

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### 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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1.	CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	BLOOMER
2.	ROLL CALL	BACA
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 15, 2021	BLOOMER
4.	GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT	JOHNSON
5.	COMMITTEE REPORTS – Executive – July 1, 2021	BLOOMER

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 ITEMS

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<ul> <li>A. Request Board Action Regarding Claim for Damages Filed by William Strong (1 of 2)</li> <li>B. Request Board Action Regarding Claim for Damages Filed by William Strong (2 of 2)</li> <li>C. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 1263 Establishing FY 2021/2022 Tax Rate</li> </ul>	Johnson Johnson Saenz
DISCUSSION ITEMS	

## A.May Water Use Reduction FiguresMETZGERB.Outreach & Conservation – Activities and Events (June)METZGERC.Director's Report on AWWA Conference – Public Officials Certificate ProgramORTEGA

#### 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 (Two 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

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- C. 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
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Name of Case: AT&T vs. County of Riverside
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Regional Water Quality Control Board Claim No. 7018 0680 0000 1010 7377
- F. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: APN No. 522-070-027 Agency Negotiators: Mark S. Krause, General Manager and Steve Johnson, Asst. General Manager Negotiating Parties: Desert Water Agency and Mountain View Power Partners and Gabrych Family L..P. Under Negotiation: Permanent Pipeline and Access Easement and Encroachment Permit Subject: Price and terms of possible easement purchase and Grant of Permanent Encroachment Permit

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

12. ADJOURN

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#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DESERT WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### JUNE 15, 2021

DWA Board via Teleconference:	Kristin Bloomer, President James Cioffi, Vice President Joseph K. Stuart, Secretary-Treasurer Patricia G. Oygar, Director Paul Ortega, Director	) ) ) )
DWA Staff via Teleconference:	Mark S. Krause, General Manager Steve Johnson, Assistant General Manager Esther Saenz, Finance Director Sylvia Baca, Asst. Secretary of the Board Kris Hopping, Human Resources Director Ashley Metzger, Outreach & Conserv. Mgr. Ryan Molhoek, Senior Engineer	) ) ) ) )
Consultants via Teleconference:	Michael T. Riddell, Best Best & Krieger Dave Scriven, Krieger & Stewart	) )
Public via Teleconference:	Randy Duncan, Mission Springs Water District David Freedman, Palm Springs Sustainability Comm. Steve Grasha, Mission Springs Water District Brian Macy, Mission Springs Water District Jeroen Olthof, WSC, Inc. Michelle Tse, Indio Water Authority	) ) ) )

19169. President Bloomer opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and asked Pledge of Allegiance everyone to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

19170. President Bloomer called upon Assistant Secretary of the Board Roll Call Baca to conduct the roll call:

Present: Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer

19171. President Bloomer called for approval of the June 1, 2021 Approval of 06/01/21 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Approval of 06/01/21 Minutes

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Director Oygar moved for approval. After a second by Director Approval of 06/01/21 Ortega, the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote: Approval of 06/01/21 Regular Board Mtg. Minutes

(Cont.)

AYES:	Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

19172. President Bloomer called upon General Manager Krause to General Manager's Report provide an update on Agency operations.

Mr. Krause provided an update on Agency operations and noted his meetings and activities for the past several weeks.

**Committee Reports** 19173. President Bloomer noted the minutes for the June 2, 2021 Human Resources Human Resources Committee meeting were provided in the Board's packet. 06/02/21 Finance 06/03/21 19174. President Bloomer noted the minutes for the June 3, 2021 Finance Committee meeting were provided in the Board's packet. Executive 06/10/21 President Bloomer noted the minutes for the June 10, 2021 19175. Executive Committee meeting were provided in the Board's packet. **Public Comment** 19176. President Bloomer opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Freedman Mr. Freedman gave an update on the Palm Springs Airport Demonstration Garden. Mr. Grasha Mr. Grasha expressed his concern that Coachella Valley water agencies are not allowed to be members of the MWD Board and that more public participation is needed. There being no one else from the public wishing to address the Board, President Bloomer closed the public comment period. Secretary-Treasurer's 19177. President Bloomer called upon Secretary-Treasurer Stuart to Report (May) present an overview of financial activities for the month of May 2021. Operating Fund Secretary-Treasurer Stuart reported that the Operating Fund received \$2,883,887 in Water Sales Revenue, \$114,005 in Reclamation Sales Revenue and \$65,181 in Construction Deposits. \$1,866,672 was paid out in Accounts Payable. Year-to-date Water Sales are 4% over budget, Year-todate Total Revenues are 5% over budget; and Year-to-date Total Expenses are 13% under budget. There were a total of 23,098 active services as of May

31, compared to 23,077 active services as of April 30.

Wastewater Fund

Reporting on the Wastewater Fund, Mr. Stuart reported \$88,864 was received in Wastewater Revenue Receipts, \$0 was received in Sewer Contract payments. There are a total of 2 Sewer Contracts, 1 paid in full, with total delinquents of 2 (100%) with \$370 principal payments remaining. \$72,964 was paid out in Accounts Payable.

\$17,039,702).

19178. President Bloomer called upon General Manager Krause to present staff's request for Adoption of Resolution No's. 1256 and 1257 Making Findings in Fact Pursuant to Section 15.4 of DWA Law for the West Whitewater River Subbasin Replenishment Assessment and Levying a Replenishment Assessment FY 2021/2022 and Resolution No's. 1258 and 1259 Making Findings in Fact Pursuant to Section 15.4 of DWA Law for the Mission Creek Subbasin Replenishment Assessment and Levying a Replenishment Assessment for 2021/2022.

Mr. Krause noted Dave Scriven with Krieger & Stewart was present to answer any questions. Mr. Krause stated that following the presentation of the Engineer's Report on the Groundwater Replenishment and Assessment Program for 2021/2022 during the Board's May 18, 2021 meeting, a determination was made that funds should be raised by a replenishment assessment and the Board set a time and place for a public hearing on the matter. As indicated in the Replenishment Reports, the proposed West Whitewater River Subbasin and Mission Creek Subbasin Groundwater Replenishment Assessments will be set at \$175 per acre-foot. He stated that a copy of the notice of today's public hearing was sent to all private pumpers on May 27, 2021 advising them of the scheduled public hearing as well as the recommended replenishment assessment to be considered. The notice of a Public Hearing, setting of the Public Hearing date of today, was published in The Public Record on May 27, 2021. A comparison of historic and proposed groundwater replenishment rates for Desert Water Agency (DWA) and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is shown in Exhibit 8 of the Engineer's report. Staff recommends Open the Public Hearing, receive public testimony, close public hearing; and Adopt: 1) West Whitewater River Subbasin - Resolution No. 1256, Making findings of fact relevant and material to levying the replenishment assessment within the West Whitewater River Subbasin, 2) West Whitewater River Subbasin -Resolution No. 1257, Levying the 2021/2022 West Whitewater River Subbasin Groundwater Replenishment Assessment in the amount of \$175.00 per acre-foot, 3) Mission Creek Subbasin - Resolution No. 1258, Making findings of fact relevant and material to levying the replenishment assessment

Action Items: Public Hearing 2021/2022 Groundwater Replenishment Assessments within the Mission Creek Subbasin, and 4) Mission Creek Subbasin – Resolution No. 1259, Levying the 2021/2022 Mission Creek Groundwater Replenishment Assessment in the amount of \$175.00 per acre-foot. Mr. Krause noted that all Resolutions can be voted on together.

a.m.

. There being no one from the public wishing to address the

President Bloomer declared the public hearing open at 8:30

Board and no written comments received regarding the proposed assessments, President Bloomer closed the public hearing at 8:32 a.m.

Director Oygar moved to adopt Resolution No's 1256 – 1259 for the West Whitewater River and Mission Creek Subbasins Groundwater Replenishment Assessments. After a second by Secretary-Treasurer Stuart, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1256 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO THE LEVY OF A REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO DESERT WATER AGENCY LAW WEST WHITEWATER RIVER SUBBASIN

RESOLUTION NO. 1257 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY LEVYING A WATER REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLENISHING GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES WEST WHITEWATER RIVER SUBBASIN Resolution No. 1256 Adopted

Resolution No. 1257 Adopted

Resolution No. 1258 Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 1258 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO THE LEVY OF A REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO DESERT WATER AGENCY LAW MISSION CREEK SUBBASIN Action Items: (Cont.) Public Hearing 2021/2022 Groundwater Replenishment Assessments

Open Public Hearing

**Close Public Hearing** 

Resolution No. 1259 Adopted

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1259 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY LEVYING A WATER REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLENISHING GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES MISSION CREEK SUBBASIN

19179. President Bloomer asked Outreach and Conservation Manager Metzger to present staff's request for Adoption of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Resolution No. 1260 and Ordinance No. 72.

