

# LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Southern Nevada Water SNWA  
100 City Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV  
January 8, 2019  
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Dunbar, *City of Las Vegas (CLV)*  
Adrian Edwards, *City of Henderson (COH, alt.)*  
Dan Fischer, *Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD, alt.)*  
Daniel Hernandez, *Clark County (CC, alt.)*  
Dave Johnson, *Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD)*  
Zane Marshall, *Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)*  
Steve Parrish, *Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCD)*  
Quang Phan, *City of North Las Vegas (CNLV, alt.)*

Also Present: Elizabeth Bickmore                      John Tennert  
Keiba Crear    Todd Tietjen  
Natalia Londono-Arroyo                      Andrew Trelease  
Lisa Luptowitz                                      John Solvie  
Tom Maher    David Stoft  
Ryan Pearson

**1. Welcome/Call to Order**

Zane Marshall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2. Public Comment**

Seeing no request for public comment, Zane moved forward with the meeting.

**3. Introductions**

Participants introduced themselves.

**4. Approve October 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the summary passed.

**5. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee**

Dan Fischer led the discussion. Members elected Steve Parrish and Priscilla Howell as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

**6. Receive an Informational Update on Items Related to the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (LVVWAC) that may appear on Future Regular Board Meetings of LVVWAC Members' Appointing Agencies**

Zane noted that the SNWA Board of Directors will consider the following items at its January meeting:

- Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a change order to the contract with Las Vegas Paving Corporation for installation of two erosion control structures on the Las Vegas Wash (Wash) in the amount of \$242,749.

- Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between the Water Research Foundation and the SNWA for the “Developing Guidance for Assessment and Evaluation of Harmful Algal Blooms and Implementation of Control Strategies in Source Water” study, authorize the SNWA 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 SNWA.
- Conduct a public hearing regarding an ordinance proposed for adoption by the Clark County Board of Commissioners related to the cessation of the quarter-cent sales tax for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

Dave Johnson noted that the public hearing item is an administrative item that needs to be accomplished as per the Clark County Board of Commissioners.

Dan reported that CCWRD had a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meet during the past 6-8 months to review a rate increase. During the future board of trustee meetings, there will be discussions regarding the recommendations of the CAC for a modest increase in connection fees.

Steve Parrish reported that the CCRFCD Board of Directors will consider adoption of the updated Las Vegas Valley Master Plan. This is a substantial update developed by CCRFCD every five years.

**7. Approve the Las Vegas Wash 2019/2020 Budget**

Keiba Crear presented the Wash operating budget. Funding will be provided by Bureau of Reclamation grants of \$275,000, other contributions and grants totaling \$37,000 and the local contribution of \$747,741. Keiba displayed a list of items in the budget including equipment and materials, training, professional services, office lease, salaries and benefits and the research and studies budget, for a total operating budget of \$1,059,741. The budget was approved.

**8. Receive an Update on the Stormwater Quality Management Committee (SQMC)**

Steve reported that it has been business as usual with the SQMC in the past year. Two years ago, the SQMC was re-structured to include Public Works and they have been very engaged in the process and staying on top of the permits for each of the meetings. Steve added that staff receives presentations on a variety of stormwater topics at their quarterly meetings, which is helpful to the SQMC.

The CCRFCD annual report was completed and submitted on time. Staff is still waiting on the state to issue a new permit. CCRFCD is still operating under a permit originally issued in 2010 and administratively extended by the state in 2015. Staff is looking forward to working with the state once they are ready to begin the permit renewal process.

**9. Receive an Update from Members and Staff Regarding Water Resources, Stormwater, Wastewater, and Water Quality, Including but Not Limited to Regulations, Permitting and Status of the Lower Las Vegas Wash**

Zane reported that the Louis Berger study is still underway and expected to be completed in the near term. The study is fundamental to building a long-term operating plan for the Wash and estimating a cost for this plan.

Zane added that staff has discussed asking for another meeting of the LVVWAC before the regularly scheduled April meeting, to present the Louis Berger study results and discuss the long-term operating plan.

Dave Johnson noted that there was discussion at the SNWA principals meeting regarding the long-term operating plan. Staff is eager to obtain study results to be able to determine the amount of money that would be required annually for long-term operations and how the funding strategy would be distributed.

**10. Set Next Meeting Date and Propose Items for the Next Meeting's Agenda**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for late February or early March 2019. Once a meeting date is identified, staff will contact LVVWAC representatives and coordinate the meeting agenda.

**11. Public Comment**

There were no comments. Meeting adjourned.