

Multi State Salinity Coalition
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
May 31, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. pst

Welcome and Roll Call: Robert Mace, Ernie Avila, Chris Hassert, Jeff Biggs, Richard Holmes, Scott Reinert for John Balliew, Katherine Yuhas for Mark Sanchez, Ronald Sullivan, John Felty, Call In: James Murphy, Jeff Mosher

1. Review and Approval of February 13, 2013 Minutes:

The MSSC Board reviewed the February 13, 2013 minutes. Ernie Avila moved to approve and Jeff Biggs second the motion. All Members were in favor.

2. Financial Status:

The Board reviewed the Financials for May 2013. Chris Hassert moved to approve and Richard Holmes second the motion. All Members were in favor.

3. Results of the 2013 Annual Salinity Summit Survey:

Ernie Avila reviewed the 2013 Summit Survey results and determined that the time, location and format will remain status quo.

4. Overview of 2014 Annual Summit:

Ernie reviewed the outcome the first Planning Committee meeting. The focus and session ideas for the 2014 Summit are: Water Energy Nexus, Recycle Direct & Indirect Potable Reuse, Case Studies, Oil and Gas, Legislative, Energy, Health Services, Salt Management & Pollution Prevention. The Summit will be held February 21 - 22, 2013 at the Tuscany Hotel in Las Vegas.

5. Election of new Board Members:

Ronald Sullivan, Member, Board of Directors, Eastern Municipal Water District was elected onto the MSSC Board.

John Felty moved to approve and Ernie Avila second the motion. All Members were in favor

James Lee Murphy, Executive Manager of Water Resources and Utility Operations, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority was elected onto the MSSC Board.

Richard Holmes moved to approved and Katherine Yuhas second the motion. All Members were in favor.

6. Review of MSSC Mission Statement:

The Board discussed revising the Mission Statement and tentatively approved:

The mission of the Multi-State Salinity Coalition (Coalition) is to promote advancements in desalination-related technologies, salinity management in a sustainable manner, strategies, water/energy efficiencies and related public policies that will assist the Coalition member agencies to meet their growing needs to advance sustainable desalination and salinity management.

The goal of the Coalition is to effectively foster communication, dialogue and recommendations on related desalination and salinity management, water/energy nexus issues and policies through quarterly meetings, correspondence, position papers, project/program endorsements and the development, sponsorship and presentation of an annual national desalination and salinity management summit for local, regional, and national leaders. The Coalition believes that collaborative efforts among water purveyors, state agencies, federal agencies, research organizations, congressional leaders and private industry are essential in pursuit of common Coalition interests as stated in its Articles of Incorporation.

The Coalition is not, nor is it intended to be, a substitute for local government. It is, however, an organization through which its individual members can work on salinity management, desalination and sustainability issues and coordinate their efforts.

7. Review of MSSC Tagline and Vision Statement:

The Board discussed adding a tagline to the MSSC logo and tentatively approved “Less Salt, More Water”

The Board discussed and tentatively approved the MSSC Goal to be:
“We work to achieve our mission and vision through fostering collaboration on the policy and technology of desalination and salinity management through communication, quarterly meetings, and an annual national salinity summit.”

The Board discussed and adding a vision statement.

8. Position Papers:

Robert Mace updated the Board on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a “briefing paper” that was sent on behalf of the MSSC.

9. Deeper Role for Avila:

The Board promoted Ernie Avila to “Program Director” for the MSSC. John Felty moved to approve and Jeff Biggs second the motion. All Members were in favor.

10. Contract with Kimberling:

The Board approved the roll of Christine Kimberling for the current term.

11. Other Business:

Each Board Member gave a briefing of projects each company is currently working on.

12. Next Member Meeting:

Friday, September 27, 2013 at City of Scottsdale office.

Minutes by Christine Kimberling 5-31-2013