

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2021  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:10 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, Doa Ross, Dave Johnson, Kevin Bethel 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 requested that the previous meeting minutes include his comment that the March SNWA meeting had been the best public meeting that he had ever attended. He also said that water use was trending up and that the Authority should be encouraging indoor water use to make up for any lost revenues due to the pandemic. He said the Authority borrows funds to pay for operating losses, despite representations by staff to the contrary.

**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 March 18, 2021.***

FINAL ACTION: Director Gibson made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, and to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 18, 2021, including the suggested amendment to Mr. Uehling's comments. The motion was approved.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

2. ***For Possible Action: Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement between Boulder Flats Solar, LLC, and the Authority to purchase electrical power from a solar photovoltaic generation facility located on land leased from the City of Boulder City.***

Vice Chair Stewart asked what the relationship would be with the Colorado River Commission (CRC). John Entsminger, General Manager, said that the Authority would finance project construction with the CRC then operating the facilities.

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

3. ***For Possible Action: Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an agreement between Black & Veatch Corporation and the Authority to provide professional engineering design services for the Horizon Lateral Project for an amount not to exceed \$55,900,000.***

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

4. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an agreement between JVC Associates, Inc., dba JVC Architects, and the Authority to provide professional services for the design of the Horizon Lateral management office building for an amount not to exceed \$477,840.

Mr. Entsminger said that given the size of the project and the amount of staff needed, it made the most financial sense to construct a building rather than rent and install temporary facilities. After the construction project is completed, the building would provide space for staff at the River Mountains Water Treatment Facility (RMWTF).

Director Gibson asked about a timeline for the building. Doa Ross, Deputy General Manager – Engineering, said that the Authority currently had staff operating at the RMWTF to handle pre-construction activities. She said that the building would take approximately 2-3 years to construct, which corresponded with when Horizon Lateral construction activities would ramp up.

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

5. ***For Information Only:*** Receive an overview and discuss the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Tentative Budget.

Mr. Entsminger gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Tentative Budget. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Chair Kirkpatrick asked what funds were designated for conservation projects. Mr. Entsminger said that most of the \$14.6 million in the budget for Water Resource Investment is for conservation. Chair Kirkpatrick said that she wanted to focus efforts this coming fiscal year to increase conservation awareness and provide assistance for older neighborhoods to convert to water smart landscaping.

Director Jones asked what changes to connection charge revenues were reflected in the budget. Mr. Entsminger said that although connection charge revenues have increased in the first quarter, it was unclear whether that trend would continue. If connection charge revenues surpass \$35.6 million, those additional revenues accrue to the debt stabilization fund, which can only be used for debt defeasance or one-time capital expenses. Director Jones asked if the debt stabilization fund could be used for conservation. Mr. Entsminger said that conservation measures that are capital projects could be funded by the debt stabilization fund.

Chair Kirkpatrick suggested that staff explore partnerships to make conservation projects, such as landscape conversions, simpler and more convenient for residents, especially seniors. Director Crear said that he supported making conservation easier for residents. He said that he would welcome the opportunity to be a part of the outreach to older neighborhoods. Chair Kirkpatrick said that this was an opportunity to help improve older neighborhoods and save water. Director Gibson said he supported the concept to use one-time dollars to do the types of projects as described by Chair Kirkpatrick and Director Crear. Director Jones said that this was also an opportunity to partner with small, minority and women-owned businesses.

Vice Chair Stewart said that the City of Henderson was committed to reducing water use and increasing conservation efforts within the City.

Director Lee asked for a hydrology update. Mr. Entsminger said that precipitation in the Colorado River Basin had been extremely low and could be worse than 2002, which had been the lowest precipitation year on record.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

#### **Public Comment**

Ed Uehling said that the Authority is borrowing more than it needs to spend on capital projects. He said that the increased borrowing is to pay for operational losses. He also questioned the amount approved on the design for the Horizon Lateral management office.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.