

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

11/20/2008

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

09:40 AM

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Molasky Corporate Center, Southern Nevada Water Authority Board
Chambers,
100 City Parkway, Suite 700 (7th floor)
Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Shari Buck Chair, Rory Reid Vice Chair, Andrea Anderson, Chip Maxfield, Lois Tarkanian, Steven Kirk

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Chris Giunchigliani

STAFF PRESENT

Patricia Mulroy, Richard Wimmer, Kay Brothers, Tom Minwegen, Chuck Hauser, James Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT

ITEM NO.

Unless otherwise indicated, all members present voted in the affirmative.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Maxfield that the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2008, be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2-6 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 Vice Chair Reid to follow staff's recommendations, with Vice Chair Reid abstaining on item number 3. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

7. Adopt the Southern Nevada Water System Operating Plan.

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

8. Approve an agreement between Terracon Consultants, Inc., and the Authority for professional construction support services for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

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

9. Authorize the negotiation of an agreement with EMA, Inc., for professional engineering services for Project No. 300E - Control System Improvements.

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

10. Approve an agreement between HDR Engineering, Inc., and the Authority for professional engineering services for a condition assessment of existing transmission pipelines and testing of alternative pipe lining materials for an amount not to exceed \$5,358,030.

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

11. Approve an agreement between Black & Veatch Corporation and the Authority to provide professional services for the development of the Assessment of Relaxation of Temperature Requirement to Maintain Existing Higher Quality in the Lower Reach of the Muddy River between Wells Siding and Lake Mead for an amount not to exceed \$181,973.

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

12. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement among the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and the Authority to fund environmental monitoring associated with the pilot operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant for an amount not to exceed \$94,165 with the option to extend the agreement for an additional three one-year periods, at the same compensation amount, and delegate authority to the General Manager or her designee to exercise the annual options, if budgeted.

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

13. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a Reimbursement Agreement between the Muddy Valley Irrigation Company and the Authority for partial reimbursement of water distribution system improvement costs for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and authorize a contingency amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

14. Approve an agreement between Lincoln County Power District No. 1 and the Authority to provide electric service to the Coyote Springs No. 2 Well in the Coyote Spring basin.

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

15. Authorize the purchase of up to 8,075 acre-feet of water recharged in the Las Vegas Valley Groundwater basin on behalf of the Las Vegas Valley Groundwater Management Program for an amount not to exceed \$2,788,315.

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

16. Make appointments to the Advisory Committee for Groundwater Management in the Las Vegas Valley Groundwater Basin.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Reid to follow staff's recommendation to reappoint John Hiatt and appoint Steven McDougall, Dirick Van Gorp and Trent Scarlett to the Groundwater Management Committee. The motion was approved.

17. Approve new incentive rates for the Authority's Water Smart Landscapes Program effective November 20, 2008.

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

18. Receive an update from staff on water resources including, but not limited to, drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, the results of the implementation of the Authority's Drought Plan, activities on the Colorado River and on the development of in-state water resources.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comment

Don Garritano, D&K Landscape, Las Vegas, Nevada, discussed the approved changes to the Water Smart Landscape Program. He is president of a landscape company that installs water-smart landscaping for residential, commercial and industrial customers. He indicated a \$1.25 rebate would be more effective to encourage turf removal, as a \$1 rebate will not feasibly cover expenditures incurred from doing a turf conversion.

Greg Kinney, The Revere Golf Club, Las Vegas, Nevada, also discussed the approved changes to the Water Smart Landscape Program. He is the general manager of a local golf facility and indicated that the recent changes to the program will not cover costs associated with conversions, and therefore leave little incentive for conversions for large turf users. He supported the general manager's statement that the program and its incentives will be monitored and changes made in the future.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, December 18, 2008, at the Southern Nevada Water Authority, Board Chambers, 7th Floor, 100 City Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106.

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.

