

LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2011-12-13

SUMMARY

Call to Order
02:00 pm

Clark County Regional Flood Control District
600 S. Grand Central Pkwy #108
Las Vegas, Nevada

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick Holmes Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), Kevin Eubanks Clark County Regional Flood Control District (alt. CCRFCD), David Mendenhall City of Las Vegas (alt. CLV), Richard Mendes Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD), Dennis Porter City of Henderson (COH), Quang Phan City of North Las Vegas (alt. CNLV), Randy Tarr Clark County, Ron Zegers Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gale Fraser Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCD), Barney Rabold City of Henderson (alt. COH), Reed Scheppman City of North Las Vegas (CNLV)

STAFF PRESENT

Roger Buehrer, Keiba Crear, Doug Drury, Kathy Flanagan, Dan Fischer, Shaun Fisher, Dennis Fritz, Sandra Harris, Gerry Hester, Pricilla Howell, Ebrahim Juma, Carol Lane, Zane Marshall, JenYoon Leong, Kim Maloy, Beth Moore, Jane Pike, Brenda Pohlmann, Peggy Roefer, Seth Shanahan

OTHERS PRESENT

ITEM NO.

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

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Dennis Porter called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Seeing no request for public comment, Dennis asked for introductions

3. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

4. Approve October 11, 2011 Meeting Summary

Motion to approve the summary passed.

5. Receive Report on Items Relating to the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (LVVWAC) Tentatively Scheduled for the Regular Board Meetings of the LVVWAC Members

There were no items going before any committee member boards.

6. Receive Reports From Representatives of the Lake Mead Water Quality Forum, Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee, and Stormwater Quality Management Committee

The Lake Mead Water Quality Forum will meet January 24, 2012 at 10:30 am.

In regard to the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC), Seth Shanahan stated that its next meeting will be held on January 24 at 8:30 am. A presentation has been requested from Kirk Brynjulson of Lake Las Vegas on a history and update on Lake Las Vegas. The 2011 Year-End Report is in preparation and marsh bird and willow flycatcher annual reports are in review. A report on wetland demonstration projects is on its way to review.

The study teams will meet January 4 beginning with Administrative at 8:30 am; Operations at 10:30; and Research and Environmental Monitoring at 1:30.

Seth displayed a graph of the past 10 years of LVWCC attendance which showed between 45 and 75 people consistently attended with a general decline over the years. In the past few years, attendance has been consistently over 30. The second graph showed attendance based on agency and the average is that 20 of the 29 agency members attend consistently.

Kevin Eubanks reported on the Stormwater Quality Management Committee. Since the last LVVWAC meeting, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) had a 30-day comment period on the SWQMP. The plan was approved on November 1 by NDEP. The committee has until November 1, 2012 to develop the plan and until November 1, 2013 to begin implementation.

7. Strategize Plan Regarding Clean Water Coalitions Withdrawal from the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee and Direct Staff As Appropriate

This item was combined with agenda item number 8.

8. Appoint a Sub-Committee to Review and Revise Regional Water Quality Plan Due to Withdrawal of the Clean Water Coalition

Items number 7 and 8 were combined. Ron Zegers suggested that a group of staffers be created to review the water quality plan as well as the memorandum of understanding and the LVVWAC bylaws. Ron motioned to send out copies of the modified memorandum of understanding and LVVWAC bylaws for review and put together a group of two representatives per agency meet to discuss, and finalize those documents. That committee will also work on the water quality plan. The motion passed.

9. Request LVVWAC Members Submit 2011 Annual Operating Plan Accomplishments

There have been suggestions to make the operating plan more general and each agency submit their accomplishments in reference to that plan. Members agreed to submit those accomplishments to Ron by the end of the year.

10. Approve 2012 Las Vegas Wash Capital Improvements Plan

Gerry Hester gave a presentation on the 2012 Las Vegas Wash Capital Improvements Plan. Construction has begun on three new weirs, but there is much work to be done. As in previous years, this is an annual revision of the plan with weirs prioritized based on a scoring system. It

remains a two-year work plan and a pay as we go program. The ranking criteria are based on upstream stability, system relationship, cost avoidance, water quality, ecosystem enhancement, recreational benefit, public safety, permitting, access and available funding; however in this stage of the project, there will be little movement in the rankings from year to year as the priorities will mainly be based on right of way and available funding.

The weir construction projected schedule includes Duck Creek Confluence, Upper Narrows and DU Wetlands No. 1 which began in 2011; followed by Demonstration Replacement and Sunrise Mountain weirs which will begin in 2012 and 2013 and all of which are in the perchlorate plume. Archery/Silver Bowl will begin in 2013. Tropicana/D-14 Extension will begin in 2015 and Historic Later will begin later that year.

In the 2012-2013 Work Plan, \$49.4 million is projected for channel stabilization, \$2.2 million for revegetation and \$21.3 million for comprehensive programs, with a total of \$52.2 million. Those costs are split in half between projected grant funding and local cost sharing. Work plan cash flow for 2011 is \$2.6 million, increases to \$6.6 in 2012 with more of an increase in 2013 to \$8.7 but only \$4.6 million in 2014.

Committee members approved the 2012 Las Vegas Wash Capital Improvements Plan.

11. Set Next Meeting Date and Propose Items for the Next Meetings Agenda

Members agreed the next meeting would be held February 14, 2012 at 2 p.m.

12. Public Comment

Seeing no request for public comment, Dennis adjourned the meeting