

LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Southern Nevada Water Authority
Virtual Meeting Conducted via Microsoft Teams
February 9, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Brady, *City of North Las Vegas (CNLV)*
Keiba Crear, *Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD alt.)*
Mark Dunbar, *City of Las Vegas (CLV)*
Priscilla Howell, *City of Henderson (COH)*
Zane Marshall, *Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)*
Tom Minwegen, *Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD)*
Steve Parrish, *Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCDD)*
Randy Tarr, *Clark County (CC)*

Also Present:	Elizabeth Bickmore	Peggy Roefer
	Michael Boyles	John Solvie
	Richard Donahue	David Stoft
	Syndi Dudley	John Tennert
	Dan Fischer	Andrew Trelease
	Daniel Hernandez	Debbie Van Dooremolen
	Natalia Londono-Arroyo	Xiaoping Zhou

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Priscilla Howell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Seeing no public comment, Priscilla moved forward with the meeting.

3. Introductions

Priscilla conducted a roll call of members and alternates to confirm who was present for each agency.

4. Approve January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Steve Parrish made the motion to approve the January 12, 2021 meeting summary. Motion passed.

5. Receive an Update on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Recommendations Regarding the Selenium Standard Development Study

John Tennert reported that CCRFCDD received feedback from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and that EPA would like CCRFCDD to collect additional fish tissue associated with the selenium standard development study. John added that the good news was that EPA would only require tissue samples of carp which will make the fish tissue collection a lot easier. John noted that the budget requested during the January 12, 2021, Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (LVVWAC) meeting is the same budget that staff was requesting to move forward with.

Zane asked if the feedback provided by the EPA changed the budget projection for the selenium study. John replied no.

Xiaoping asked how many samples the EPA had asked for. John stated that staff did not know the number of samples that would be required yet. He added that staff would have to conduct some analysis to determine how many fish would need to be collected.

6. Receive an Update and Approve the Las Vegas Wash 2021/2022 Budget

Keiba reported that although originally there were discussions about producing different budget scenarios for the Las Vegas Wash (Wash) 2021/2022 budget, further discussions with LVVWAC members revealed reluctance to moving forward with them. It was requested that the original draft budget be presented again for discussion. Keiba stated that the Wash research and studies budget includes the selenium study for a total local contribution of \$892,731. Wholesale delivery will cover 40 percent, with a total contribution of \$357,092. The dischargers will also cover 40 percent, and the amounts will be broken down by the two-year running averages that were provided by the dischargers through September 2020. CC and CCRFCD will cover 10 percent each, or \$89,273.

Tom Minwegen indicated that he was willing to support approval of the Wash budget with the following addition, “that LVVWAC bring in an outside facilitator to form a sub-group to look at the awareness of the LVVWAC group.” Priscilla and Steve asked for clarification regarding Tom’s addition to the budget item. Randy noted that he had conversations with Tom and clarified that Tom’s proposal was for LVVWAC to put together a sub-committee to look at expanding, decreasing, or keeping LVVWAC’s current membership. Steve indicated that he did not think the suggested addition to the budget item could be made since it was not written in the approved agenda item. The LVVWAC agreed to address Tom’s request and begin discussion among members.

Tom made a motion to approve the Wash 2021/2022 budget. Motion passed.

7. 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

Tom Minwegen reported that staff was monitoring Assembly Bill (AB) 97 and that this bill would be of interest to LVVWAC as it addresses surface water and wastewater. He also asked if Dan Fischer could provide a copy of the bill to LVVWAC.

Dan reported that AB 97 requires the State Environmental Commission (Commission) to adopt water quality criteria for perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in surface water. Among other items, the bill requires the Commission to establish effluent limitations for dischargers of PFAS. LVVWAC members agreed to add AB 97 as a discussion item for the next LVVWAC meeting.

Keiba reported that SNWA was evaluating two proposals from engineering firms for the Lower Las Vegas Wash (Lower Wash) stabilization program, and it is expected that a firm will be selected and approved at the May 2021 SNWA board meeting. Additionally, a schedule for the environmental assessment and section 7 consultation was developed. Keiba added that she will work with Ryan Pearson to provide a general update presentation on the Lower Wash for the next LVVWAC meeting.

8. **Set Next Meeting Date and Propose Items for the Next Meeting's Agenda**
The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2021. Staff will develop the agenda.

9. **Public Comment**
There were no comments. Meeting adjourned.