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SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SPECIAL MEETING
9:00 A.M. – APRIL 17, 2014

COLORADO RIVER CONFERENCE ROOMS
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CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

NO ACTION MAY BE TAKEN: This is a period devoted to comments by the general public pertaining to items on this agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction, but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less and refrain from making comments that are repetitious, offensive, or amounting to personal attacks. No action may be taken upon a matter not listed on the posted agenda.

ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items.
2. *For Possible Action:* Authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement among the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Denver Water, certain other Upper Colorado River Basin entities with jurisdiction over Colorado River issues, and the Authority for creation of a Colorado River System Conservation Program.
3. *For Information Only:* Receive an overview and discuss the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Tentative Budget.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA ITEM**

April 17, 2014

Subject: Agreement	Director's Backup
Petitioner: John J. Entsminger, General Manager	
Recommendations: That the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement among the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Denver Water, certain other Upper Colorado River Basin entities with jurisdiction over Colorado River issues, and the Authority for creation of a Colorado River System Conservation Program for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.	

Fiscal Impact:

The required \$2,000,000 is available in the Authority's Operating Capital Budget.

Background:

The Colorado River is suffering from the effects of a drought that began 13 years ago, leading to substantially decreased water elevation levels in both Lakes Mead and Powell. Recent Colorado River modeling projections show a serious near-term risk that water elevations in both Lakes Mead and Powell could decline to levels that would trigger shortages and interrupt the ability of municipal and hydropower users to draw water from both lakes. Water supplies, hydropower production, water quality, and environmental resources are all at risk in the next several years. To begin to address these issues, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Denver Water, and the Authority (collectively the "Local Funding Entities") have proposed to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("BOR") a Colorado River System Conservation Program ("Program"). The purpose of the Program is to determine if voluntary demand management actions (including agricultural land fallowing, curtailment of industrial uses, municipal conservation, etc.) would be feasible to create Colorado River system water to mitigate the impacts of ongoing drought.

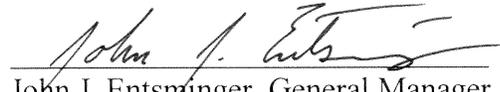
The Program will initially rely on contributions of \$2,000,000 each from the Local Funding Entities, and \$3,000,000 from BOR. The parties contemplate that other purveyors and non-governmental organizations may become parties to the agreement and make financial contributions to expand the Program. Water users who are Program participants would be compensated for their agreement to fallow agricultural land or otherwise reduce their water demand, with the goal of having the conserved water accumulate to the benefit of the Colorado River system as a whole. Unlike Intentionally Created Surplus created pursuant to the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and the Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (December 2007), system water conserved in the Program will not be credited to any particular water user's account.

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If approved, this agreement will benefit the Authority by creating a Program to promote conservation among Colorado River users to protect water levels in Lakes Mead and Powell. The Program will provide an opportunity to demonstrate that voluntary, compensated reductions in use may be a feasible method to mitigate the impacts of salinity and ongoing drought on the Colorado River by increasing water levels in Lakes Mead and Powell and/or enhancing flows in upstream areas. Increased water levels decrease the likelihood of shortages and improve water quality for Southern Nevada.

The agreement is authorized by NRS 277.180 and Section 6(j) of the SNWA 1995 Amended Cooperative Agreement. The office of the General Counsel has reviewed and approved the material terms of the agreement.

Respectfully submitted:

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John J. Entsminger, General Manager
JJE:PDS:GJW:DRW:CNP:td

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA ITEM**

April 17, 2014

Subject: Budget Workshop	Director's Backup
Petitioner: David H. Wright, Chief Financial Officer	
Recommendations: That the Board of Directors receive an overview and discuss the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Tentative Budget.	

Fiscal Impact:

None by approval of the above recommendation.

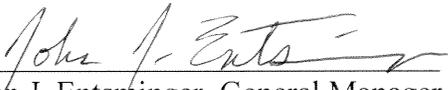
Background:

The Authority conducts annual budget workshops to provide the Board of Directors the opportunity to receive an overview of the upcoming fiscal year budget. The workshop is intended to facilitate discussion regarding the Authority's budget prior to the Authority's Budget Hearing held in May.

At this time, the Board is being asked to receive an overview on the Authority's Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Tentative Budget.

This action is authorized pursuant to NRS Chapter 354 and Section 22 of the SNWA 1995 Amended Cooperative Agreement. The office of the General Counsel has reviewed and approved this agenda item.

Respectfully submitted:


John J. Entsminger, General Manager
JJE:PDS:DRW

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