Mrs. Metzger noted that Brian Macy, Michelle Tse, Jeroen Olthof, and Ryan Molhoek was present and thanked them for their assistance. She reported that Desert Water Agency is required to prepare and adopt an updated Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMP for the 2020 reporting cycle are due to be submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2021. The UWMP describes the anticipated water supplies and demands for the next 25 years. It also describes the programs that are in place to encourage efficient water use. She noted that six agencies in the Coachella Valley worked together to develop a Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP). The agencies include Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), Coachella Water Authority (CWA), Desert Water Agency (DWA), Indio Water Authority (IWA), Mission Springs Water District (MSWD), and Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company (MDMWC). She then presented a Power Point presentation explaining the UWMP. Mrs. Metzger reported that there was updated wording that was added to Resolution No. 1260. Staff recommends Open the Public Hearing, receive public testimony, close public hearing; and Adopt Resolution No. 1260, and Ordinance No. 72.

Public Hearing 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Open Public Hearing

President Bloomer declared the public hearing open at 8:50

a.m.

Mr. Grasha noted that he disapproves of importing Colorado River water and not using Delta water.

Ms. Baca noted a letter received and filed from the Agua Caliente Water Authority.

There being no one else from the public wishing to address the Close Public Hearing Board regarding the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, President Bloomer closed the public hearing at 8:56 a.m. Director Oygar moved to adopt the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Resolution No. 1260 and Ordinance No. 72. After a second by Secretary-Treasurer Stuart, 2020 UWMP the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, BloomerNOES:NoneABSENT:NoneABSTAIN:None

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1260 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY ADOPTING THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### ORDINANCE NO. 72 ORDINANCE OF DESERT WATER AGENCY ESTABLISHING A WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN INCLUDING REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE USE OF WATER DURING THREATENED OR EXISTING WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS

19180. President Bloomer asked Assistant General Manager Johnson to present staff's request for Approval of Draft Rules & Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities to the Updated Title 22 Engineering Report for Recycled Water Facilities.

Mr. Johnson reported that in June 2016, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) adopted Order WQ 2016-0068-DDW changing how recycled water is regulated for all user's state wide. Prior to the 2016 order, recycled water users and dischargers were regulated by different orders depending on how recycled water is used. For golf courses and landscape irrigation the Regional Board administered and enforced permits to users and dischargers under Order 97-700 which is the Order that the Agency uses. He noted that with the new Order, all recycled water user permits that were under Order 97-700 expired at the end of 2019. Enrollees covered under expired permits may continue discharging under the 97-700 Order until the applicable Regional Water Board issues a Notice of Applicability (NOA) to an Administrator per the terms of the 2016 Order.

Mr. Johnson noted that since the Agency owns and operates the distribution facilities that provide recycled water to its customers, the RWQCB reached out to DWA in 2019 requesting that the Agency become the Administrator for their recycled water service customers. He reported that the first step in the process of becoming the Administrator is to submit an

Resolution No. 1260 Adopted

Ordinance No. 72 Adopted

Request Approval of Draft Rules & Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities to the Updated Title 22 Engineering Report for Recycled Water Facilities updated Title 22 Engineering Report to the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water (formerly the California Department of Health), to include Rules and Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities. He noted that in June 2019, the Agency contracted with Krieger and Stewart to update the recycled water plant Title 22 Engineering Report and to also develop draft Rules and Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities for customers within the Agency's service area. The Title 22 Engineering Report had not been updated since the original 1988 report (also prepared by Krieger &Stewart), and the draft Rules and Regulations were to be created to address Administrator requirements.

Mr. Johnson reported that Krieger and Stewart has completed the new Title 22 Engineering Report and draft Rule and Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities (Appendix D of the report). At this time, staff is requesting that the Board approve the inclusion of the Draft Rules and Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities in the updated Title 22 Engineering Report for Recycled Water Facilities. If approved, staff will then submit the Title 22 Engineering Report that includes the Draft Rules and Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities to the Division of Drinking Water for final approval. He noted that once the Title 22 report has been accepted by the Division of Drinking Water, the Agency will file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the RWQCB for approval. The NOI will include the approved Title 22 Engineering Report and an Agency monitoring and reporting program. If approved, the RWQCB will issue a NOA recognizing the Agency as the Administrator for its customers at which time the Agency will begin the process of developing user permits, to include enforcement guidelines, for Board approval. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors Approve the inclusion of the Draft Rules and Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities in the updated Title 22 Engineering Report for Recycled Water Facilities.

Vice President Cioffi moved to approve staff's recommendation. After a second by Director Ortega, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

19181. President Bloomer asked Finance Director Saenz to present staff's request for Adoption on Resolution No. 1261, Establishing Rates, Fees & Charges for Sewer Service.

Request Adoption of Resolution No. 1261 Establishing Rates, Fees & Charges for Sewer Service

Mrs. Saenz reported that in 2011, the City of Palm Springs performed a rate study and published a 20-year rate increase plan. The City adopted a multi-year rate plan approved by a Prop 218 hearing, with the last approved increase effective on July 1, 2016. The City did not perform a

(Cont.) Request Approval of Draft Rules & Regulations for Recycled Water Facilities to the Updated Title 22 Engineering Report for Recycled Water Facilities

subsequent Prop 218 hearing to approve any subsequent increase or communicate with the Agency that there would be no future increases. She noted that the Agency continued to follow the multi-year rate increase plan past the initial five-year term. This resulted in an over-collection and remittance of pass through charges to the City. Agency staff is in communication with the City to receive a lump-sum reimbursement for the overcharged amounts. Once received, customer accounts of the affected properties will be credited for the overcharge. Mrs. Saenz reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed rate revision and its impact on the proposed 2021/2022 Wastewater Budget. She noted that DWA rates remain unchanged in Resolution No. 1261. The City of Palm Springs sewer service pass-through charges have been revised to reflect the current City sewer rate schedule. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 1261 for sewer rates, fees and charges reflecting the rate reduction effective July 1, 2021.

Director Ortega moved to approve staff's recommendation. After a second by Vice President Cioffi, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Resolution No. 1261 Adopted

Request Adoption of

Resolution No. 1262

Revising the Agency Reserve Policy

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1261 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY ESTABLISHING RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE

In response to Director Ortega, Mrs. Saenz explained that Resolution No. 1261 changes the rates and the overcharge will be taken care of administratively.

19182. President Bloomer asked Finance Director Saenz to present staff's request for Adoption of Resolution No. 1262 Revising the Agency Reserve Policy.

Mrs. Saenz reported that in May 2006, the Board adopted Resolution No. 926 establishing a policy of Agency reserves, further revised by Resolution No. 1187 in June 2018. She explained that the reserve policy defines three types of reserve; Restricted, Unrestricted and Administration. She noted that the State Water Project tax revenues may only fund State Water Project related charges and Reserves designated for State Water Project. Mrs. Saenz reported that it has become necessary for the Agency to revise the reserve policy to refine the current Reserve for Additional Water revenue in order to allocate restricted SWP tax revenue, set aside for purchasing additional SWP water, in an appropriately restricted reserve fund. She explained that it is proposed that the current Reserve for Additional Water in the General Fund will be split into two separate reserves; a restricted Reserve for Additional SWP Water and an unrestricted Reserve for Additional Non-SWP Water. In the unrestricted Reserve for Additional Non-SWP Water, the Board may continue to allocate unrestricted Agency funds to this reserve and, upon approval by the Board, accessed for other Agency purposes. She noted that the proposed changes to the reserve policy have been reviewed by legal counsel. Staff recommends that the Board adopt Resolution No. 1262, revising the Agency's Reserve Policy effective July 1, 2021.

Director Ortega moved to approve staff's recommendation. After a second by Secretary-Treasurer Stuart, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
None
None
None

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1262 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DESERT WATER AGENCY REVISING THE AGENCY RESERVE POLICY

19183. President Bloomer asked Finance Director Saenz to present staff's request for Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Operating, General & Wastewater Budgets.

