

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:05 a.m., SNWA Board Chambers, Southern Nevada Water Authority
100 City Parkway, Seventh Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Shari Buck, Chair
Steven Kirk, Vice Chair
Lois Tarkanian
Susan Brager
Tom Collins (not present for vote on items 7-8)
Duncan McCoy
Steve Sisolak

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT Pat Mulroy, Richard Wimmer, Kay Brothers, Chuck Hauser,
John Entsminger, Cary Casey

OTHERS PRESENT None

Unless otherwise indicated, all members present voted in the affirmative.
Items 15 and 16 were removed from the agenda.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to approve the agenda for this meeting with the removal of items 15-16 and the minutes of the regular meeting of July 16, 2009. The motion was approved.

2. Appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman to preside over the Board of Directors for fiscal year 2009/2010 and appoint three directors to serve as members of the Colorado River Commission for one-year terms.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to appoint Shair Buck as Chairman; Steve Kirk as Vice Chairman. The motion was approved. A motion was made by Chairman Buck to appoint directors Tarkanian, Collins and McCoy to serve as members of the Colorado River Commission. The motion was approved

CONSENT AGENDA Items 3-6 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

9. Approve an assistance agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Authority to receive funding for the Las Vegas Wash Archaeological Investigations Project.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

10. Approve an assistance agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Authority to receive funding for the Clark County Wetlands Park Monitoring Project.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

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11. **Approve an agreement between Clark County and the Authority for the Authority to conduct revegetation maintenance activities along the Las Vegas Wash, within the Wetlands Park, on behalf of Clark County.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

12. **Approve the acquisition of approximately 5.83 acres of improved land located adjacent to the Warm Springs Natural Area from TNES, LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$425,000, plus normal closing costs, and authorize the General Manager to sign ministerial documents necessary to effectuate the transaction.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

13. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the Moapa Transmission System Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the Moapa Valley Water District and the Authority.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

14. **Authorize a reduction in the annual groundwater management fee for calendar year 2009.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

Items 7 and 8 were taken out of order and in one motion. Chairman Buck allowed for public comment before taking a vote on these items.

7. **Receive a presentation on the development of in-state water resources and, if appropriate, direct staff to proceed with state and federal permitting processes, fulfill the requirements of stipulated agreements, and complete the necessary biologic and hydrologic monitoring efforts to support these activities.**

8. **Authorize the General Manager to execute, in materially the same form, the Agreement for Management of the Snake Valley Groundwater System among the State of Nevada, the State of Utah and the Authority, and the Snake Valley Environmental Monitoring and Management Agreement between the State of Utah and the Authority.**

Public Comment for Items 7-8

Chairman Buck announced that the following individuals or organizations wrote letters of support: Culinary Union Local 226, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Wynn Las Vegas, Station Casinos, Olympia Land Corporation, MedicWest Ambulance. She also noted that public comment cards had been turned in and will be part of the official public record.

Terry Marasco, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Gary Perea, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Steve Ross, Henderson, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Joe Hogan, Las Vegas, NV, discussed his hesitation in supporting the project and left items for the public record.

Tito Tiberti, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Andy Ferguson, Great Basin National Park, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Tom Warden, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Dean Baker, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to item 7 and left items for the public record.

Kara Kelley, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Robin Bell, Ely, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

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Peggy Maze Johnson, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Mark Bird, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Danny Thompson, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

John Hiatt, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items.

Rick Spilsbury, White Pine County, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Ralph Murphy, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Steve Rypka, Las Vegas, NV, discussed alternatives to the items of consideration.

Delaine Spilsbury, Ely, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Jack Mallory, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Scott Rutledge, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition and discussed alternatives to the items of consideration.

Craig Baker, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to item 7.

Darrell Hafen, NV, discussed the items of consideration.

Cecil Garland, Callao, Utah, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Susan Lynn, Reno, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Warren Hardy, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Martha Cruz, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration and provided a petition to the items.

