

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 21, 2016  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:09 a.m., Colorado River Conference Rooms, Southern Nevada Water Authority, 100 City Parkway, Seventh Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Mary Beth Scow, Chair  
Sam Bateman, Vice Chair  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick (via phone)  
Duncan McCoy (via phone)  
Steve Sisolak  
Anita Wood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Bob Coffin

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Greg Walch, Julie Wilcox, Dave Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT None

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

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

*For complete comments, audio is available online at snwa.com*

There were no speakers.

**ITEM NO.**

1. ***For Possible Action: Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items, and approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 19, 2016.***

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Sisolak that the agenda for this meeting, and the minutes for the regular meeting of May 19, 2016 be approved. The motion passed.

2. ***For Possible Action: Appoint a chairman and vice chairman to preside over the Board of Directors for fiscal year 2016/2017, and appoint three directors to serve as commissioners of the Colorado River Commission for two year terms.***

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Sisolak that Mary Beth Scow serve as Chair, Sam Bateman serve as Vice Chair and Directors Duncan McCoy, Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Steve Sisolak serve on the Colorado River Commission. The motion was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. ***For Possible Action: Approve a Grant and Cooperative Agreement between the United States Geological Survey and the Authority to accept funding for LiDAR Digital Elevation Data acquisition of the Las Vegas Valley, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications to the agreement only if future modifications do not fiscally impact the Authority.***
4. ***For Possible Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the existing agreement between Merrick & Company and the Authority for LiDAR Digital Elevation Data authorizing an increase in compensation for an amount not to exceed \$86,522, for the period from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.***
5. ***For Possible Action: Approve a Grant and Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and the Authority to receive funding for the Warm Springs Natural Area Public Use Improvements, Phases II and III, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications only if future modifications do not fiscally impact the Authority.***
6. ***For Possible Action: Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an assistance agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Authority to receive funding for aerial imagery acquisition of the Las Vegas Valley in support of the Water Smart Landscapes Program, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications only if future modifications do not fiscally impact the Authority.***

7. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the Third Amended and Restated Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Authority for sharing of equipment rental, materials, and subcontractor service costs in the Las Vegas Wash for an amount not to exceed \$900,000.
8. ***For Possible Action:*** Recertify the 2016-17 budget to correct ministerial errors that occurred in the conversion from the Authority’s cash-basis budget to the State-required accrual-basis accounting.

FINAL ACTION: Vice Chair Bateman made a motion to approve staff’s recommendations. The motion was approved.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

9. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto, the Water Service Agreement between the City of North Las Vegas and the Authority for provision of wholesale and retail water service in Garnet Valley.

Director Wood expressed appreciation to the Authority on behalf of the City of North Las Vegas. Chair Scow stated that this item will still have to go through the legislature to enact provisions in the agreement and make North Las Vegas the retail purveyor.

FINAL ACTION: Director Wood made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was approved.

10. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto, the Water Service Agreement between Hyperloop Technologies, Inc. and the Authority for provision of construction water in the Apex area.

FINAL ACTION: Vice Chair Bateman made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was approved.

11. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto, Amended and Restated Water Operation and Management Agreements with the Bunkerville Irrigation Company and the Mesquite Irrigation Company; authorize the General Manager or designee to approve the lease of shares; execute ministerial documents to effectuate the transactions; and pay the associated administrative costs of the irrigation companies for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 per year with annual escalation as applicable.

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

12. ***For Possible Action:*** Authorize an increase in expenditures to Bid No. 2285-15, API 600 Wedge Gate Isolation Valves, awarded to Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., from the amount of \$834,491 to the estimated amount of \$904,491.

FINAL ACTION: Director Wood made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was approved.

13. ***For Possible Action:*** Award Contract No. 3200 01 C1, AMSWTF Filter Improvements Demonstration, to the Whiting Turner Contracting Company, in the amount of \$3,073,250, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$300,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract agreement.

FINAL ACTION: Director Wood made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation. The motion was approved.

14. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve a professional services agreement with Hobbs, Ong & Associates, Inc., for independent financial advisory services for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice Chair Bateman to follow staff’s recommendation. The motion was approved with Director Sisolak abstaining.

15. ***For Information Only:*** 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 Plan, activities on the Colorado River, the development of in-state water resources, and the status of construction activities near Lake Mead.

Greg Walch gave a brief update on Colorado River drought conditions, noting minimal changes in hydrology since the last update.

Director Sisolak had a question about a reported statistic regarding return flow usage by the Colorado River Commission, and that it was not consistent with what was reported by the Authority. John Entsminger, General Manager, stated that the Authority would engage on a staff level and make certain that explanations are consistent.

NO ACTION REQUIRED.

16. ***For Information Only:*** View a video commemorating the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

The Board viewed a video highlighting the Authority's accomplishments over the past 25 years. Following the video, Mr. Entsminger announced the retirement of Engineering Director, Marc Jensen. The Board congratulated and thanked Mr. Jensen, for his service to the agency.

NO ACTION REQUIRED.

#### **Public Comment**

Director Sisolak expressed appreciation to Tabitha Fiddymment, Director of Legal Services, for her work representing the agency and its Board members.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

**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, Las Vegas, Nevada.**