Mrs. Saenz reported that after the June 1 draft Budget presentation, adjustments were made to the following Operating Fund, 1) prior year capital carryover budget decreased by \$100,000 as a result of a manual entry error located in quality control checks, and 2) the Maintenance – Information Systems Equipment expense increased by \$40,000 for the identification and reclassification of a one-time expense to an annual reoccurring expense during quality checks. She noted the Reserves for the Operating Fund have been increased by \$60,000 as a result of the above revisions. Reporting on the General Fund Mrs. Saenz noted the following revisions are reallocations of reserves in order to align with the revised Reserve Policy effective July 1, 2021, 1) the Reserve for Additional Water balance forward has been reallocated to Reserve for Additional Non-SWP Water, zeroing out the Reserve for Additional Water and 2) the 21/22 addition

Resolution No. 1262 Adopted

Action Items: (Cont.) Request Adoption of Resolution No. 1262 Revising the Agency Reserve Policy

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Request Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Operating, General &

Wastewater Budgets

to Reserve for Additional Water has been re-allocated to the Reserve for Additional SWP Water. Staff recommends adoption of the budgets for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Secretary-Treasurer Stuart made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 Operating, General and Wastewater budgets. After a second by Director Oygar, the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

19184. President Bloomer asked Finance Director Saenz to Request Approval for Extension of COVID-19 Financial Relief to Customers, Reinstatement of Late Fees & Authorization to Offer Extended Repayment Plans up to 48-months.

Mrs. Saenz gave an update on the financial impact COVID-19 has had on the Agency and reported that today, June 15, California is scheduled to fully open its economy. She noted that the Finance Committee has reviewed the proposed actions to begin the process of restoring delinquent accounts to good standing by transitioning to payments plans and reinstate late fees. Staff recommends the Board of Directors; 1) extend financial relief for customers (disconnection of service for non-payment and absorption of remote payment fees) for an additional 77 days, June 15 through September 30, 2) reinstate the assessment of late fees for delinquent accounts, effective August 1, and 3) authorize the limited-time offer of extended payment plan terms not to exceed 48-months where the minimum installment payment to be set at 25% of the account's average monthly bill. She noted the enrollment period to open August 1, 2021 and close 2 months after the reinstatement of disconnections of service for non-payment. Vice President Cioffi moved for approval of staff's request. After a second by Secretary-Treasurer Stuart the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

In response to Director Ortega, Mrs. Saenz explained the Agency is going to utilize the Auto Enrollment plan to handle the delinquent accounts.

Action Items: (Cont.) Request Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating, General & Wastewater Budgets

Request Approval for Extension of COVID-19 Financial Relief to Customers, Reinstatement of Late Fees & Authorization to Offer Extended Repayment Plans up to 48-months Secretary-Treasurer Stuart and Vice President Cioffi noted the payment plan was discussed extensively in the Finance Committee and Executive Committee and they both support the plan.

19185. President Bloomer asked Human Resources Director Hopping to present staff's request for Approval of the 2021-2024 Memorandum of Understanding Between Desert Water Agency and the Desert Water Agency Employee's Association for Employee Salaries & Benefits.

Mrs. Hopping provided highlights of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Desert Water Agency (DWA) and the Desert Water Agency Employee Association (DWAEA) which will be from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024. Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Desert Water Agency and the Desert Water Agency Employee Association from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024.

Vice President Cioffi moved for approval of staff's request. After a second by Director Ortega the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, BloomerNOES:NoneABSENT:NoneABSTAIN:None

Request Approval of July 2021 COLA

19186. President Bloomer asked Human Resources Director Hopping to present staff's request for Approval of the July 2021 Cost-of-Living Salary Increase for DWA Employees and Contract Amendment for General Manager.

Mrs. Hopping noted that the 2021-2024 Memorandum of Understanding between the Desert Water Agency and the Desert Water Agency Employees' Association calls for a cost of living salary increase effective July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the increase is equal to the percentage change for the year ending each March, with the percentage derived from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. She reported that for March 2021, the CPI percentage was 4.1%. Mrs. Hopping added that the General Manager has an Employment Agreement that provides for a cost-of-living adjustment to the base salary of the same percentage as provided to all Agency employees Staff is requesting the Board of Directors approve a 4.1% Cost of Living Increase to DWA Employees and the General Manager with an effective date of the pay periods including July 1, 2021, approve the July 2021 DWA Monthly Salary Schedule reflecting a 4.1% increase, and approve Seventh amendment to the General Manager's Employment Agreement to reflect a 4.1% cost-of-living increase to the base salary.

(Cont.) Request Approval for Extension of COVID-19 Financial Relief to Customers,

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Request Approval 2021-2024 MOU Between DWA & DWAEA for Employee Salaries & Benefits

**Action Items:** (Cont.)

July 2021 COLA

Request Approval of

Vice President Cioffi moved for approval of staff's request. After a second by Secretary-Treasurer Stuart the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

> Ortega, Oygar, Stuart, Cioffi, Bloomer None None

ABSTAIN: None

AYES:

NOES:

**ABSENT:** 

**Discussion Items:** 

19187. President Bloomer called upon Agency Counsel Riddell to 05/20/2021 SWC Mtg. provide a report on the May 20, 2021 Board of Directors of the State Water Contractors meeting.

Mr. Riddell provided a report on the following items; 1) Annual Membership Meeting, 2) DWR Management Report, and 3) Water Operations Report.

19188. At 10:05 a.m., President Bloomer convened into a Teleconference Closed Session for the purpose of Conference with Legal ACBCI vs. CVWD, et 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 (2 Cases); (B) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1), Mission Springs Water District vs. Desert Water Agency; (C) Existing Litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Bonnie Kessner, et al vs. Desert Water Agency, et al; (D) Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2), Possible Intervention in Case: AT&T vs. County of Riverside; (E) Pending Administrative Proceeding Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1) Regional Water Quality Control Board Claim No. 7018 0680 0000 1010 7377; and F) Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Property: APN No. 522-070-027, Agency Negotiators: Mark S. Krause, General Manager and Steve Johnson, Assistant General Manager, Negotiating Parties: Desert Water Agency and Mountain View Power Partners and Gabrych Family L.P.. Under Negotiation: Permanent Pipeline and Access Easement and Encroachment Permit, Subject: Price and terms of possible easement purchase and Grant of Permanent Encroachment Permit.

#### **Closed Session:**

A. Existing Litigation al. (2 Cases) B. Existing Litigation -MSWD vs. DWA C. Existing Litigation-Bonnie Kessner, et al vs. Desert Water Agency et al D. Existing Litigation -Possible Intervention in Case: AT&T vs. County of Riverside E. Pending Admin. Proceeding, RWQCB Claim F. Conference with Real Property Negotiators, Property: APN No. 522-070-027

19189. At 11:22 a.m., Assistant General Manager Johnson reconvened the meeting into open session and announced there was no reportable action taken.

Adjournment

19190. In the absence of any further business, Assistant General Manager Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Sylvia Baca Assistant Secretary of the Board

#### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT July 6, 2021

#### Damaged Fire Hydrant S.W. Corner of N. Indian Canyon Dr. & Via Escuela

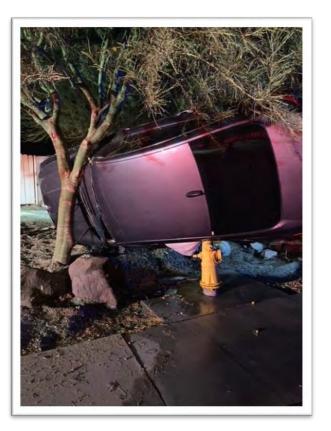
On June 10 at approximately 8:15 p.m., Construction stand-by staff responded to a report of a hit fire hydrant on the south west corner of N. Indian Drive & Via Escuela. Staff bolted the fire hydrant back on and charged it, but left the fire hydrant out of service. The valve stems were damaged. After repairing the stems, the fire hydrant was placed back in service. The water ran for approximately 30 minutes. A police report was filed.



#### Damaged Fire Hydrant North side of Racquet Club Rd.

On July 1 at approximately 1:55 a.m., Construction stand-by staff responded to a report of a hit fire hydrant on the north side of Racquet Club Rd. west of Star Rd. Staff replaced the fire hydrant and put the fire hydrant back in service. The water loss was from a fully opened 6-inch fire hydrant bury for approximately 15 minutes. A police report was filed.





