

LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Southern Nevada Water Authority
100 City Parkway
Las Vegas, NV
May 12, 2015
1:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Keiba Crear
Dan Fischer
Sandra Harris
Chuck Hauser
Gerry Hester
Zach Hills
Peggy Roefer
Tim Sutko

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Tom Minwegen called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

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

3. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

4. Approve April 14, 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

Zane Marshall reported that the May agenda for the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) Board includes an interlocal agreement for the Las Vegas Wash (Wash) activities in fiscal year 2015/2016. Additionally, there were four agreements between SNWA and Bureau of Reclamation for grants to fund projects along the Wash.

6. Approve the 2015 Las Vegas Wash Capital Improvements Plan

Gerry Hester presented. Revisions on the 2015 Las Vegas Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) include changes to the estimated project capital cost, estimated design and construction schedule, the CIP total cost, cash flow forecasts, the scoring system and the two-year work plan. Gerry displayed a map that shows the channel bed stabilization. Three Kids Weir is in

construction and Tropicana, Sunrise, and Historic Lateral Expansion are weirs or weir modifications to be constructed in the future. Projected 2015-2016 work plan expenses include \$13,865,000 for channel stabilization, \$1,727,000 for revegetation and \$516,000 for comprehensive programs. This item was passed by the LVVWAC.

7. Review and Discuss the LVVWAC Goals and Strategies and Prioritize Actions

Tom led the discussion. Members used a handout to review previous changes and began with Goal 4. Under that goal, Strategy 1 was changed to read “Manage the ecosystem functions of the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead.” Strategy 3 was changed to read “Evaluate the differences between the Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan and a watershed management plan.” Under Strategy 4, Tactic 2 was changed to “Participate in the evaluation of the Long Term Experimental and Management Plan for Glen Canyon Dam.” Under Strategy 5, three tactics were removed. Strategy 6 was added to read “Evaluate potential climate change risk and advance appropriate solutions.” Tactics for that goal are: Tactic 1 - Use the ELCOM model as a tool to inform future water planning and management efforts. Tactic 2 - Participate in research and development activities associated with direct and indirect potable reuse. Tactic 3 - Continue participation in the Water Utility Climate Alliance. Tactic 4 - Keep abreast of the newest technologies for direct and indirect potable reuse. Under Goal 5, Tactic 4 was changed to read “Maintain floodplain development ordinances and ensure they are consistent with federal regulation.” LVVWAC members noted that a change is needed in the background section to match this tactic. In Goal 6, Tactic 1 was changed to read “Develop public communications and education programs.” Tactic 4 was added to read “Develop educational information for the public on the impact of trash and litter on the Las Vegas Wash after storm events.” Tactic 5 was added to read “Develop educational information on the definition of a “watershed” and share with the public.”

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

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2015.

9. Public Comment

There were no comments. Meeting adjourned.