

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

08/20/2009

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Call to Order

09:05 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, Steven Kirk Vice Chair, Duncan McCoy, Susan Brager, Tom Collins, Steve Sisolak, Lois Tarkanian

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**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 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 recommendations. 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 recommendations. The motion was approved.

### **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.

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 Zermeno, 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.

### **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.**