

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2018
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:02 a.m., Colorado River Conference Rooms, Southern Nevada Water Authority, 100 City Parkway, Seventh Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair
Bob Coffin, Vice Chair
Jim Gibson
Peggy Leavitt
John Lee
John Marz
Steve Sisolak

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Greg Walch, Brian Thomas

OTHERS PRESENT Mary Beth Scow; Efren Vega and Lesley Hernandez, Members of the Youth Advisory Council

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 November 16, 2017.***

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Gibson to approve the agenda for this meeting and to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 16, 2017. The motion was approved.

2. ***For Possible Action: Recognize Mary Beth Scow for her service to the Authority and the community, for her contributions to water policy, and for her dedication and leadership.***

John Entsminger, General Manager, thanked former board member, Mary Beth Scow, for her service and described some of her accomplishments during her tenure. The Board provided additional comments in recognition of Mary Beth Scow.

NO ACTION

3. ***For Possible Action: Receive a presentation from the Authority's Youth Advisory Council and direct staff accordingly.***

Efren Vega and Lesley Hernandez, Youth Advisory Council, gave an overview presentation of the Council and its project, the Youth Water Summit held at the Springs Preserve. A copy of their presentation is attached to these minutes.

Director Sisolak asked staff to provide the Board with YAC recruitment information to help recruit volunteers to participate in next year's Youth Advisory Council. Director Leavitt said that she would also like to assist in recruitment. Mr. Entsminger said that staff would provide the outreach information to the Board.

Chair Kirkpatrick asked the students about their future plans. Mr. Vega said that he planned to pursue a mechanical engineering degree at UNLV, and Ms. Hernandez said that she planned to study environmental science.

Vice Chair Coffin asked if the YAC students thought that their peers were aware of the interconnectivity of Southern Nevada's water system. The YAC students said that water resource awareness amongst their peers was challenge, which they hoped to increase through education efforts like the Youth Water Summit.

NO ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

4. ***For Possible Action:*** Renew the Amended and Restated Interlocal Contract between the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Authority, authorizing the General Manager of the Water District to serve as the General Manager of the Authority, and utilizing the staff and resources of the District to manage the affairs of the Authority.
5. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve an interlocal agreement among the Clark County Water Reclamation District, Clark County, and the Authority, establishing funding allocations for the Clark County Aerial LiDAR Project through December 31, 2018, and providing that the Authority share shall not exceed \$98,753.54.
6. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to provide the Authority's consent to an Assignment and Assumption of Conservation Program Contribution Agreement among Alon Las Vegas Resort, LLC; WestProp I, LLC; the Las Vegas Valley Water District; and the Authority.

FINAL ACTION: Director Sisolak made a motion to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

7. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto, between The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Authority for participation in the Innovative Conservation Program for the amount of \$50,000.

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

8. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amendment to the existing agreement between R&R Instrument Company and the Authority, increasing the annual amount of the contract by \$100,000 to \$950,000, and authorizing an annual increase not to exceed 5 percent for each of the remaining renewal terms.

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

9. ***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, General Counsel, gave an update presentation on water resources. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Director Sisolak asked why the total system contents were higher this year compared to last year, given that the system had been experiencing reduced precipitation and higher temperatures. Mr. Walch said that last year's snow pack created increased run off and higher reservoir levels this year compared to last. However, decreased precipitation and increased temperatures will significantly impact future system contents.

Vice Chair Coffin asked about the importance of system storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Mr. Entsminger said that the Colorado River Basin was fortunate to have approximately four years of storage due to the combined capacities of Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comment

Ed Uehling thanked the Board for recognizing Mary Beth Scow and her leadership.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 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.