

WATER DISTRICT 29H – MARSH CREEK
SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 16, 2022 at 4pm - via Webex

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Randy Wheatley, called meeting to order at 4 pm

Randy opened the floor to nominations for chairman. Dale Lish nominated Randy Wheatley as chairman and Lynn Bastian seconded. All in favor.

Attendance: Randy Wheatly, Dale Lish, Lynn Bastian, Kathy Spiegel, Tony Hancock and Dianna Burden.

IDWR attendees: Tim Luke, Rob Whitney, Meghan Carter and Jared Adamson

Chairman Wheatley thanked everyone for their time and turned the meeting over to Tim Luke.

Tim Luke stated that IDWR received a request from the watermaster, Kristin Evans, for assistance from IDWR due to medical reasons. IDWR has appointed assistant watermaster's from the department. Two (2) were in District 29H today and two (2) were in 29D today. Rob Whitney stated the assistance will spread the department thin, but they will be here periodically. A letter will be mailed tomorrow to approximately 430 water users in District's 29H and 29D with contact information and the website for waterdistrict1, along with the diversion recap regulations. Rob stated that Kristin's phone is forwarded to IDWR and the calls have slowed. He said that Kristin can hire an assistant watermaster from the area or the advisory committee can forward a nomination for the directory to appoint.

Randy asked if Kristin was an employee of the water district or IDWR. Did she have a duty to contact the advisory committee about her time off? Meghan said that she is an employee of the water district and protected under H.R laws. She is getting with legal counsel about the H.R. laws and will get back to the advisory committee.

Dale asked if priority 1 was to find a local watermaster. Rob stated that IDWR is running thin, but will keep the water district in compliance. Priority 1 for the advisory committee is to self-regulate and encourage other users to do the same and work together.

Tim asked if there were any suggestions on how to communicate with the users. The advisory committee said the letter should be fine for now. It was clear on the diversion regulations.

Lynn asked if there was an avenue for assistance due to curtailment. Tim said the district is in the declared drought area; and there is a temporary change application on-line to obtain more water for an area. The application is reviewed by IDWR staff as the move cannot injure another user.

Next Meeting: The advisory committee will meet again on June 30, 2022 at 4 pm to review any changes.

Randy thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their continued support of the district and understanding of the difficult situations.

Meeting adjourned 4:45 pm

Minutes recorded by: Dianna Burden