

LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Southern Nevada Water Authority
100 City Parkway
Las Vegas, NV
February 25, 2015
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Randall DeVaul, *City of North Las Vegas (CNLV)*
 Priscilla Howell, *City of Henderson (COH)*
 Zane Marshall, *Southern Nevada Water Authority (alt. SNWA)*
 Dave Mendenhall, *City of Las Vegas (alt. CLV)*
 Tom Minwegen, *Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD)*
 Steve Parrish, *Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCD)*
 Jane Pike, *Clark County (CC)*
 Peggy Roefer, *Las Vegas Valley Water District (alt. LVVWD)*

Also Present:	Sandra Donnelly	Zach Hills
	Dan Fischer	Ebrahim Juma
	Kevin Fisher	Brenda Pohlmann
	Sandra Harris	Andrew Trelease
	Chuck Hauser	Kent Turner
	Gerry Hester	Debbie Van Dooremolen

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Tom Minwegen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Seeing no request for public comment, Tom moved forward with the meeting.

3. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

4. Approve January 13, 2015 Meeting Summary

Motion to approve the summary passed.

5. Receive an Informational Update on Matters Related to the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (LVVWAC) on Items that may appear on Future Regular Board Meetings of LVVWAC Members' Appointing Agencies

Agencies had nothing to report.

6. Receive Update On Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (MS 4) Program Audit and Results

Ebrahim Juma stated that Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) will release the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System stormwater audit in March or April.

7. **Review and Discuss the LVVWAC Goals and Strategies and Possibly Prioritize Future Actions**

Tom led the review and discussion of Goals 1 and 2. Goal 1 is to “manage the Las Vegas Valley watershed to help protect Lake Mead as a source of water for southern Nevada and downstream users.” Under that goal, the first strategy is to “monitor and respond to upstream inflows to Lake Mead.” The group found the portion of Tactic 3 that reads “implement necessary response measures to changes in Las Vegas Wash inflows” confusing and recommended possibly rewording it. A change was made to Tactic 1 and it will read “continue to monitor and calculate Lake Mead inflows for nutrients and drinking water contaminants.” Tactic 4, “use the ELCOM model as a tool to inform future water planning and management efforts” may deserve its own strategy. Under Strategy 2, “manage non-point sources from the Las Vegas Valley,” Steve Parrish recommended adding a tactic regarding external stormwater audits and permits. There was also discussion about how some of the tactics may need to change to comply with results from the current audit once they are released. Under the same strategy, the year will be removed from Tactic 3 and “manage” will be added to Tactic 7 to read “complete and manage the Las Vegas Wash stabilization program”

Goal 2 may be revised to add “water quality,” so that it reads “meet or surpass federal, state, and local water quality standards and regulations.” However, unlike strategies and tactics, any change to goal language needs to be approved by each member’s board. Under Strategy 1, “endeavor to protect Lake Mead, the Las Vegas Wash and associated tributaries to meet or surpass environmental quality standards,” Zane Marshall questioned the presence of Tactic 5 “continue to implement the CAMP,” arguing that it was odd to have it there when it had not been mentioned elsewhere even though it also suits other strategies. Some recommended removing it. Under Strategy 2, “continue to ensure drinking water standards are met or surpassed,” the word “disinfection” will be removed from Tactic 7.

The committee discussed how it is generally doing a good job of achieving these goals and implementing the strategies and tactics. Dan Fischer wondered if there was a way to add some component that would reflect some of the shorter term projects, threats, responses, etc. Dave Mendenhall stated that they had written the tactics broadly so that specific projects could be listed in the Accomplishments Document.

8. **Set Next Meeting Date and Propose Items for the Next Meeting’s Agenda**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2015. Items to be addressed at the next meeting include discussion of LVVWAC Goals 3 and 4 and strategies for those goals.

9. **Public Comment**

There were no comments. Meeting adjourned.