

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2019
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:03 a.m., Board Chambers, Southern Nevada Water Authority,
100 City Parkway, Seventh Floor, Las Vegas, Nevada

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair
Bob Coffin, Vice Chair
Scott Black
Jim Gibson
Justin Jones
Peggy Leavitt
John Marz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Ed Uehling spoke concerning items 3 and 11. Regarding item 3, he said that the Board should discuss the item separately. Regarding item 11, he said that the Board should listen to and discuss the issues raised during the public hearing.

Kyle Roerink submitted a letter regarding item 11. A copy of his letter is attached to these minutes.

Items 8, 11, 12 and 13 were removed from the 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, and approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 15, 2018.***

Staff recommended that items 8, 11, 12 and 13 be removed from the agenda. John Entsminger, General Manager, said that staff would like to have more time to engage the community to more fully explain the origin and continued need for quarter-cent sales tax for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Vice Chair Coffin agreed that not everyone understood the sales tax issue and talked about the community benefits, including flood control projects, that had been funded by the sales tax.

Chair Kirkpatrick said that the community had changed since the sales tax was first adopted and that the Authority had a responsibility to the public to more fully explain the need for the continuation of the sales tax.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Gibson to approve the agenda for this meeting with the removal of items 8, 11, 12 and 13, and to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 15, 2018. The motion was approved.

2. ***For Possible Action: Appoint a director to serve as a member of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada for the remainder of an unexpired term.***

FINAL ACTION: Director Marz made a motion to appoint Jim Gibson as a member of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. ***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 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.***

4. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign Change Order No. 4 to the contract with Las Vegas Paving Corporation for installation of two erosion control structures on the Las Vegas Wash in the amount of \$242,749.
5. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve an interlocal agreement, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, among the City of Henderson, the City of Las Vegas, Clark County, the Clark County Water Reclamation District, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, the City of Mesquite, the City of Boulder City, and the Authority to establish funding allocations for the Clark County Aerial Imagery Project through December 31, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$144,558.
6. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between the Water Research Foundation and the Authority for the Developing Guidance for Assessment and Evaluation of Harmful Algal Blooms and Implementation of Control Strategies in Source Water study, authorize the Authority to contribute \$18,000 in cost-share services, accept funds and in-kind services for a combined amount not to exceed \$520,690, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications that do not fiscally impact the Authority.
7. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve, adopt and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution approving a new records retention schedule to supersede and replace the existing records retention schedule adopted on October 21, 1999, authorizing the General Manager to approve future amendments to the records retention schedule as necessary, and authorizing the General Manager to approve a records retention policy.

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

8. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an interlocal agreement between the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Authority for distribution of Jean Water System's share of the Clark County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Sales Tax revenue.

FINAL ACTION: Deleted from the agenda.

BUSINESS AGENDA

9. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement among the Central Arizona Water Conservancy District, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Salt River Project, Freeport-McMoran, Inc., the Six Agency Committee of California and the Authority to provide funding for a study of binational desalination opportunities in the Sea of Cortez for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

10. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Geophex Surveys and the Authority for an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period from date of award through December 31, 2019, with the option to renew for one additional one-year period.

Vice Chair Coffin asked if section 40 of the proposed agreement was standard language in other Authority agreements. Greg Walch, General Counsel, said that the clause in the agreement was required by federal law and was standard in the Authority's professional services agreements.

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

11. ***For Possible Action:*** Conduct a public hearing regarding an ordinance proposed for adoption by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners related to the cessation of the quarter-cent sales tax for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

FINAL ACTION: Deleted from the agenda.

12. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve a resolution approving the form of an amended and restated interlocal agreement between the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Authority that provides for the repayment of bonds issued for the benefit of the Authority by the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and authorizing designated officers of the Authority to execute the same.

FINAL ACTION: Deleted from the agenda.

13. ***For Possible Action:*** Adopt a resolution consenting to the issuance of Las Vegas Valley Water District refunding bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$338,750,000 to refinance certain outstanding bonds and commercial paper notes for the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

FINAL ACTION: Deleted from the agenda.

