

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 a.m., meeting conducted via teleconference and broadcasted via SNWA.com

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair
Dan Stewart, Vice Chair (via phone)
Claudia Bridges (via phone)
Cedric Crear (via phone)
Jim Gibson (via phone)
Justin Jones (via phone)
John Lee (via phone)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Julie Wilcox (via phone), Dave Johnson (via phone), Greg Walch (via phone), Kevin Bethel (via phone)

OTHERS PRESENT None

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no comments provided in advance by the public.

Item 4 was 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 January 16, 2020.**

Staff requested that item 4 be removed from the agenda.

FINAL ACTION: Director Gibson made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting with the removal of item 4, and to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 16, 2020. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. ***For Possible Action:* Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an assistance agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Authority to support the Authority's Water Smart Landscape Rebate Program, receive funding in the amount of \$1,500,000, and sign future modifications that do not fiscally impact the Authority.**
3. ***For Possible Action:* Ratify the approval of a subcontract between the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno and the Authority for participation in a Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program project, receive funding in the amount of \$89,999, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications only if the future modifications do not fiscally impact the Authority.**
4. ***For Possible Action:* Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an amendment to the existing agreement between Bio-West, Inc., and the Authority to provide professional services in support of Endangered Species Act Section 10 permitting for an annual increase of \$50,000, resulting in an annual amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the first year, with increases not to exceed 20 percent per contract year. [ITEM DELETED FROM AGENDA]**

5. ***For Possible Action:*** Ratify the General Manager’s approval of an amendment to the Master License Contract between Nevada Power Company dba NV Energy and the Authority for the reciprocal use of communication facilities.
6. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, a project funding agreement between the Water Research Foundation and the Authority for the Impact of Bromate Control Measures on Ozone Oxidation/Disinfection and Downstream Treatment Processes in Potable Reuse study, authorize the Authority’s participation for a net contribution of \$55,301 in cost-share services, accept funds, cost share and in-kind services for a combined amount not to exceed \$812,750, and authorize the General Manager to approve future modifications that do not fiscally impact the Authority.

FINAL ACTION: Vice Chair Stewart made a motion to approve staff’s recommendations with the deletion of Item 4. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

7. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, the First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement between the City of Henderson and the Authority for the Authority to supply a portion of the power supply needs of the City of Henderson and report its renewable energy attributes to the Office of Energy in accordance with Senate Bill 358.

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

8. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an interlocal agreement between the City of North Las Vegas and the Authority to convert up to 121,445 square feet of turf grass to drought tolerant landscaping at Aliante Golf Course, provide an estimated rebate of \$197,168, and give the City of North Las Vegas an option to convert a maximum of 323,000 square feet of turf grass per fiscal year through the Water Smart Landscapes Program for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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

9. ***For Information Only:*** Receive an update from staff on potential financial impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Entsminger, General Manager, gave an update to the Board. He said that staff had made some adjustments estimating volumetric sales reductions to the member agencies, reductions in sales tax revenues, and reductions in connection charge revenues. The combined estimated impact of those reductions on the FY 2021 budget is \$107 million. He said that it was anticipated that the estimated reduction in revenues would decrease reserves to 70 percent of the reserve target. While the decrease in revenues will necessitate scaling back budgetary expenditures, Mr. Entsminger recommended that the Board review and approve the budget in May with reduced estimated revenue expectations while not making line by line reductions in expenditure expectations. Over the next several weeks, staff will be identifying substantial cost reductions to minimize the revenue reduction’s impact to the Authority’s reserves. It is also anticipated that the economy will recover from the impact of COVID-19 at some point; therefore, staff would like to maintain the flexibility to move forward with essential capital projects when revenues improve.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who called in wishing to speak.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.