

MOTION ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

During the Board of Water and Power Commissioner's (Board) meeting of March 21, 2017, members of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe raised concerns about efforts to work with the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to repair a broken irrigation pipeline. The pipeline is located on their Reservation in the Owens Valley.


Big Pine Paiute Tribe members informed the Board that the broken pipeline caused loss of significant amount of water during the last several years which has impacted irrigation and their ability to farm, harvest and prepare food.


The members of the Tribe claimed that the broken pipeline is owned by the DWP and that they should repair it without delay. The members also stressed the pressing need to receive irrigation water this spring to continue farming and support themselves.

The DWP states that it has been working with the Big Pine Paiute Tribe to resolve the pipeline matter and a variety of related issues. Given concerns expressed during the Board meeting, the DWP must act quickly to repair the pipeline.

In order to better understand this matter, the DWP must report to the Council regarding the status of the pipeline repair. It is critical that the pipeline be repaired promptly in order to ensure the health and welfare of the members of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power report to the City Council in 30 days on the status of the pipeline repair associated with the Big Pine Paiute Tribe Reservation; and efforts to ensure future infrastructure problems are immediately addressed.

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