

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:01 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Colby Pellegrino, Doa Ross, and Greg Walch

OTHERS PRESENT None

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Ed Uehling spoke concerning items 2 and 3. He disagreed with the Board's renewal of the contract between the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Authority, which authorizes the General Manager of the District to serve as the General Manager of the Authority.

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 19, 2020.***

FINAL ACTION: Director Gibson made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, and to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 19, 2020. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. ***For Possible Action: Renew the Amended and Restated Interlocal Contract between the Las Vegas Valley Water District and the Authority, which authorizes the General Manager of the District to serve as the General Manager of the Authority, and utilize the staff and resources of the District to manage the affairs of the Authority.***
3. ***For Possible Action: Approve a resolution appointing the Secretary, Treasurer and Controller of the Authority and amending and repealing prior officer appointments.***

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. ***For Possible Action: Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an interlocal agreement between the Clark County School District and the Authority for the School District's conversion of up to 24 live-turf football fields to artificial turf in exchange for Authority rebates in an amount of \$6,883,077, authorize a cost contingency not to exceed \$688,308, and authorize the General Manager to sign any ministerial documents necessary to effectuate the transaction.***

Chair Kirkpatrick asked if the Clark County School District would be responsible for maintaining the fields after the conversions. John Entsminger, General Manager, confirmed that the school district was responsible for maintenance.

Director Lee spoke concerning the expense of converting live-turf to artificial turf at regional parks. He asked if there would be an opportunity for the Authority to participate in helping to convert other areas of public use.

Mr. Entsminger said that the school district was spending approximately \$56 million to convert the fields, while the Authority would be contributing less than \$7 million to assist with the conversion. Therefore, it should not be construed that the Authority was completely funding the conversions.

Director Lee said that the City of North Las Vegas would like to participate in additional turf conversions but was precluded from doing so due to budget constraints. Chair Kirkpatrick said that additional conservation discussions were needed since the Colorado River basin was extremely dry this year.

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

5. ***For Possible Action: Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an interlocal agreement between the Clark County School District and the Authority whereby the School District will make modifications to cooling towers at up to 61 schools in exchange for Authority rebates not to exceed \$918,000, and to sign any ministerial documents necessary to effectuate the transaction.***

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

6. ***For Possible Action: Award a contract for the reconstruction of two existing erosion control structures at the Las Vegas Wash to Las Vegas Paving Corporation for the amount of \$4,700,000, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$470,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.***

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

7. ***For Possible Action: Adopt a resolution consenting to the refunding of the Authority's remaining commercial paper program debt and requesting the Las Vegas Valley Water District to issue general obligation (additionally secured by SNWA pledged revenues) refunding bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$257,610,000.***

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

8. ***For Information Only: 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, and water resource acquisition and development.***

Colby Pellegrino, Deputy General Manager, Resources, gave an update on water resources. Despite pauses in the Authority's conservation programming due to the pandemic, the Authority provided rebates for 4.4 million square feet of turf removed last year. In addition, 782 residential customers and 12 home owners associations switched to smart irrigation controllers.

Conditions in the Colorado River Basin were extremely dry with most areas experiencing 50 to 75 percent of average snowpack. The inflow forecast to Lake Powell was 3.45 million acre-feet. Although there were some storms forecast in the near future, the Basin would need to receive several significant events to see an average inflow this water year.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comment

Ed Uehling spoke regarding General Manager selection and the Authority's operating budget. He said that the Authority meets its budgetary obligations by borrowing additional funds. He said that turf conversions devalue property values.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.