#### CalOES Funds Received

On June 24, staff received a \$51,020.00 check from CalOES for the state share of funding for the Snow Creek and Cathedral Canyon remediation work attributed to the Valentine's Day Flood of 2019. This covers 18.75% percent of the remediation costs at those sites. Staff expects to receive FEMA's share of the funding, \$204,080.01 / 75% of the remediation cost, within the next month. DWA is responsible for the remaining \$17,007 / 6.25% of the costs.

FEMA funding is available for remediation work at Falls Creek, Chino Creek and Whitewater Headworks. The estimated cost of this work is roughly \$545,000. FEMA would cover 75% of the costs, CalOES would cover 18.75% of the costs and DWA would be responsible for the remaining 6.25%.

Additionally, FEMA has yet to officially approve roughly \$130,000 in funds for Covid-19 remediation. Staff has provided all documentation and will notify the Board when those funds have been obligated to DWA.

#### Coachella Valley Urban Water Management Plan

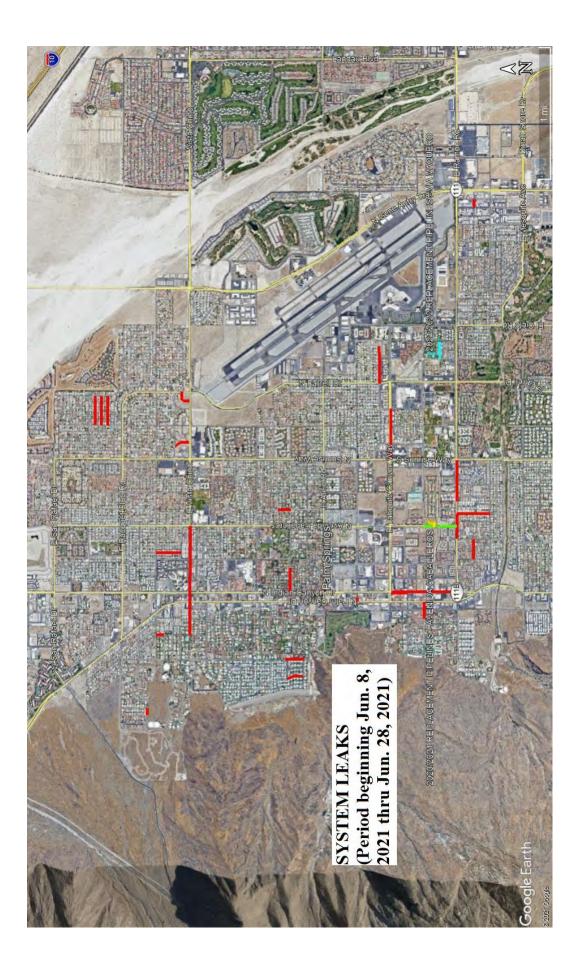
As of June 23, all six participating agencies approved the Coachella Valley Urban Water Management Plan. The plan was submitted to the Department of Water Resources by the July 1 deadline. Participating agencies addressed written comments with a matrix posted at <u>www.cvrwmg.org/uwmp</u>. The project was completed on time and on budget. At a final meeting, all participating agencies indicated a desire to complete the 2025 UWMP regionally.

	SYSTEM LEAK DATA (PERIOD BEGINNING JUN 8, 2021 THRU JUN 28, 2021)				
STREET NAME	NUMBER OF LEAKS	PIPE DIAMETER (INCHES)	YEAR INSTALLED	PIPE MATERIAL	PIPE CONSTRUCTION
ANDREAS RD	6	6	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
AVENIDA CABALLEROS	5	14	1953	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
VISTA CHINO	3	20	1949	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
INDIAN CANYON DR	3	10	1938	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
CAMINO PAROCELA	3	4	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
INDIAN CANYON DR	2	6	1951	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
INDIAN CANYON DR	2	6	1952	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
BARISTO RD	2	4	1936	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
SHARON RD	2	4	1955	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
TAMARISK RD	1	10	1942	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
TAHQUITZ CANYON WY	1	.8	1946	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
VIA MONTE VISTA	1	8	1953	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
CAMINO PAROCELA	1	6	1951	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
GRENFALL RD	1	6	1952	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
RAMON RD	1	6	1955	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
SANBORN WY	1	6	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
RAMON RD	1	4	1937	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
VIA DEL NORTE	1	4	1945	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
ARQUILLA RD	1	4	1950	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
HIGH RD	1	4	1953	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
AMADO RD	1	4	1954	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
BISKRA RD	1	4	1955	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
POWELL RD	1	4	1957	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
WAYNERD	1	4	1957	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
BELLAMY RD	1	4	1957	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
VIA VAQUERO	1	4	1958	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED
BERNE DR	1	4	1959	STEEL	BARE/UNLINED

Streets highlighted in green are included as part of the 2020/2021 Replacement Pipeline Project Streets highlighted in blue are being proposed as part of the 2021/2022 Replacement Pipeline Project Estimate for design portion of Vista Chino 20" mainline replacement is being developed

OLDEST PIPE IN THE SYSTEM (YEAR OF INSTALLATION):	1935
AVERAGE YEAR OF INSTALLATION OF UNLINED STEEL PIPE (SYSTEMWIDE):	1952
AVERAGE AGE OF UNLINED STEEL PIPE (SYSTEMWIDE):	66 YEARS
AVERAGE AGE OF PIPELINE AT THE TIME OF REPLACEMENT:	68 YEARS
TOTAL LENGTH OF PIPE IN SYSTEM OLDER THAN 70 YEARS (LINEAR FEET):	128,186
TOTAL LENGTH OF UNLINED PIPE SYSTEMWIDE (LINEAR FEET):	297,672
*AVERAGE LENGTH OF PIPE REPLACED ANNUALLY (LINEAR FEET):	14,500
PROJECTED TIME FRAME FOR 100% REPLACEMENT OF UNLINED STEEL PIPE:	21 YEARS
PROJECTED TIME FRAME FOR 100% REPLACEMENT OF PIPE OLDER THAN 70 YEARS:	9 YEARS
YEAR AGENCY TRANSITIONED TO CEMENT LINED STEEL PIPE:	1960

\*PLEASE NOTE THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS THE AVERAGE LINEAR FOOTAGE OF PIPELINE REPLACED ANNUALLY GIVEN AN AVERAGE ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$3 MILLION.



#### General Manager's Meetings and Activities

#### Meetings:

06/15/21 06/15/21 06/15/21	DWA Bi-Monthly Board Mtg WWRF-BLM Permit Cooperators Mtg SGMA Mission Creek Subbasin	Conf Call Conf Call Conf Call
06/16/21	State Water Project Contractors Annual Meeting	Conf Call
06/16/21	Delta Conveyance Project Coordination Meeting	Conf Call
06/16/21	Delta Conveyance Update Meeting	Conf Call
06/16/21	SGMA Indio Subbasin Coordination	Conf Call
06/16/21	SWC Monthly Delta Committee Meeting	Conf Call
06/16/21	SGMA Indio Subbasin Review of Program Mgmt. Actions	Conf Call
06/17/21	State Water Project Contractors Monthly Board Mtg.	Conf Call
06/17/21	CV Salt Nutrient Management Planning – Tribal Outreach	Conf Call
06/18/21	Joint Sites Reservoir Committee/Authority Mtg	Conf Call
06/18/21	Agua Caliente Small Group Negotiating Committee	Conf Call
06/21/21 06/21/21	DWA Wkly Staff Mtgs. Agua Caliente Mediation Small Group Meeting CVWD/DWA	Conf Call Conf Call
06/21/21	SGMA Indio Subbasin DWA Water Balance	Conf Call
06/21/21	DWA/CVWD/MWD Coordination Mtg.	Conf Call
06/22/21	Class 8 SWC Meeting	Conf Call
06/22/21	Agua Caliente ACWA Board Mtg.	Conf Call
06/23/21	Sites Reservoir Committee Mtg	Conf Call
06/23/21	SGMA Indio Subbasin Tribal Workshop	Conf Call
06/24/21	SGMA Indio Subbasin Stakeholders Workshop	Conf Call
06/24/21	WWRF – BLM Permit All Team Mtg.	Conf Call
06/24/21	SGMA Indio Subbasin Review of Modeling Alternatives	Conf Call
06/28/21	Agua Caliente Recycled Water Agreement and RAC	Conf Call
06/28/21	Agua Caliente Mediation Meeting CVWD/DWA	Conf Call
06/29/21	Sites Reservoir Agricultural Participation	Conf Call
06/29/21	WWRF-BLM Permit Cooperators Mtg.	Conf Call
06/30/21	SGMA Mission Creek Subbasin	Conf Call
07/01/21	DWA Executive Committee Meeting	Conf Call
07/01/21	GM Vacation 07/01/21-07/09/21	

