

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2024
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:04 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair
Dan Stewart, Vice Chair
Scott Black
Olivia Diaz
Jim Gibson
Justin Jones
Steve Walton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT None

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Colby Pellegrino, Doa Ross, Kevin Bethel and Tabitha Simmons

OTHERS PRESENT None

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Diane Henry spoke concerning item 5. She said that the Authority's advertising campaigns were overly aggressive. She said that the Authority should focus more on providing helpful information to residents instead of attempts at humor.

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 18, 2024.**

FINAL ACTION: Director Gibson made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, and to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 18, 2024. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 5 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

2. ***For Possible Action:* Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Program and authorize the General Manager to sign the implementing funding agreement provided the Authority's obligations do not exceed \$1,320,076.**
3. ***For Possible Action:* Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Program and authorize the General Manager to sign the implementing funding agreement provided the Authority's obligations do not exceed \$920,076.**
4. ***For Possible Action:* Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement for Funding the Recovery of Long-Term Storage Credits Stored on Behalf of Southern Nevada Water Authority, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, between the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and the Authority.**
5. ***For Possible Action:* Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement between R&R Partners, Inc., and the Authority for Integrated Marketing and Strategic Communication Services to add three additional one-year renewal terms.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. ***For Possible Action:*** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a high voltage distribution agreement between Nevada Power Company dba NV Energy and the Authority for the construction of infrastructure upgrades to existing NV Energy facilities to serve the future Monthill Pumping Station as part of the Stage II Reliability Upgrades Project in an amount not to exceed \$688,932.

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

7. ***For Possible Action:*** Award a contract for the replacement of a laboratory ventilation system to Sunbelt Controls, Inc., in the amount of \$3,923,109, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$390,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.

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

8. ***For Possible Action:*** Award a contract for the installation of sewer interceptor pipeline and appurtenances to Contri Construction Company, in the amount of \$16,850,599, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.

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

9. ***For Possible Action:*** Establish a Leak Detection Assistance Program and authorize a \$250 voucher to customers with purveyor-identified excessive and/or ongoing leaks to assist in leak detection services offered by Water Smart Plumbers.

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

10. ***For Possible Action:*** Establish an incentive of \$475 per ton converted for high efficiency hybrid cooling systems through the Authority's Water Efficient Technologies Program and approve an additional temporary incentive of \$550 per ton converted until awarded grant funding is expended.

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

11. ***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 initiatives, activities on the Colorado River, and water resource acquisition and development.

Colby Pellegrino, Deputy General Manager - Resources, gave an update on water use and conservation initiatives. A copy of her presentation is attached to these minutes.

Director Walton asked about MGM's grant program that would provide additional incentive funds for its employees that participate in Authority conservation programs. Ms. Pellegrino said that the additional rebates would be distributed through the Authority's non-profit organization that was set up to receive community donations for these types of programs.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comment

Diane Henry spoke concerning item 9. She said that she supported programs, such as the Leak Detection Assistance Program; however, these conservation programs should not be funded by the Las Vegas Valley Water District's Excessive Use Charge. She said that she hoped that the Excessive Use Charge would be rescinded. She said that the penalties were too severe and unfairly applied. She encouraged the elected officials on the Board to represent their constituents being impacted by the Excessive Use Charge. She also said that the thresholds for the Excessive Use Charge were set too low.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Copies of all original agenda items and minutes, including all attachments, are on file in the General Manager's office at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada.