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BIGHORN-DESERT VIEW WATER AGENCY
DISTRICT PROFILE SUMMARY SHEET

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Date of Formation:

1990 Consolidation of Bighorn Mountains Water Agency and Desert View
County Water District

Principal Act:

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Law, CA Water Code Appendix 112

Improvement District(s): YES NO

If yes, please indicate name and define area of service (include map).

*Improvement District "1" – Agency not clear on ID1 Boundaries. Presume
it includes all customer water accounts beginning with 01- to 06- No map
found at Agency*

Improvement District "B" – map attached

Governing Body:

Five member Board of Directors elected at-large.

Membership:

<u>Judy Corl-Lorono*</u>	<u>President</u>
<u>Michael McBride</u>	<u>Vice President</u>
<u>Terry Burkhart</u>	<u>Director</u>
<u>Duane Lisiewski*</u>	<u>Director</u>
<u>Warren Strodel*</u>	<u>Director</u>

* 2009 Preliminary Election results indicate these three directors have
been unseated.

Public Meetings:

Held fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Board room located at 1720 N. Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA, 92284.

Standing Committees:

Finance/Public Relations/Education/Personnel (FPREP) Committee meets bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at 4:30pm
 Planning/Engineering/Legislative/Grant/Security (PLEGS) Committee meets bi-monthly on the third Thursday at 8:45 am

SERVICES

Currently Authorized Powers (Services):

SERVICE	FUNCTIONS
1932 Meter Service Facility connections. Includes delivery to bulk water services via 4 separate hauling stations Maintenance of 635 fire hydrants for use by the county fire authorities.	Production, storage, treatment and provision for sale of potable water to residences and to commercial and individual bulk haulers; to spread, sink, store, treat, purify, reclaim, replenish, capture, recapture (including sewage and stormwater) for protection of beneficial use or by agency.
Planning for the Conjunctive Use Groundwater and Surface Water, and for a Groundwater Storage Program	

Latent Powers (Services) -- those services authorized by the Agency's principal act, but not activated through the LAFCO process:

SERVICE	FUNCTIONS
Wastewater collection, treatment and recycling	
Generate hydroelectric energy, for use by Agency or sale Generation of electricity through falling water	
Construct, maintain, improve and operate public recreational facilities appurtenant to any water reservoir operated by Agency	

Area Served: ___44___ Square Miles/ ___28,160___ Acres

Population: ___5,000___ (Estimated)

Registered Voters: ___1,652___ As Of ___2/2/2009___ (Date)

Services Provided Outside Agency Boundaries:

SERVICE	PROVIDED TO WHOM	DATE OF CONTRACT	SUNSET DATE
Bulk water delivery	Approximately 5 commercial bulk water haulers	Water Service Application for individual account holders	None
Metered water	Approximately 3 customers outside Agency and within Sphere of Influence	Water Service Application for individual account holders	None
Metered water	Approximately 17 customers within CSA 70/W-1 service area outside Agency boundaries (island within boundary)	12/16/1997 Contract with County of San Bernardino	None

Special charges for service outside boundaries:

The Agency believes, but has no way to verify, that water is being delivered by commercial water haulers to users outside the Agency's boundaries and Sphere of Influence. Agency cannot estimate the number of out-of-Agency customers or the volume of water delivered annually. For example, Agency is aware that an adjacent water district, Hi Desert Water District has properties which are not connected to its pressurized water system yet HDWD does not have any active water service accounts for bulk hauling (pers. con. Jan. 2009 with HDWD water billing dept.). Agency believes commercial bulk haulers are delivering water into Pipes Canyon/Pioneertown area as well. Agency is reviewing bulk water hauling rates and addressing requirements to allow delivery outside Agency boundaries. The Agency Rules and Regulations for Water Service indicate the Board of Directors can approve the use and set rates for service outside the Agency boundaries.

Special policies for providing service outside boundaries:

The Agency has the technical ability, staffing capacity and water resources to provide water to a neighboring water agency, Hi-Desert Water District. No rates for such service are in place at this time. In addition, Agency is working with MWA to develop a groundwater management plan. County Service Area 70, HDWD and the Agency produce water from the Reche Basin. Pumping by HDWD and the Agency is governed by a Stipulated Judgment entered following extensive litigation over a period of decades. The project envisions the banking of water from the State Water Project. Each participating entity, Hi Desert WD, County Service Area 70 – Landers, and possibly Pioneertown, would accrue water in a water storage account. The water would be purchased, and percolated into the groundwater basin. There would be no restrictions on the use of that water and inter-entity transfers could occur as well. This project is intended to mitigate impacts from overpumping of the Reche Groundwater Subbasin, provide for beneficial use of water and insure the conjunctive use of local groundwater and imported water from the State Water Project.

Service to properties in CSA 70/W-1 was approved by the Agency through a contract with County of San Bernardino December 16, 1997.

Agency staff is not aware of the approval process undertaken by which the Agency provides water service to properties outside Agency boundaries but within the Sphere of Influence. This is apparently a longstanding historical practice.

Commercial bulk water delivery outside Agency boundaries is understood to be a longstanding practice.

Rates and justification for out of Agency delivery need to be reviewed. Agency is pursuing a mutual aid agreement for emergency service both within the Morongo Basin and also through the Emergency Response Network of the Inland Empire (ERNIE).

Conjunctive Use Groundwater Recharge project in cooperation with other agencies (HDWD, CSA-70, MWA)

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Established:

LAFCO Number	Resolution No./ Date Adopted	Location
Unknown		Consolidation of Bighorn Mountains Water Agency and the Desert View Water District (7/1990)

CHANGES:

LAFCO Number	Resolution No./ Date Adopted	Type Of Change	Location
LAFCO 3055	LAFCO R2929/6/21/2006	Annex to	Area of Sage Ave. and n. of Linn Rd.
LAFCO Cert. of Completion July 14, 1995	95R-04 / April 11, 1995 95R-07	Detachment from BDVWA	Generally near Reche Rd. & Landers Lane
	Res. 200 6/1/1981	Annex to	ID "B"
LAFCO 2792	LAFCO Res. No. 2487/ July 14, 1995	Deannexation of entire W-1 service area	See attached map

Comments:

A boundary discrepancy exists regarding one or more parcels in the Agency. The parcels involved are: 635-581-03, -05, -07, -08, -09, -11, -12, -13, -14, -15, -16, -28 and -29. See map file titled: MWA LAFCO boundary Comparison122008.pdf

The Reche Recharge Facility is located in the Pipes Wash area of Section 24 which is within BDVWA Sphere of Influence. BDVWA wishes to discuss the need to annex this Section into the Agency boundaries.