

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2026  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 8:02 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair  
Dan Stewart, Vice Chair (By telephone)  
Scott Black  
Olivia Diaz (By telephone)  
Justin Jones  
Steve Walton (By telephone)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Jim Gibson

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Paul Johnson and Greg Walch

OTHERS PRESENT None

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

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

*For full public comment, visit [snwa.com/apps/snwa-agendas/index.cfm](http://snwa.com/apps/snwa-agendas/index.cfm)*

Laura McSwain spoke concerning item 2. She provided a copy of her comments for the record, which are attached to these minutes.

**ITEM NO.**

1. ***For Possible Action: Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items.***

FINAL ACTION: Director Jones made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion was approved.

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

2. ***For Possible Action: Adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Valley Water District to issue bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$515,000,000, to finance the cost of Authority water projects; declaring the intent to reimburse certain project related expenditures with bond proceeds; and providing the effective date thereof.***

John Entsminger, General Manager, said that it was necessary to hold a special meeting due to the special voting requirements under the Authority's Cooperative Agreement for issuing new bonds, which requires approval from the purveyors. As not all of the purveyor representatives were available for the regular meeting scheduled for April 16, 2026, a special meeting was scheduled since a delay could potentially adversely affect interest rates on the bond issuance.

Chair Kirkpatrick added that this item was the first step in the bond issuance approval process, and that the item would be considered at other meetings. Mr. Entsminger confirmed that this was the first step in a months-long public process to issue bonds.

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

**Public Comment**

Laura McSwain spoke and provided a copy of her comments for the record, which are attached to these minutes. In addition to her written comments, she said that there were two items on the agenda for the April 16, 2026, Authority Board meeting that did not have any supporting documents. She asked for a copy of any presentations that would be used for those items to be provided to her in advance of the meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.



## **Water Fairness** COALITION

April 13, 2026

SNWA "Special" meeting Public Comment, Agenda Item #2

This resolution authorizes over \$500 million in new debt, but it does not identify the specific projects being funded. Instead, the public is referred to prior meetings and broader capital plans that are difficult to track across time. Why not simply provide a list of projects being financed as part of this agenda?

At the same time, LVVWD is being asked to issue the bonds, effectively placing it as the financial anchor, while project decisions and benefits are regional. This structure highlights growing concerns about the dual roles within the executive team, the potential for conflicts, and the concentration of decision-making authority that is increasingly at the center of issues the community is now raising and litigating.

This item is also being brought forward on a special agenda, at a Monday morning meeting at 8:00 AM, which significantly limits the public's ability to follow and participate.

And while I understand that notices can be sent electronically or by mail if requested, that still requires the public to already know to opt in and actively monitor those communications.

Additionally, if meetings of this scale can be scheduled on short notice with only a few days' lead time, it effectively requires the public to continuously monitor the Authority's website just to stay informed. As it stands, the burden appears to be placed on the public to track these decisions rather than on the Authority to make them readily visible.

These are not isolated issues - they are choices about how decisions are structured, presented, and approved.

So, two questions: how does the Board justify continuing to approve actions under these conditions, where financial risk, decision-making authority, and public visibility are not clearly aligned? And, when is the corresponding LVVWD approval of this bond issuance scheduled to be heard?

Respectfully submitted,

THE WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

Laura McSwain, President



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April 13, 2026

### SNWA "Special" meeting Public Comment

The SNWA Board's regular meeting schedule, as published, **is the third week of every odd month.** However, there was a "regular" meeting in February, no meeting in March, and now we are seeing a regular meeting scheduled this week (April) not an "odd" month. At this point, "odd" seems to be a bit....open to interpretation.

Does the website need to be updated, or is there another explanation for why the published schedule does not align with actual meeting agendas?

At the same time, agenda items continue to appear without supporting materials, particularly PowerPoint presentations, that will be relied upon during the meeting.

This is not a minor issue.

Recently, in ongoing litigation, a judge required SNWA to produce a PowerPoint that had been used in court but not previously shared. That situation arose because materials were presented publicly but not made available in advance.

The principle is the same here.

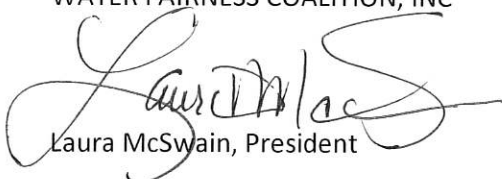
If materials are going to be used to inform decisions, or be presented to the public, they should be made available in advance so that residents have a meaningful opportunity to review and understand them.

Providing materials after the fact does not support transparency.

So my request is simple:

If PowerPoint presentations or other supporting materials will be used for agenda items, please make them available to the public in advance of the meeting.

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

  
Laura McSwain, President