

C. Contract for Consulting Services with EnrGen/Todd Holman for Solar Conversion Evaluation and Related Services: Mr. Poole pointed out that the District's biggest expense after labor is power. The conversion of all wells to solar would be a big savings, and he had asked Rick Alexander to look for potential grants. Todd Holman, who installed the solar system in the District office, can do a feasibility study for installation of solar on the wells. He would also evaluate the existing solar facilities (office, warehouse and treatment plant) to ensure they are operating at maximum efficiency. The total cost would be approximately \$9,000 for two months. **MSC: Duncan/Delahay approving the contract with Todd Holman and authorizing signature.**

D. Membership in American Planning Association: Director Johnson explained that there a lot of resources available through the American Planning Association, some of value to the District directly and some to the community in land use planning. Mr. Poole reported that he had checked with Steve Anderson, who said some of his partners were members and the Association was highly regarded. **MSC: Johnson/Delahay authorizing the District to join the American Planning Association at the base rate (\$121) with one additional individual (\$68).** E. Update on Status of Settlement Agreement/Stipulated Judgment: Mr. Poole reported the election of Mike Seley, Nick Bosik, Shannon Smith and Rich Pinel to the Watermaster Board. A decision from the County is still pending. President Dice announced the first meeting has been tentatively set for March 31.

III. STANDING AND AD-HOC BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. STANDING:

1. Operations and Infrastructure. Mr. Poole reported that the Committee would be meeting with Mr. Dale early next week.

B. AD-HOC:

1. Stipulated Judgment Implementation. No report.
2. Risk Management. No report.
3. Grant Funding. President Dice reported she would be meeting with Mr. Alexander, and thereafter discuss potential air quality monitoring grants.
4. Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Authority. No report.
5. Organizational Staffing. No report.
6. Prop 218 and BWD Developers' Policy. No report.
7. Town Hall 2020 Agenda. President Dice invited the Board's attention to the proposed Agenda in the Board package. The time has been changed to 5:30.

IV. STAFF REPORT

A. Financial Reports:

January 2020

Ms. Pitman reported \$144,000 in operating income for January. The audit cost almost twice as much as last year because the auditors had to redo a lot of last year's report. The answering service has almost doubled because of the many power outages. **MSC: Johnson/Delahay accepting the Financial Reports.**

B. Water and Wastewater Operations Report:

C. Water Production/Use Records:

Mr. Poole said that these reports would be available at the next meeting.

D. General Manager Report: Status Update and Verbal Discussion of:

1. Projected Bond Financed Project Expenditures Jan 2020 thru Jul 2022. Mr. Poole invited the Board's attention to an updated report in the Board package.

2. Finance Officer Interviews. Mr. Poole reported that he, Ms. Pitman and Diana Del Bono had interviewed the candidates for Finance Officer and selected Jessica Claybaugh from Warner Springs. She has experience with the County, speaks Spanish and has excellent references.

3. Preparation of Well Abandonment Letter to County of SD. Mr. Poole reported he was working with Meet Panchal on a draft letter to the County and would present it at the next meeting.

V. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Two (2) potential cases):

B. Replacement Well Number Two Site – Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code §54956.8); Property APN: APN 198-021-08. 77.95 acres. BWD negotiator: Geoff Poole. Negotiating Parties: Geoff Poole General Manager, and Owner: Borrego Nazareth. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment:

The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:10 a.m., and the open session reconvened at 12:20 p.m. There was no reportable action.

VI. CLOSING PROCEDURE

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020 at Borrego Water District, 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.