverside

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Name of Case: Abbey et al vs. County of Riverside

E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Bonnie Kessner, et al vs. Desert Water Agency, et al

F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)

Possible Intervention in Case: AT&T vs. County of Riverside

**11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION – REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**12. ADJOURN**

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