14. ***For Possible Action:*** Receive an update from staff on water resources including, but not limited to, drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, conservation programs and activities, activities on the Colorado River, water resource acquisition and development, and the status of construction activities near Lake Mead.

Mr. Walch gave a presentation on water resources and drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Regarding reservoir projections, Director Gibson asked how much of the projections were driven by resource management and how much depended on precipitation. Mr. Walch said that the projections assumed the average amount of runoff in the system; therefore, the projections were indicative of the numerous demands on the river system. Mr. Entsminger added that in the Lower Basin, average inflows to Lake Mead amounted to 8.25 million acre feet, however the total amount of uses in the Lower Basin were 9.2-9.5 million acre feet. Drought exacerbates the issue by reducing inflows even more. The Drought Contingency Plan approved by the Board in November dictates how the Lower Basin will manage demands in response to reduced inflows.

Vice Chair Coffin asked about water banking in Arizona. Mr. Entsminger said water banked in Arizona would be recovered from Lake Mead from Arizona's apportionment. Having a diverse water resource portfolio benefits Southern Nevada.

Director Jones asked for recommendations from staff on how each of the member agencies in their respective jurisdictions might lead by example and improve on their conservation efforts. Chair Kirkpatrick said that the local governments had been coordinating on efforts to get older office parks and high water use areas to participate in the Authority's Water Smart Landscapes program. Director Gibson said that regular updates on conservation progress would be helpful for the Board to understand how the community was responding to the Authority's conservation messaging.

Mr. Entsminger said that staff would bring a regular conservation update to future meetings.

NO ACTION REQUIRED.

Public Comment

Ed Uehling spoke regarding Lake Powell water levels and Sea of Cortez desalination pilot projects. He said that the Salton Sea should be considered in the pilot projects as the activities could potentially benefit both water users and the Salton Sea.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 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.



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January 16, 2019

John Entsminger
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Southern Nevada Water Authority
RE: Board Meeting Agenda: Item 11

Mr. Entsminger:

The Great Basin Water Network believes sustainable growth in Southern Nevada depends on reliable, environmentally sound infrastructure and enhanced conservation measures.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority's investments in Intake No. 3, general system improvements, and Colorado River conservation represent the will of the people and the ingenuity of our community. It is our hope that SNWA invests in more commonsense solutions like those mentioned above while abandoning dangerous proposals like the untested and unsound Groundwater Development Plan.

Regarding "*Business Agenda: Item 11*" for the upcoming board meeting, SNWA's quarter-cent sales tax approved by voters in 1998 provided an indispensable revenue source in recent years. While we applaud SNWA for its commitment to a number of forward-thinking initiatives funded by the sales tax, the community must have assurances that the Water Authority is spending all of the money responsibly.