#### Activities:

- 1) SWP Contract Extension Amendment
- 2) DWA Remote Meter Reading Fixed Network
- 3) Whitewater Hydro Automatic Re-start
- 4) State and Federal Contractors Water Authority and Delta Specific Project Committee (Standing)
- 5) Whitewater River Surface Water Recharge
- 6) Lake Oroville Spillway FEMA funding
- 7) Replacement Pipelines 2021-2022

Activities Cont.:

- 8) DC Project Finance JPA Committee (Standing)
- 9) DWA/CVWD/MWD Operations Coordination/Article 21/Pool A/Pool B/Yuba Water (Standing)
- 10) DWA/CVWD/MWD Exchange Agreement Coordination Committee (Standing)
- 11) SWP 2020 Water Supply
- 12) ACBCI Water Rights Lawsuit
- 13) Whitewater Hydro Operations Coordination with Recharge Basin O&M
- 14) SGMA Tribal Stakeholder Meetings
- 15) Whitewater Spreading Basins BLM Permits
- 16) Delta Conveyance Project Cost Allocation
- 17) DWA Surface Water Filtration Feasibility Snow Creek Village/Palm Oasis
- 18) MCSB Delivery Updates
- 19) Well 6 Meaders Cleaners RWQB Meetings
- 20) SWP East Branch Enlargement Cost Allocation
- 21) UWMP Population Calculation Update/Valley-Wide UWMP
- 22) RWQCB Update to the SNMP
- 23) SGMA San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin

#### Minutes Executive Committee Meeting July 1, 2021

Directors Present: Kristin Bloomer, James Cioffi Staff Present: Mark Krause, Steve Johnson, Esther Saenz, Sylvia Baca, Ashley Metzger

#### 1. Discussion Items

- A. <u>Formation of Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee</u> Staff provided redistricting and consultant information to the Committee. Chair Bloomer approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee and appointed Vice Chair Cioffi and herself for said committee. The Committee also discussed their intent to select Best Best & Krieger as the consultant for redistricting.
- B. <u>Review Agenda for July 6, 2021 Board Meeting</u> The proposed agenda for the July 6, 2021 meeting was reviewed.
- 2. Adjourn

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#### STAFF REPORT TO DESERT WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### JULY 6, 2021

#### RE: REQUEST BOARD ACTION REGARDING A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FILED BY WILLIAM STRONG REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 630 WILLIAMS RD

Attached for the Board's review is a claim form submitted on June 16, 2021 to the Agency by William Strong. Mr. Strong is the property manager for 630 and 640 Williams Road, Palm Springs.

Mr. Strong claims that water flowed from the toilet and shower drain into the rest of the building on Saturday, June 12. Damages caused from the water include carpeting and drywall. Mirror Works is the business at this location.

At this time, the Agency has not received a claim for damages from the tenant for their property/belongings.

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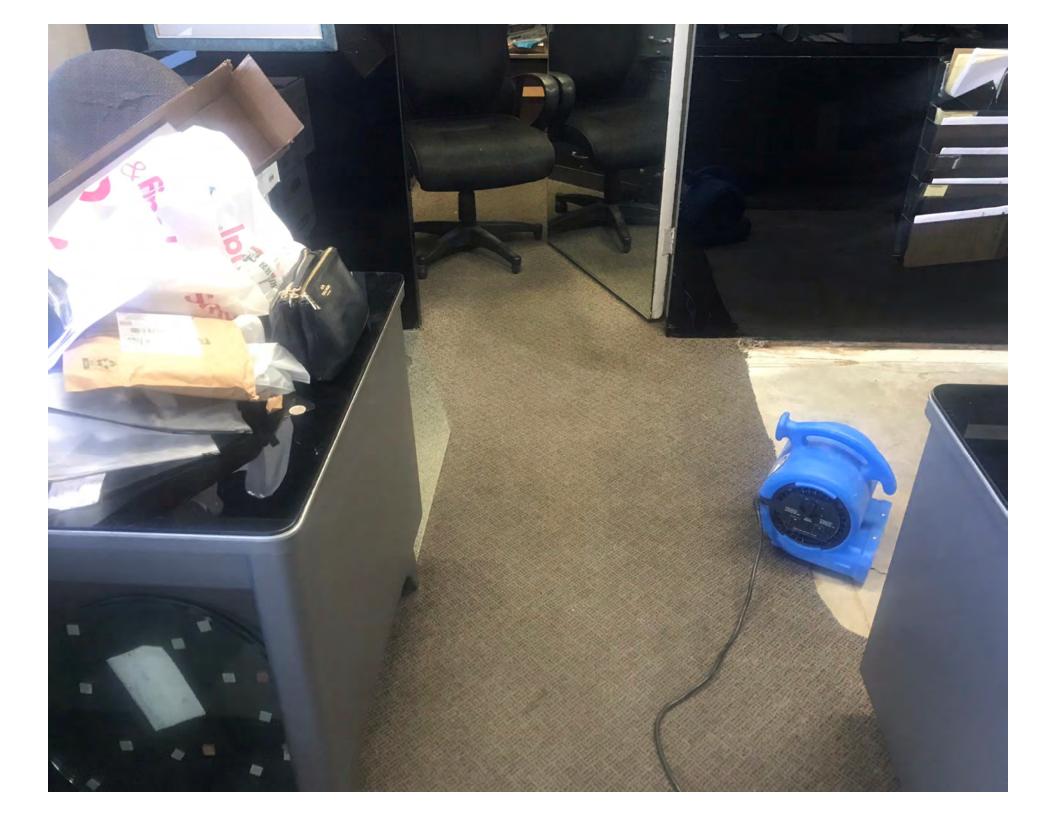
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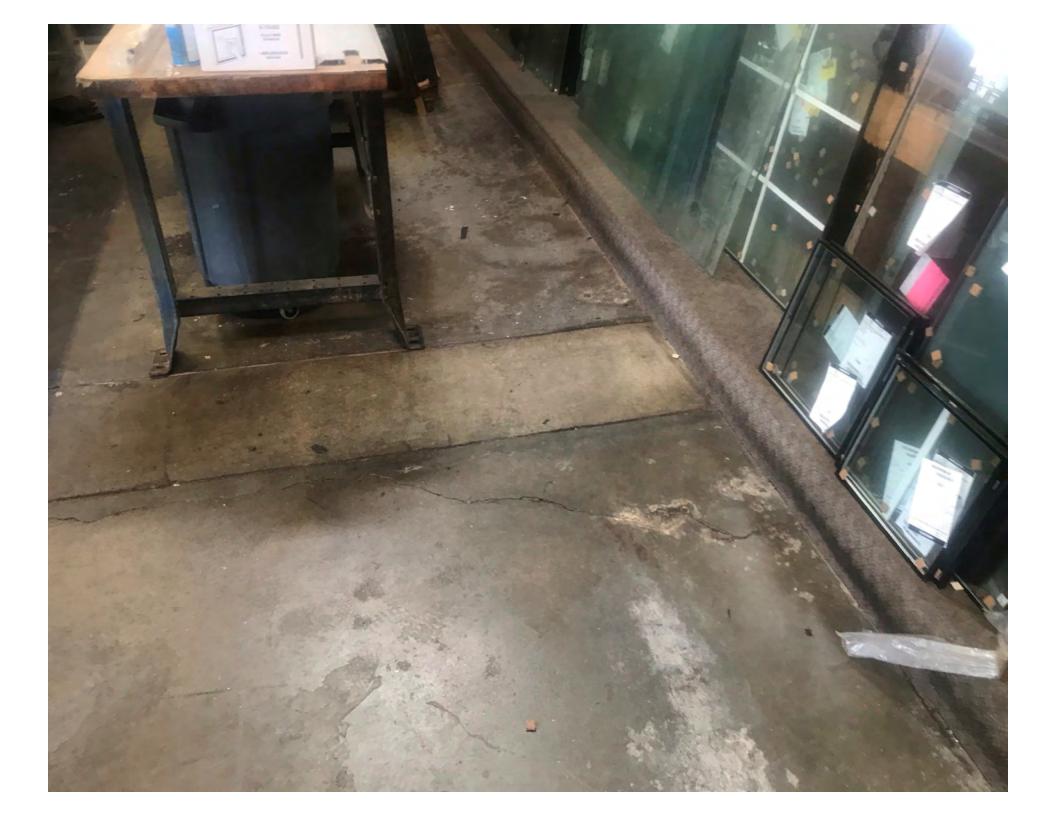
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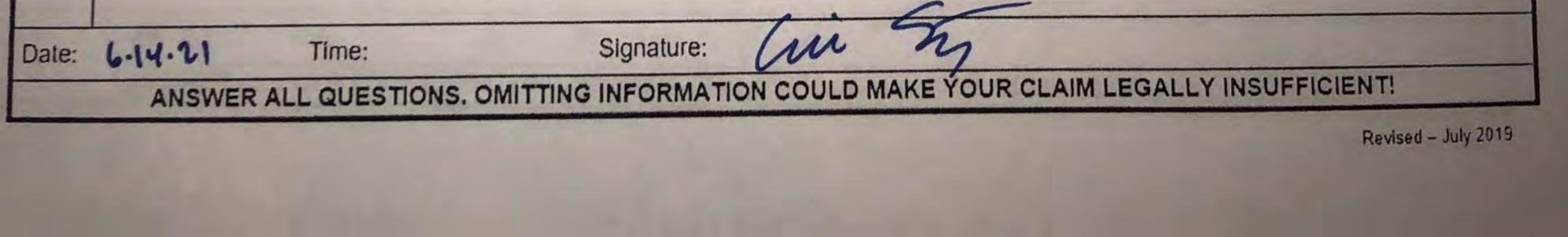
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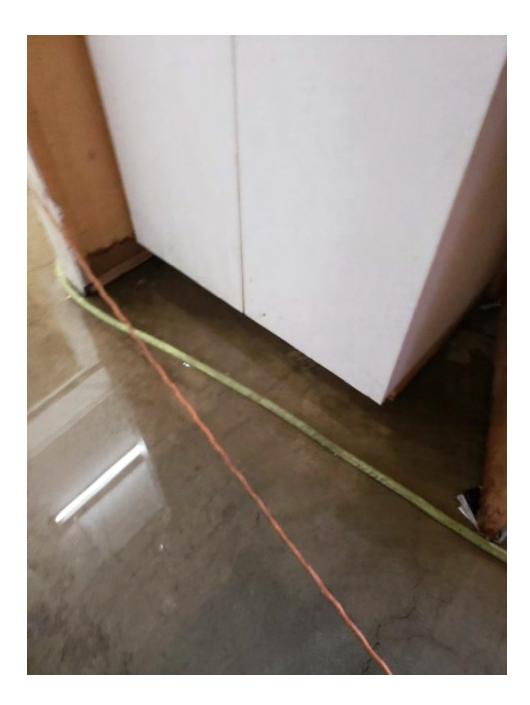
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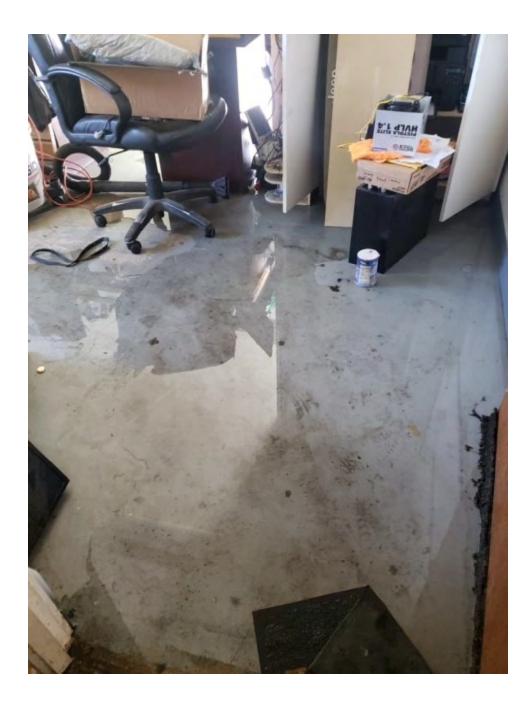
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1	Claimant name, address (mailing address if different), phone number, social security number, e-mail address, and date of birth. Effective January 1, 2010, the Medicare Secondary Payer Act (Federal Law) requires the District/Agency to report all claims involving payments for bodily injury and/or medical treatments to Medicare. As such, if you are seeking medical damages, we MUST have both your Social Security Number and your date of birth.					
	Name: William Strom P.S.W. LLC Phone Number: 160.777. 2880					
	Address(es): 640 Williams 22. Social Security No.:					
	Date of Birth:					
	E-mail: willstrong - psw@hotmail.com					
2	List name, address, and phone number of any witnesses.					
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# STAFF REPORT TO DESERT WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# JULY 6, 2021

