



**Board of Directors Special Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 23, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Mission Springs Water District will hold its Special Meeting on the date listed above. The meetings will be held at 66575 Second Street, Desert Hot Springs.

**THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING
TELEPHONICALLY BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING NUMBER:**

1-267-930-4000

Participant access: 322 652 077

**THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO ATTEND BY CALLING THE ABOVE NUMBER AND
MAY SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS ADDRESSING THE BELOW BY
EMAILING DPETEE@MSWD.ORG**

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THIS AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC INPUT

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Board pertaining to items on this agenda. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes or less. State law prohibits the Board from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the agenda. (CA Govt. Code Section 54954.3(b)).

4. RESOLUTION 2020-07 PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

➤ It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2020-07.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

6. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

7. ADJOURN

If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Executive Asst. at 760.329.5169 ext 137 at least 24 working hours prior to the meeting.

ANY DISCLOSABLE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATED TO AN OPEN SESSION ITEM ON A REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND DISTRIBUTED BY MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT TO ALL OR A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LESS THAN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 66575 2ND ST., DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AND MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AT WWW.MSWD.ORG/BOARD. NOTE: THE PROCEEDINGS ARE BEING AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I certify that on or before March 20, 2020, I posted a copy of the foregoing notice near the regular meeting place of the Board of Directors of Mission Springs Water District at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting (Government Code Section 54954.2)

Arden Wallum
Secretary of the Board of Directors

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the District has the authority to proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 3100 states that all public employees are declared to be disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law, and the District needs to continue providing potable water and sewer service deemed as an essential public service; and

WHEREAS, any actions that the District may take to ensure the continuation of critical services to protect the safety of customers and to provide for immunities that will protect the District for actions taken, as covered under the California Emergency Services Act; and

WHEREAS, working with the County of Riverside, this proclamation authorizes the undertaking of powers and invoking and disseminating emergency orders (e.g., emergency orders, emergency spending authorities, emergency or pre-established contracting, order necessary Personal Protective Equipment, recovery, etc.) and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation establishes that an emergency exists, and that if mutual aid of in-county resources are needed to assist the District, as covered under the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement and any local agreements to provide mutual aid should be sufficient to establish, and that the Emergency Services Act applies; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation establishes that an emergency exists, and if out-of-county assistance is needed, requests for mutual aid should follow procedures set forth by the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), including obtaining mission numbers through the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department from CalOES for responding agencies. This is particularly important for possible reimbursement of extraordinary expenses in the event of a proclaimed "State of Emergency" or in the event of a presidential declaration of disaster when state or federal disaster relief funds become available; and

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease which led to California Governor Gavin Newsom, to proclaim a State of Emergency for California on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, currently COVID-19 has spread globally to more than 70 countries, infecting more than 250,000 persons and causing more than 10,000 fatalities worldwide. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat this virus; and

WHEREAS, a Local Health Emergency was proclaimed by the County of Riverside Public Health Officer on March 8, 2020, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a Local Emergency was proclaimed by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the CDC confirmed person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in the United States, raising the possibility of community transmission occurring in the general public. This has resulted in a Federal Declaration of National Emergency as declared by President Donald Trump on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the District proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mission Springs Water District as follows:

Section 1. That the District hereby proclaims the existence of a local emergency and directs District staff to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety.

Section 2. That during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the District shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances and resolutions of the District Board.

Section 3. That the District General Manager is hereby empowered to take such actions and to obtain supplies, equipment, services and/or property needed for the protection of life and property and to bind the District for the fair value thereof.

Section 4. That all departments of the District shall review and revise their department emergency and contingency plans to address the risks COVID-19 poses to their critical functions in coordination with the District's Emergency Management Department/Manager.

Section 5. That all District departments shall track costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to COVID-19 preparation and prevention and forward that information to the District's finance department; and complete an Initial Damage Estimate (IDE) Category B, and forward that information to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department (EMD) on a daily basis.

Section 6. That the District's internal departments shall coordinate District-wide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19 with the Riverside County EMD.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Proclamation through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Riverside County EMD to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Nancy Wright
President of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Arden Wallum
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors