



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

City Council Chambers
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Meeting Minutes

Water Utilities Community Facilities District

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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the special meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Schroeder, Boardmember Cross, Boardmember Heck, Boardmember Johnson, Boardmember Nesser, and Boardmember Soller

Staff in attendance:

Bryant Powell, District Manager
Yvette McKinney, Deputy District Clerk
Joel Stern, District Legal Counsel
Mike Loggins, District Director
Charles Briggs, Water District Project Manager
Rita Vineyard, Senior Administrative Assistant
Angelie Hawley, District Treasurer
Connie Chow, District Controller
Kayla Fulmer, Director of Marketing and Communications
Eli Richardson, Management Analyst
Robert Wisler, Management Analyst

C. Agenda Items

1. [24-863](#) Approval of minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2024.

Boardmember Soller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the September 17, 2024, meeting. Boardmember Nesser seconded the motion.

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Schroeder, Boardmember Cross, Boardmember Heck, Boardmember Johnson, Boardmember Nesser and Boardmember Soller

No: 0

2. [24-864](#) Presentation, discussion, and consideration of Resolution No. 2024-011, requesting the public utility easements located between parcel numbers 100-25-015B and 100-25-016B, Apache Junction, Arizona, be extinguished and are no longer necessary for public use as a public utility easement.

Boardmember Johnson made a motion that Resolution No. 2024-011, a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Water Utilities Community Facilities District (City of Apache Junction, Arizona) declaring portions of the public utility easements located between parcel numbers 100-25-015B and 100-25-016B, Apache Junction, Arizona are no longer necessary for public use as a utility easement and are hereby extinguished be approved. Boardmember Soller seconded the motion.

Yes: 7 - Chairperson Wilson, Vice Chair Schroeder, Boardmember Cross, Boardmember Heck, Boardmember Johnson, Boardmember Nesser and Boardmember Soller

No: 0

District Director Mike Loggins presented an overview of Resolution No. 2024-010, a request to extinguish the water utility easement and declaring a portion of the public utility easement located between parcel numbers 100-25-015B and 100-25-016B, Apache Junction, Arizona, are no longer necessary for public use as public utility easements. Mr. Loggins advised the city has already abandoned the easements and the District recommends abandoning the easements.

D. District Manager Report

No report.

E. District Director Report

Mr. Loggins provided an update on the Verde River Sediment Mitigation Study. The initial allocation presented to the board about six months ago was 7,942 acre-feet. Since that time additional partners would like to join the 22 cities currently participating in the study. The Town of Cave Creek recently ended an agreement with the City of Scottsdale for water and requested to join the study. They requested 1,000 acre-feet from the Bureau of Reclamation and this water would be used to serve their existing customers. All the members voted to allow them to be part of the study.

Salt River Project (SRP) found some old maps that showed an additional 4,423 acre-feet in Horseshoe Lake in the original structure that they believe they need to restore. This means the Apache Junction Water District (AJWD) will lose approximately 1,200 acre-feet from the current allocation.

The Bureau of Reclamation must secure water supplies to back up Central Arizona Project (CAP) water supplies if there are shortages. The CAP water supplies are for the Indian reservations and backups for the Federal Government. After this is done, AJWD's water allocation might be cut in half. Each of the cities in the study are taking cuts in their allocations and negotiations are still going on to determine what percentage will be cut. Results from the Bureau of Reclamation were anticipated to be around the end of 2024, but now it looks like possibly February 2025. The sub-committee will need to vote again to determine how to divide the new allocations. The plan is to secure existing demands first and then committed future

demands.

Boardmember Heck asked if the District would be obligated to pay the same amount. Mr. Loggins stated that the District would only pay for the allocation it receives. District Manager Powell asked what would happen if any of the other cities decide to drop out or are not prepared to pay for their allocations. Mr. Loggins responded that if this were to happen the District would request to receive its original allocation.

Mr. Loggins provided an update on the Radiance and Blossom Rock subdivisions. The construction is continuing and there has been an approximate 40% increase in service connections. Mr. Loggins is anticipating doubling the service connections by the end of 2025 if construction continues.

F. District Treasurer Report

No report.

G. Adjournment

Chairperson Wilson adjourned the special meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024, BY THE CHAIR
PERSON AND DISTRICT BOARD OF THE WATER UTILITIES COMMUNITY FACILITIES
DISTRICT, (CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA).

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

WALTER "CHIP" WILSON
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PENA
District Clerk