

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BORREGO SPRINGS COMMUNITY SPONSOR GROUP,
WATER AND LAND USE/PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE (Watco)**

*****MEETING AGENDA*****

In person meeting at the Borrego Springs Library, Conference Room

Although a zoom meeting link is also offered

Topic: Watco Meeting

John Peterson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 884 7809 7805

Passcode: 741004

Time and date: September 20, 2023 03:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO OUR MEETINGS

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A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR March 15, 2023 (Attachment B).

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (may be limited to 3 min): Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee on any subject matter within the Committee's purpose and scope of activities that is not on the posted agenda.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Nomination of Gary Halderman to join the Watco Subcommittee. (Note that the Borrego Springs Sponsor Group has agreed to this addition to the committee dependent of the approval of the Watco Committee members (see meeting minutes from June 1, 2023 item # D.3.)**
- 2. Should a letter be sent to the Watermaster Board and West Yost regarding the progress being made for expanding the groundwater monitoring network? (See attachment A below.)**

E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Update from Jim Dax, update from the Water Master Board meeting from September 14, 2023. Including the request for a community representative appointed to the Technical Advisor Committee (TAC).**
- 2. Update regarding TAC membership appointment of John Peterson effective August 2023.**

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

- 1. Announcements & Correspondence Received**

G. ADJOURNMENT

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Attachment A: Email sent Peterson to Malone September 14, 2023, regarding the groundwater monitoring program:

Thanks for your time last June 15 to take a look at the potential monitoring wells (for water levels) that the community has identified. Specially this for the area south of Henderson Canyon Road and north of Borrego Palm Canyon.

We believe that there are a number of steps that must be taken before the Watermaster staff can bring the wells into the monitoring system. At this point only step one and two has been completed so far. (See below for additional details).

Steps:

- 1) Have the local community identify potential existing wells that could be potential used for monitoring sites.
- 2) Technical personnel from West Yost with the local representatives examine the sites.
- 3) Determination from West Yost that the potential well(s) could be used to expand the monitoring network. This would be based on the location of the well(s) and if it would fill in a gap in the existing network.
- 4) The local community works on identifying the parcel owner(s) and then works with local resources and/or West Yost personnel to obtain ownership permission to add the well into the network.
- 5) Based on the results of the above tasks the decision will need to be made to retrofit the well(s) to allow for access wire line water level equipment or an installation of a data logger. It is likely that a pump rig will be required to make the modifications.
- 6). Plan for a day or two with a pump rig to make the necessary modifications to the well. (That must be paid for from Watermaster Board funds).
- 7) Only after all these steps have been completed can we include the monitoring well into the system and this will likely require time to complete all necessary steps.

As I see it (and please correct me if I have missed anything) we are waiting for step 3 on this list prior to us in the community starting on step 4. Can we get this information from you guys? Or do you want to wait until after the next Watermaster Board meeting in October.

Thanks much and looking forward to working with you in the future to expand the monitoring system.

JP

Attachment B: Draft Meeting Minutes for Watco Meeting of March 15, 2023

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- A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL.** Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Chair John Peterson, Jim Dax, Bill Berkley and Judy Haldeman present. Diane Johnson excused.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON January 18, 2023.** MOTION: Approval of the Minutes of January 18, 2023. Dax M, Berkley S. Unanimous approval.
- C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (may be limited to 3 min): Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee on any subject matter within the Committee's purpose and scope of activities that is not on the posted agenda. Announced meeting at UCI re: groundwater dependent ecosystems March 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**
- D. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - 1. None**
- E. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
 - 1. Update from Jim Dax, update from the Water Master Board meeting from March 9, 2023.** Dax attended the meeting of the Watermaster Board. He reported that the meeting was 3 hours long and a suggestion was made that there be more frequent meetings as there is not much time for public discussion. Well monitoring will begin in April looking a water level and water quality. Peterson

commented that this could take up to 2 years and that there should be separate wells for water levels and water quality.

2. Letter from Rebecca Falk and John Peterson to the Water Master Board regarding the Annual Water Year Report. Peterson reported that the letter had gone out to the Watermaster Board and that it will be forwarded to the presiding judge.

3. Update on the groundwater monitoring network.

F. GROUP BUSINESS:

1. Announcements & Correspondence Received

G. ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the WATCO subcommittee will be held the third week in May.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Haldeman.