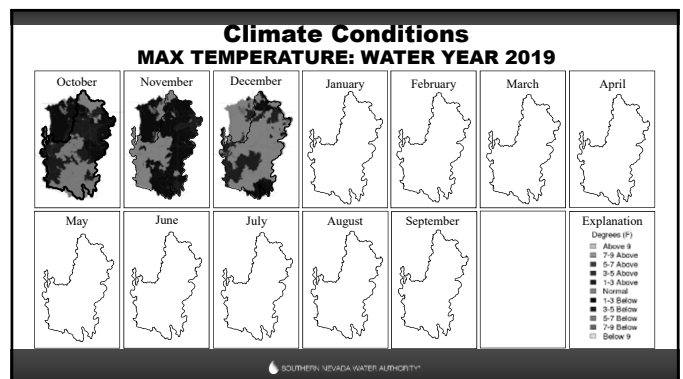
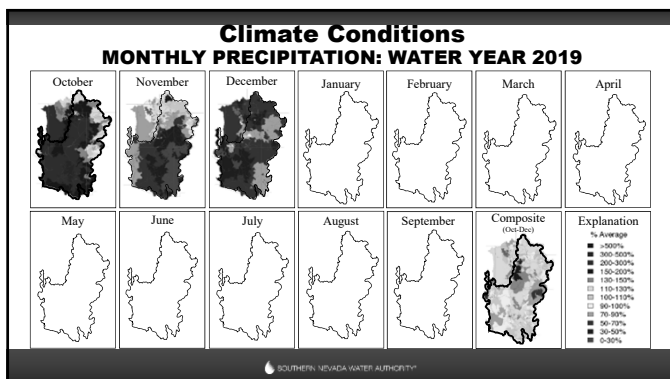
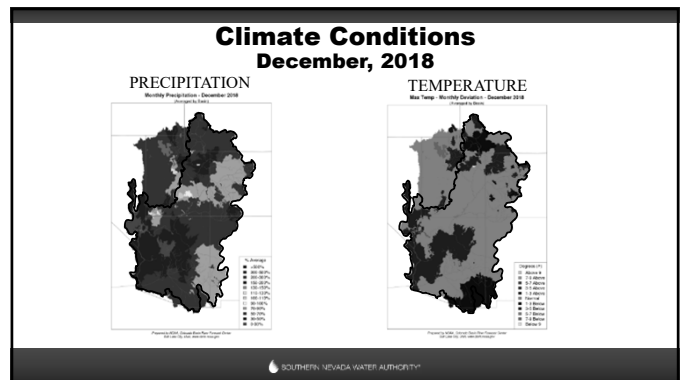
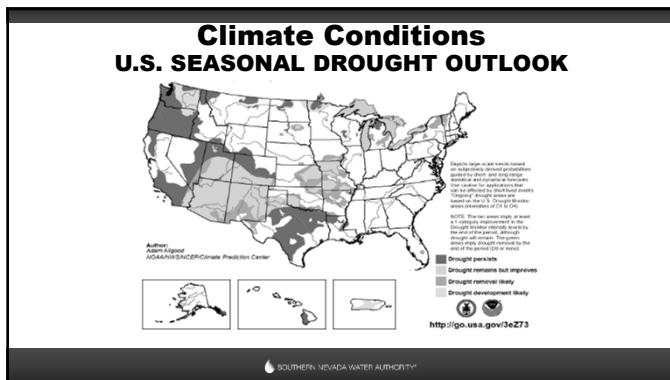
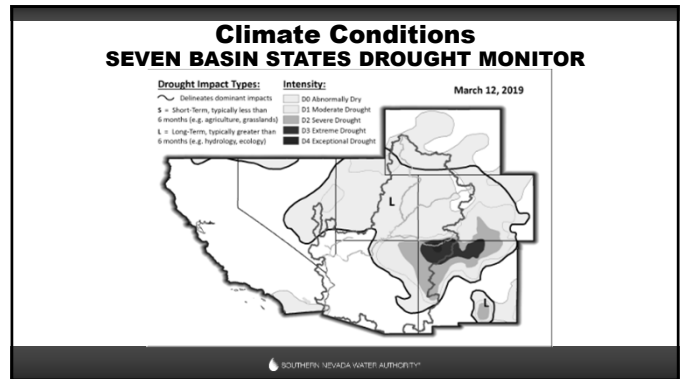
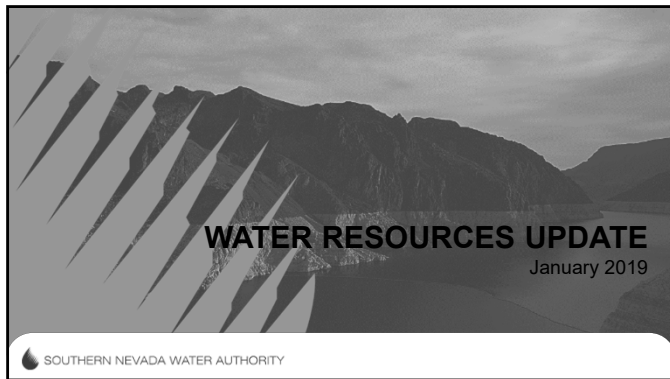
Voters passed the provision with the understanding that the tax would sunset by 2025 or after it hit a \$2.3 billion threshold. An undeniable strength of the law is the requirement that the Clark County Commission reviews the merits of the quarter-cent sales tax every ten years. Before there is any reauthorization, we believe that Clark County residents deserve to see an exhaustive accounting of the \$1.4 billion SNWA has collected. A line-by-line accounting vetted in a public forum and prominently posted on the SNWA website would help demonstrate the long-term value of the tax for the Water Authority and a commitment to transparency and accountability for taxpayers.

