

## **MINUTES OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT  
25945 Highway 243  
Idyllwild, CA 92549**

**July 16, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.**

**1. CONSOLIDATION OF THREE PUBLIC WATER AGENCIES IN THE SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS:**

Discussion regarding approaches to consolidation, merger and cooperation among the three public water Districts: Pine Cove Water District, Fern Valley Water District and Idyllwild Water District.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Directors present: Vice President Peter Szabadi, Chair; Les Gin, Director; and Susan Nash, Public Member**

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS :**

**PETER SZABADI:** Informed the meeting this is a discussion to find out what ways we can precede with consolidation. This is getting to know the issue.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**JEFF SMITH:** Expressed concern that IWD is overly dependent on surface water. That there is little public interest in IWD customer matters. IWD needs to clean up there mess.

**JP:** Hopes that IWD has a plan though the other Districts have expressed some confusion of what it would be for them.

**VIC SIRKIN:** Raised the issue that the districts should work together and share the responsible use of the water shed.

**TOM PAULEK:** Emphasized that water contamination, climate change and drought are community problems and need to be solved by this community as a whole.

**NANCY BORSHERS:** Stressed the need for IWD to fix their own problems.

**PETER SZABADI:** Informed the meeting that IWD is trying to find out if there is support for this idea and how should IWD go about it. Consolidation will reduce expenses and increase efficiency.

**SUE NASH:** Stressed the need for LAFCO's recommendations and to use that information to move forward.

**PETER SZABADI:** Would like to increase membership in the Consolidation Committee, with greater community participation where we can consider whether these ideas are good.

**VIC SIRKIN:** Would like to see what LAFCO says and move forward, find reasons to cooperate and merge the community to be one family, one group. As the drought continues we have no choice but to work together.

**MARGE MUIR:** Pointed out that it's about the amount of water we have and how we use it.

**TOM PAULEK:** Added that this is the public's water, we have to keep that in mind.

**NANCY BORSHER:** Feels there is nothing in it for Pine Cove and everything in it for Idyllwild. If there was any sign of good faith that would be nice.

**PETER SZABADI:** Would like to come away with something positive and make an effort to have other members of the other water districts to join this committee and see if there is any interest on some level of increased cooperation. Sue Nash's suggestion of an MOU to cover that, would place an issue here but I will certainly suggest to our manager to cover the issue in his presentation at the meeting Wednesday.

**MARGE MUIR:** It's about the future, that's what we have to get across. That's what we are talking about. Uniting for the benefit of all.

**PETER SZABADI:** Feels we have to build some public sentiment toward some increased cooperation and some consideration on how we can save money and do all our jobs better.

**VIC SIRKIN:** Expressed concern that we don't want to lose local control, so for the spirit of cooperation let's bring them in from the other districts and get them rolling.

**PETER SZABADI:** Sue noted there is a petition process.

**SUE NASH:** Outlined that there is an application that Water Boards can fill out, a petition process and then the state decides what's going to happen.

**LES GIN:** Thinks we are on the right track and we need to work together.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A MOTION was made by Director GIN to ADJOURN and Sue Nash seconded. The vote was as follows:

<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Peter Szabadi</b>			
<b>Les Gin</b>			
<b>Sue Nash</b>			

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PETER SZABADI  
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

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