

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

2011-08-18

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

09:00 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, Mary Beth Scow Vice Chair, Sam Bateman, Bob Coffin, Tom Collins, Duncan McCoy, Steve Sisolak

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Mulroy, Phil Speight, Rick Holmes, Jim Taylor, John Entsminger, Marc Jensen, Ron Zegers

OTHERS PRESENT

ITEM NO.

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to approve the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2011. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items 2 - 4 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 Sisolak to consider agenda item number 2 separately. Director Collins made a motion to follow staff's recommendations on items 3 and 4. The motion was approved.

2. Approve Amendment No. 24 to the existing agreement between Parsons Water & Infrastructure Inc., and the Authority for program management services for an amount not

to exceed \$20,000,000.

Director Sisolak asked staff to clarify a relationship disclosed as part of the agenda item's backup information. The disclosure form indicates that a spouse of a SNWA-contracted Parsons employee works for the Authority; however, Rick Holmes clarified that a conflict of interest does not exist as the two employees work in separate departments and report to separate directors.

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release among Richard W. Sears, Lesley A. Sears, and the Authority.

Following a short explanation of the agenda item, Director McCoy asked John Entsminger to define the difference between water available for transport and not available for transport. Mr. Entsminger explained water rights contain permitting terms or limits that dictate whether water can be transferred outside of a basin, and clarified that the water rights negotiated in this purchase are not available for transport. Director Coffin asked how the SNWA performs well monitoring activities in the same well being used for irrigation. Mr. Entsminger explained that any well can be used for monitoring. Additionally, a well that is being used for agriculture has the potential to provide more dynamic monitoring data than a well that is being used only for monitoring purposes.

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

6. Review and discuss the Authority's policy for Board of Directors' officers and direct staff as appropriate.

Director Sisolak discussed his intention to consider this agenda item as a means to facilitate discussion about term limits and whether the SNWA should institute a policy of term limits as a means to provide new board members with opportunities in leadership positions. Director Coffin expressed opposition to term limits, indicating that as elected officials, they can be voted out at any time by their constituents. Vice Chair Scow stated that the City of Hendersons policy of rotating the Mayor Pro Tem position among its councilman is a unique way for all to serve in a leadership position. Director McCoy discussed his reservations in creating a new policy, as the members of the SNWA Board are already termed by the commission or councils they represent.

FINAL ACTION: The board took no action.

7. 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 Water Resource and Conservation Plans, activities on the Colorado River, and on the development of in-state water resources.

John Entsminger provided the board with an update regarding drought conditions along the Colorado River. A copy of the presentation is included with the minutes.

Director Sisolak asked a question about the impact of reducing community's water use by 200 million gallons. Mr. Entsminger said that over a course of a year that there would be declines throughout the year of consumptive use. Vice Chair Scow asked if the inflow into Lake Mead that

Mr. Entsminger reported in the drought presentation included inflows from Lake Powell; Pat Mulroy replied that they did. Director Coffin asked how Lake Mead levels were able to be measured to an exact foot. Ron Zegers described how stilling wells were used to measure water levels in reservoirs, but was unsure if that's how lake levels were measured.

Marc Jensen gave the board a presentation on recent intake-related activities; a copy of the presentation is included with the minutes. Director Sisolak asked Mr. Jensen to present the same presentation at an upcoming LVVWD board meeting. Chairman Buck asked about the length of the intake tunnel and how cement will be poured into the lake. Mr. Jensen replied that the contractor is constructing a 3-mile long tunnel and described a process of using tremie pipes to pour concrete to lakes bottom. Director Coffin requested a copy of the presentation and asked about the length of the intake's lifespan. Mr. Jensen indicated that the intake was designed for a 100-year lifespan and will utilize a remotely operated vehicle during inspections of the infrastructure as needed.

FINAL ACTION: The board took no action.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.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.