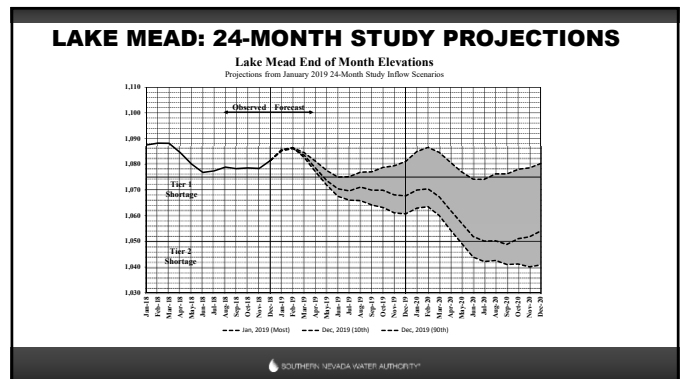
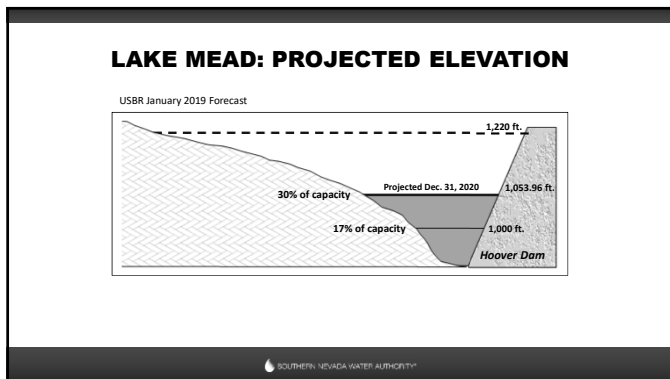
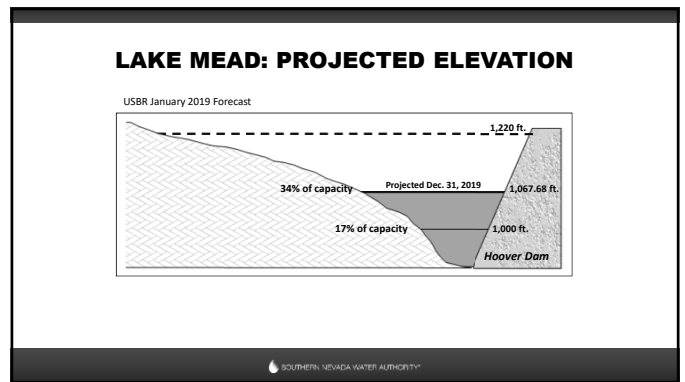
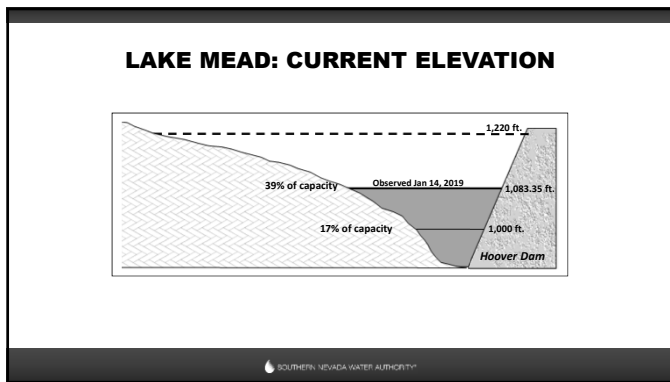
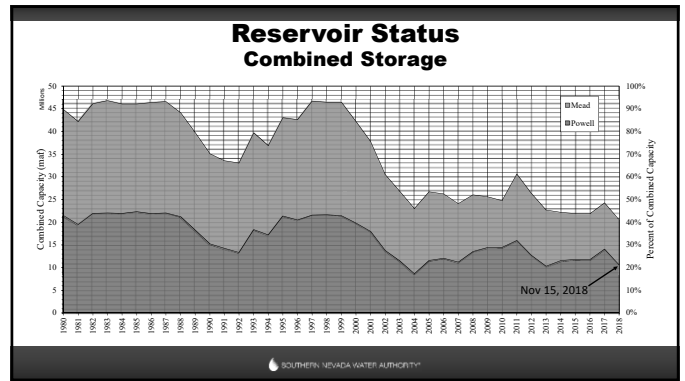
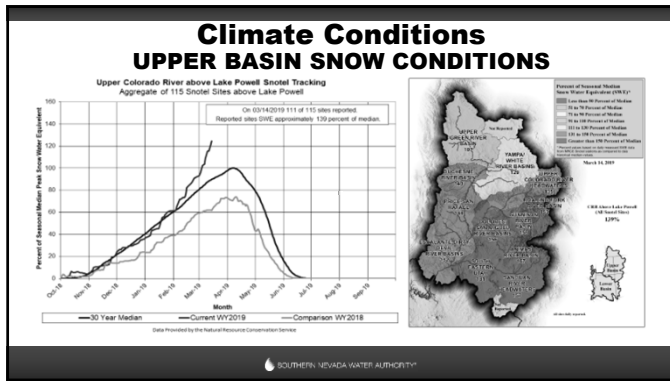
At a time of unprecedented drought and historic drops in Lake Mead, Southern Nevadans — especially ratepayers — deserve to know how SNWA spends taxpayer dollars. While we don't always see eye-to-eye, our organizations can both agree that Southern Nevada residents cannot be left in the dark.