## RE: REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1263 ESTABLISHING TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Attached for the Board's review is a copy of Resolution No. 1263, which certifies to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors the Desert Water Agency tax rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. The taxes collected are used to meet our financial contractual obligations relating to the State Water Project.

Resolution No. 1263 has been reviewed by our attorney, and through the adoption of this resolution, the Desert Water Agency Board of Directors will fix the tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation, as adopted in the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget (Same tax rate as 2020-2021). The resolution further directs the County Board of Supervisors to levy such tax rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year on all taxable property within the Agency boundaries.

The attached Summary of Assessed Valuations and Resulting Tax Rates, from the 2021-2022 Desert Water Agency budget, provides a breakdown by source of the estimated property tax revenue.

Staff requests the Board adopt Resolution No. 1263 establishing the tax rate for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Following adoption of this resolution, Staff will submit a copy to the County Board of Supervisors to be included on their upcoming agenda for adoption.

Attachments:

1. Summary of Assessed Valuations and Resulting Tax Rates (Desert Water Agency 2021 2022 Budget, Page 21)

#### DESERT WATER AGENCY GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021 - 2022

### SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND RESULTING TAX RATES

Assessed Valuations Secured Unsecured	\$17,425,460,669 \$621,459,469	
Total Estimated Assessed Valuations*		\$18,046,920,138
Tax Rate	2020-2021	2021-2022
Secured	\$0.10	\$0.10
Unsecured	\$0.10	\$0.10
Estimated Revenue from Property Taxes		
Secured	\$17,425,400	
Unsecured	\$621,400	
SBE Unitary	\$14,553,200	
RPTTF	\$1,302,000	
County 1% General Purpose Allocation	\$1,514,000	

#### TOTAL ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAXES

\$35,416,000

\* Assessed values reflect a combined 2.50% delinquency and value adjustment factor for secured and unsecured valuations

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1263**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DESERT WATER AGENCY DETERMINING, CERTIFYING, AND DIRECTING 2021-2022 LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 27 OF THE AGENCY ACT AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, Section 27 of the Agency's enabling act provides that the Board of Directors shall determine the amounts of money necessary to be raised by taxation during the fiscal year, and shall fix the rate or rates to be levied which will raise the amounts of money required by the Agency, and within a reasonable time previous to the time when the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County is required by law to fix its tax rate, the Board of Directors shall certify to the Board of Supervisors the rates so fixed and shall furnish a statement in writing containing: (a) an estimate of the minimum amount of money required to be raised by taxation for the payment of principal and interest on any bonded debt of the Agency; and (b) an estimate of the minimum amount of money to be raised by taxation for all other purposes of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, these general provisions of law have been amended in part by the statutes enacted in response to the passage of Proposition 13 in June, 1978, (Article XIIIA of the California Constitution); and

WHEREAS, Section 93(a) of the Revenue and Taxation Code limits the ability of the Agency to levy ad valorem property taxes, except for that amount which is equal to the amount needed to make annual payments for the interest and principal on general obligation bonds or other indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Section 93(b) of the Revenue and Taxation Code further provides that for other purposes of local government, the County shall levy an ad valorem property tax equal to \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and the revenues from such tax are to be distributed to local agencies in accordance with the provisions of Sections 95 et seq. of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agency has a contractual obligation to make annual payments to the State of California pursuant to its Water Supply Contract dated October 17, 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, such contractual obligation constitutes indebtedness approved by the voters of the State prior to July 1, 1978 within the meaning of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution and Section 93(a) of the Revenue and Taxation Code; and

WHEREAS, this Agency has been advised by the Assessor of Riverside County that the assessed valuation of the property within the Agency for the fiscal year 2021-2022 is \$18,509,661,680.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Desert Water Agency as follows:

1. The Board does hereby determine that the minimum amount necessary to be raised by taxation during the fiscal year 2021-2022 for payment of indebtedness to the State of California pursuant to the Water Supply Contract of the Agency, dated October 17, 1962, is \$33,902,000 and does hereby fix a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation upon all taxable property within the Agency, which will raise such required sum.

