

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

2011-11-30

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

08:45 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, John Entsminger, Phil Speight, Rick Holmes, Brian Chally

OTHERS PRESENT

ITEM NO.

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Rob Mrowka of Las Vegas, Nevada expressed concerns with the Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project. He submitted a letter to the Board detailing his concerns with the Project, as well as a DVD containing written comments opposing the Project; a copy of his letter is included with these minutes.

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 October 20, 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.

2. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the existing Grant and Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the Authority for the Las Vegas Wash Environmental Restoration Project Phase III, and authorize the General Manager to approve future

modifications only if future modifications do not fiscally impact the Authority.

3. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the existing Grant and Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the Authority for the Las Vegas Wash Duck Creek Stabilization Project Phase II, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications only if future modifications do not fiscally impact the Authority.

4. Accept all construction work required to be performed under Contract No. 810M 01 C1, Lower Narrows and Homestead Weirs.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Scow to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. Approve a joint funding agreement between the Nevada Division of Water Resources and the Authority for surface and groundwater data collection services within Nevada to be performed by the U.S. Geological Survey for an amount not to exceed \$206,875.

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

6. Approve a joint funding agreement between the U.S. Geological Survey and the Authority for hydrologic data collection in western Utah in support of the Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project for an amount not to exceed \$35,760.

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

7. Approve and authorize the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement between The Walton Family Foundation and the Authority, in substantially the same form, to accept funding for restoration on the Warm Springs Natural Area.

Director Collins expressed concern with dedicating resources toward additional endangered species habitat improvements at the Warm Springs Natural Area. Pat Mulroy, General Manager, responded that the Willow Flycatcher was one of the principal endangered species on the Colorado River and that many of the Authority's Colorado River agreements depend on maintaining habitat for endangered birds and fish.

Director Coffin asked if there have been reports conducted in the past examining unintended consequences of introducing new species to an area. Mrs. Mulroy responded that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was required to conduct such reports in order to declare a species endangered.

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

8. Adopt the Southern Nevada Water System Operating Plan.

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

9. Receive a report on the Water Resource Plan and Water Budget and, if appropriate, adopt the current plan and water budget for another year.

Rick Holmes, Deputy General Manager, Engineering/Operations, gave a report on the Water Resource Plan and Water Budget. As the current plan and water budget continue to demonstrate the basis for meeting short and long-term water demands using available water resources, staff recommended that the Board adopt the plan and water budget for another year. A copy of Mr. Holmes' presentation is included with these minutes.

Director Sisolak asked about the process and associated timeline that would take place once the State Engineer issues a decision on the Authority's recent water rights hearings. John Entsminger, Senior Deputy General Manager, stated that once a ruling is made, any aggrieved party has 30 days to file an appeal. The State Engineer's decision is required to be issued in March 2012 and that two to three years of litigation could follow.

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

10. 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.

Mr. Entsminger provided the board with an update. A copy of his presentation is included with these minutes.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

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 10:05 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.