Sincerely,

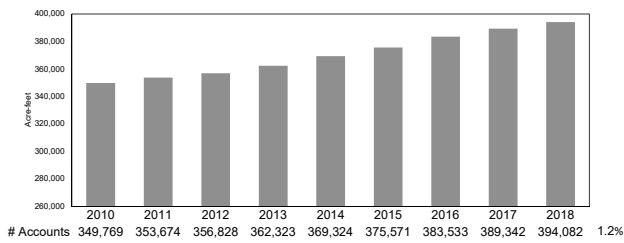
Kyle Roerink
Executive Director
Great Basin Water Network

CC: SNWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



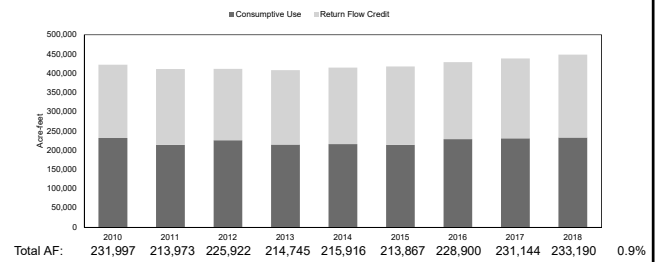


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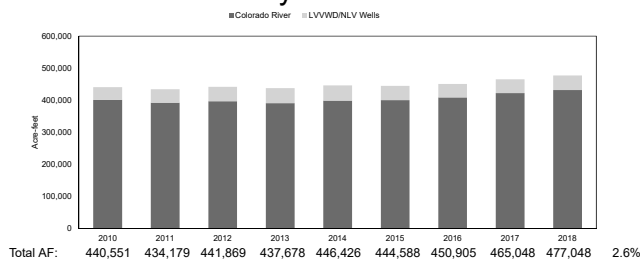
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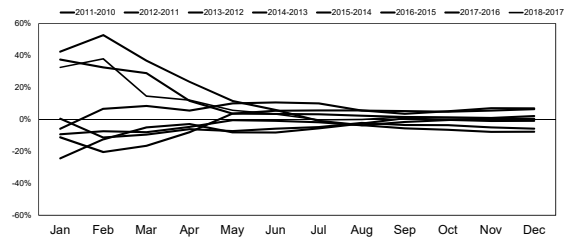
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SNWA Water Use January-November



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COLORADO RIVER CONSUMPTIVE USE Cumulative YTD Percent Change from Prior Year



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