2. An estimate of the minimum amount of money required to be raised by taxation during the fiscal year for all other purposes of the Agency is \$1,514,000.

3. The Board does hereby certify to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County that for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 it has fixed the tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation for payments due under its State Water Contract, and does hereby direct that such Board of Supervisors, at the time and in the manner required by law for levying of taxes as may be levied by the Board of Supervisors, shall levy such tax rate for the fiscal year 2021-2022 upon all taxable property within the Agency.

4. The determination of the amount necessary to be raised by taxation which is set forth in Paragraph 1 of this resolution shall constitute the statement in writing required to be filed with the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 27 of the Agency's enabling act. The tax rate set herein is fixed pursuant to such Section 27, and Section 93(a) of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and shall be in addition to the allocation of the general tax levy distributed to this Agency pursuant to Section 93(b) of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

5. In meeting the obligations due under its State Water Contract, the Agency

relies first and to the extent feasible upon replenishment assessments and revenues derived from rates and charges for the delivery of water and for the replenishment of groundwater supplies, and other non-tax sources of funds. However, the Board does hereby find and determine that such revenues are and will be insufficient to meet the payments due under the State Water Contract during the fiscal year 2021-2022, and that it is necessary to levy the tax rate fixed herein in order to make such payments. This tax rate does not constitute an increase or a decrease in the Agency's reliance upon water rates or other charges in order to make its required payments to the State.

6. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, and the office of Auditor-Controller of Riverside County, forthwith.

**ADOPTED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

Kristin Bloomer, President

ATTEST:

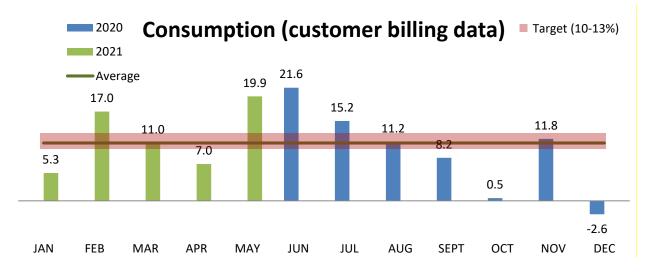
Joseph K. Stuart, Secretary-Treasurer

## STAFF REPORT TO DESERT WATER AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# JULY 6, 2021

# **RE: MAY 2021 WATER USE REDUCTION FIGURES**

Desert Water Agency customers achieved a 19.9% reduction in metered potable water consumption during May 2021 compared to the same month in 2013 – the baseline year used by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to measure statewide conservation achievements. DWA continues to report its production to the state on a monthly basis, despite mandatory conservation ending in 2017.



Over the past 12 months, consumption is trending 11% lower compared to 2013. DWA is asking its customers to save 10-13% compared to 2013 to help achieve long-term sustainability.

This target will likely be re-evaluated once Desert Water Agency receives water use objectives in accordance with long-term conservation legislative (AB 1668 and SB 606, 2018). The 10-13% target was established after the drought mandatory reduction levels were eliminated.

On the following page is additional information for this month.

May 2021 conservation percentage	19.90%
May 2021 metered potable consumption	2657.34 AF
May 2013 metered potable consumption	3317.50 AF
The percentage of the Total Monthly Potable Water Production going	69.60%
to residential use only for the reporting month	
Population (inclusive of seasonal residents)	89,232
Estimated R-GPCD	217.87
How many public complaints of water waste or violation of	16
conservation rules were received during the reporting month?	
How many contacts (written/ verbal) were made with customers for	3
actual/ alleged water waste or for a violation of conservation rules?	
How many formal warning actions (e.g.: written notifications, warning	0
letters, door hangers) were issued for water waste or for a violation	
of conservation rules?	
How many penalties were issued for water waste or for a violation of	0
conservation rules?	

# DESERT WATER AGENCY

## OUTREACH & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

## **JUNE 2021**

## Activities:

- 6/01 Staff attended the Coachella Valley WSCP meeting. 6/03 Joey English recorded an interview with Ashley Metzger for her radio show. 6/03 Staff attended the Indio GSA Scenario meeting. 6/08 Ashley Metzger attended the DWR Airborne Electromagnetic Surveys webinar. 6/08 Vicki Petek attended the ONE-PS meeting and provided a DWA update. 6/09 Ashley Metzger attended the ACWA Communications Committee meeting. 6/10 Ashley Metzger attended the Water Use Study Group Stakeholder meeting. 6/11 Staff attended the Mission Creek Alternative Update – SWP Forecast Revision meeting. 6/15 Staff attended the Mission Creek Subbasin Management Committee Coordination meeting. 6/15 Xochitl Peña participated in a phone conference with CV Water Counts. 6/16 Ashley Metzger attended the ACWA Water Use Efficiency Bi-Monthly meeting. 6/16 Ashley Metzger attended the Indio Subbasin GSA Coordination meeting. 6/17 Staff attended the CV SNMP Groundwater Monitoring Participation meeting. 6/17 Ashley Metzger attended a Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program meeting. 6/19 DWA provided the water trailer for the James O Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center Juneteenth Celebration. 6/20 DWA provided the water trailer for the Marilyn Monroe statue unveiling. 6/21 Ashley Metzger attended the Mission Springs Water District board meeting. 6/23 DWA hosted a virtual webinar meeting: Ask an Engineer. 6/23 Mark Krause and Ashley Metzger attended the Agua Caliente Water Authority Board meeting. 6/24 Staff attended the Indio Subbasin Tribal Workgroup meeting. 6/24 Staff attended the Indio Subbasin Public Workshop meeting #5. 6/25 Ashley Metzger attended a RUWMP comments meeting.
- 6/28 Ashley Metzger attended the CII DWR Workshop meeting.
- 6/28 Staff attended the Coachella Valley RUWMP meeting.

- 6/29 Ashley Metzger attended and presented to the WaterNow CO River Basin Drought Workshop.
- 6/30 Joey English recorded an interview with Ashley Metzger.
- 6/30 Ashley Metzger attended a meeting with Canyon Estates HOA on overseeding and restrictions.
- 6/30 Ashley Metzger attended the Mission Creek Alternative Update and Forecast Scenario meeting.

## Public Information Releases/eBlasts/Customer Notifications:

- June 17: Webinar: Ask an Engineer Website, Nextdoor
- June 21: DWA Construction, service line replacements in Demuth Park area Nextdoor
- June 22: DWA Construction, service line replacements in Los Compadres, Warm Sands, Tahquitz River Estates, Sunrise Park neighborhoods – Nextdoor
- June 23: DWA opens lobby; COVID relief changes in store Website, Nextdoor
- June 25: DWA Construction, service line replacements in Twin Star/Coyote Run areas -Nextdoor

## Legislative/Regulatory Outreach

- IRUS (Indoor Residential Water Use Study) Report comment letter
- Conveyance Repair Budget support request letter

## Upcoming Events Upcoming Events

July (Date TBD) – DWA Webinar: Emergency Preparedness

## **Conservation programs**

17 grass removal inspections12 grass removal projects pre-approved6 grass removal projects given final approval

