LAKE HEMET MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 20, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Lake Hemet Municipal Water District Board Room **www.lhmwd.org**
26385 Fairview Avenue, Hemet, CA 92544

I. <u>Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance</u>
President Foutz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. <u>Roll Call</u>

PRESENT:	Directors, Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor and Pastor
OTHERS PRESENT:	General Manager Gow, Administrative Services Manager Beaver, Operations & Maintenance Manager Carter, District Counsel Wojcik and District Secretary Billinger

III. <u>Agenda Approval</u>

District Counsel Wojcik introduced an **Urgency Item** pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2). This item needs to be added to the agenda, it will be, VI. Board Action Items - #6 – Approve Garner Valley Well 4 Change Order with Legend Pump & Well Service, Inc. Since all directors are present, this item requires a two-thirds vote for approval.
This item was brought to the attention of the general manager after the posting of the agenda. This item needs to be repaired prior to the summer months when the demands are at their highest.

Director Marshall moved and Director Pastor seconded a motion to add urgency item to the agenda.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

Director Minor moved and Director Marshall seconded a motion to approve the agenda (as amended).
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

IV. <u>Public Comment Period</u>
None

<u>REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u>

V. <u>Response Items / Reports</u>

1. **General Manager Report –** Mike Gow
   a. Manager's Report
   b. Construction & Engineering
   GM Gow reviewed the written report in the agenda packet.
   Lake level rose after the rain we had last week, up to 108.9.

2. **Board Member Reports**
None

VI. Board Action Items

3. **Consent Agenda Items** – Approval by Master Motion. Directors may separate items for discussion and voting.

    a. Ratify January 2025 Expenditures

Director Minor moved and Director Pastor seconded a motion to approve.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

4. **Minute Order** – Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on January 16, 2025

Director Elam moved and Director Marshall seconded a motion to approve.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

5. **Minute Order**– Approve and Authorize Well 4 Swaging
Director Foutz asked how old is the well and if we knew what had caused the holes? Operations & Maintenance Manager Carter stated that the well was purchased in 1972, and it wasn't new at that time. We are not sure what caused the holes.

Director Pastor asked when was the well drilled? Operations & Maintenance Manager Carter stated we do not have any records containing that information.

Director Minor asked what size is the casing? Operations & Maintenance Manager Carter stated the casing is a combo of 12 and 8 inches, it is not that large.

Director Pastor moved and Director Elam seconded a motion to approve.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

6. **Minute Order–** Garner Valley Well 4 Change Order with Legend Pump & Well Service, Inc.

GM Gow stated that during the well maintenance, we discovered the casing has a hole and there is gravel in the pack. If we don't have this well up by the summer, we would have to truck up water, 24x7. We need to get this well back in service prior to the summer months.

I am requesting we enter into an agreement with Legend Pump and Well Service, Inc., in the amount $172,590, quote attached.

Director Elam asked how deep is the well? Operations & Maintenance Manager Carter stated is approximately 280 feet.

Director Pastor asked how long will it take to repair? GM Gow stated hopefully within a few months, so that it can be back in service for the summer months.

Director Elam asked if we are afraid of it collapsing? GM Gow stated, yes, we are identifying other options in that area and will include a new well in the upcoming budget.

Director Marshall asked how much for a new well? GM Gow responded, $750,000 to a million dollars.

Director Marshall moved and Director Pastor seconded a motion to approve.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

Recessed to closed session at 3:23 p.m.

VII. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 5495.5(b); District Negotiator(s): General Manager Gow/Attorney Wojcik
Negotiating Party(s): Crown Castle; Under Negotiation: Assessor Parcel Numbers; 557-040-003, 557-040-004, 553-230-018, 553-230-017

No reportable action

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATON – Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957; Continued Review of the General Manager; Michael A. Gow

No reportable action

Director Minor moved and Director Elam seconded a motion to adjourn.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

VIII. Adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Kathleen Billinger, Assistant Secretary

President Foutz asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2025, a copy of the minutes was sent to each board member for review prior to the February 20, 2025 meeting. Motion to approve was made by Director Elam with a second from Director Marshall. It carried by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Elam, Foutz, Marshall, Minor, Pastor

Todd A. Foutz, President
Lake Hemet Municipal Water District