Patricia LaBoutillier, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Robert Lewis, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, NV, discussed alternatives to the items of consideration.

Michael Johnson, Virgin Valley, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Joanne Garrett, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Margaret Pense, Snake Valley, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Bob Fulkerson, Reno, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Launce Rake, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Don Baines, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in support of the items of consideration.

Tom Baker, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to item 7.

Jim Deacon, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration and left items for the public record.

Brian Morrison, Snake Valley, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Wilda Garber spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Denys Koyle, Baker, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Chris Christoff, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Dave Baker, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to item 7.

Cynthia Zermeño, Las Vegas, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

Max Chipman, Clark County, NV, spoke in opposition to the items of consideration.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Sisolak to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

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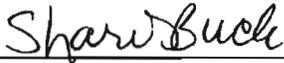
Public Comment

There were no persons wishing to speak before the board.

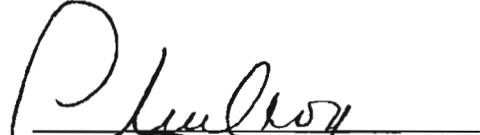
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

APPROVED:



Shari Buck, Chair


Patricia Mulroy, General Manager

Copies of all original agenda items and minutes, including all attachments, are on file in the General Manager's office at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View Boulevard.

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
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AGENDA ITEM

August 20, 2009

Subject: Development of In-State Water Resources	Director's Backup
Petitioner: Patricia Mulroy, General Manager	
Recommendations: That the Board of Directors receive a presentation on the development of in-state water resources and, if appropriate, direct staff to proceed with state and federal permitting processes, fulfill the requirements of stipulated agreements, and complete the necessary biologic and hydrologic monitoring efforts to support these activities.	

Fiscal Impact:

None by approval of the above recommendation.

Background:

On November 17, 2005, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution outlining the commitment of Southern Nevada to develop needed in-state water resources in an environmentally responsible manner. Prior to adoption by the Board, the governing Boards of each of the Authority's member agencies also adopted the resolution.

In-state water resources will provide permanent supplies for the future as well as drought protection.

The drought afflicting the Colorado River Basin since 2000 has reduced the availability of anticipated future water supplies and dramatically reduced the elevation of Southern Nevada's primary water storage reservoir, Lake Mead. If drought conditions continue to persist or intensify, Southern Nevada's ability to access Colorado River supplies could be severely reduced. Southern Nevada depends on the Colorado River for approximately 90 percent of its overall resource needs. Severe and sustained drought conditions underscore the need to offset Southern Nevada's dependence on Colorado River water by developing non-Colorado River water supplies.

To accomplish this, the Authority began work to implement a plan to develop unused groundwater for which it holds rights and applications in Clark, Lincoln and White Pine counties. Completion of this project – known as the Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project – will ensure resources are available to meet future projected demands and protect the community from drought impacts.

In 2004, the Authority applied to the BLM for rights-of-way to construct facilities to develop the project. The BLM determined that it was necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the environmental impacts of issuing these rights-of-way. Public scoping for the EIS was held from April through August 2005, and again from July through August 2006. It is anticipated that the EIS will be available for public comment in late 2009. The final EIS will respond to all comments and is expected to be completed in late 2010.

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In addition, Nevada's negotiating position for additional flexibility regarding future Colorado River supplies with the other six states in the Colorado River Basin is dependent on developing Nevada's water resources to the extent possible.

For these reasons, the Board is being asked to receive a presentation on the development of in-state water resources and, if appropriate, direct staff to proceed with state and federal permitting processes, including the completion of an EIS and State Engineer water rights processes, fulfillment of the requirements of stipulated agreements, and completion of the necessary biologic and hydrologic monitoring efforts to support these activities.

Respectfully submitted:



Patricia Mulroy, General Manager
PM:KB:JAW:AMB:AF:mdb