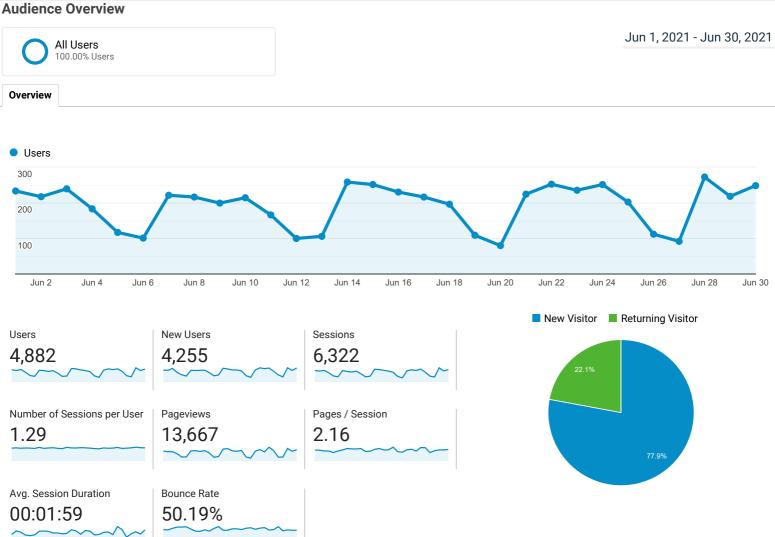
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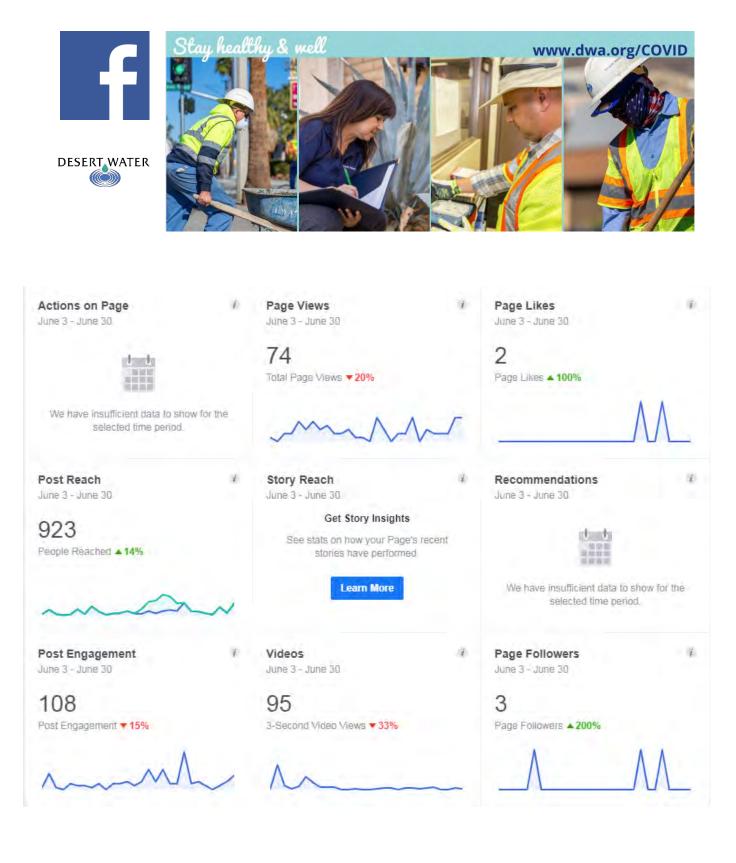
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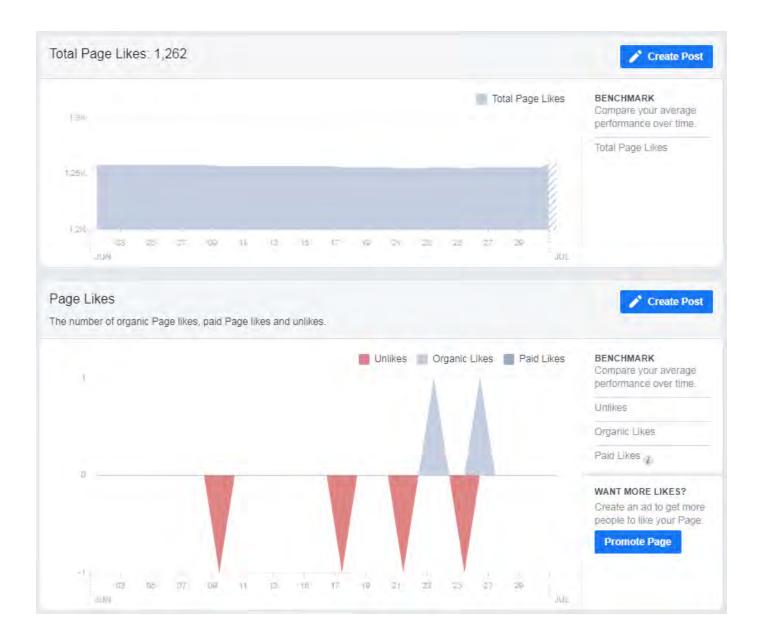
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06/28/2021 12:00 PM	Tap water is great for staying hydrated. Try out one of our recipes	6	0	107	1	Boost Post
06/25/2021 11:42 AM	Welcome filmmakers and moviegoers! The Palm Springs	5	0	56	9 5	Boost Post
06/23/2021 3:25 PM	Don't forget to turn off your sprinklers and keep them off for at least 48	6	0	42	0   3	Boost Post
06/23/2021 11:33 AM	We re-opened our lobby to the public today! We are following state and	Ē	0	165	1	Boost Post
06/22/2021 11:07 AM	Don't forget! Tomorrow at 10 a.m. is our "Ask an engineer" meeting where	6	0	45	1	Boost Post
06/21/2021 12:31 PM	Happy Pollinator Week! Stop by and check out our pollinator garden right	10	0	61	0 6	Boost Post
06/20/2021 9:00 AM	Hoping dads soak up a fun-filled day! #HappyFathersDay	6	0	75	1	Boost Post
06/18/2021 12:00 PM	Trailing lantana groundcover has lavender colored flowers that grow	10	0	44	0 4	Boost Post
06/15/2021 12:00 PM	Ever wondered how a well works? Or how we replenish the aquifer? Get all	6	0	53	2 4	Boost Post
06/14/2021 12:00 PM	Thirsty to get back to the theater? Like and share our post and you	10	0	61	2 6	Boost Post
06/10/2021 12:00 PM	Need help paying your water bill? Help2Others can provide up to \$200	6	0	145	1	Boost Post
06/08/2021 s:00 AM	Have a splash during summer vacation! Check out our Water		0	80	1	Boost Post
06/04/2021 12:00 PM	You can help save water by reporting broken sprinklers and leaky pipes to		0	84	6 -	Boost Post
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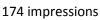
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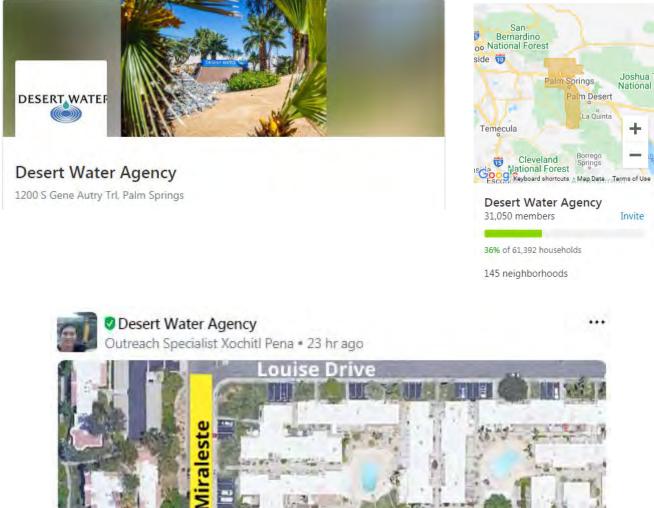


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DWA opens lobby; COVID relief changes in store. Desert Water Agency re-opened its lobby to customers today. In accordance with state and local guidelines, masks are optional for vaccinated customers and required for those who are not. Lobby hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. When California's economy formally See more...

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#### Top Tweet earned 1,217 impressions

Welcome filmmakers and moviegoers! The Palm Springs International ShortFest is currently underway & continues through Monday. Besides films – you know what else is great in short spurts? Showers! @psfilmfest #conserve #ShortFest pic.twitter.com/SafrPYJ2o9



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Top mention earned 9 engagements
Steve Grasha

@RealSteveGrasha 21h

Thank you for this video series, it's very helpful for the public to understand the complexities of delivering water in the desert and this video series does that well. I always learn something new from all of you at @DWAwater Desert Water Agency.

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### Top media Tweet earned 398 impressions

Thirsty to get back to the theater? Like and re-tweet our post and you could win two Palm Springs International ShortFest tickets for June 22-28. State @PSFilmFest #ShortFest21 pic.twitter.com/grPU9J4t9d



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