

LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Southern Nevada Water Authority

100 City Parkway

Las Vegas, NV

January 10, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Randy DeVaul, *City of North Las Vegas (CNLV)*
Priscilla Howell, *City of Henderson (COH)*
Dave Johnson, *Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD)*
Zane Marshall, *Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)*
Sherri McMahon, *City of Las Vegas (alt. CLV)*
Tom Minwegen, *Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD)*
Steve Parrish, *Clark County Regional Flood Control District (CCRFCD)*
Randy Tarr, *Clark County (CC)*

Also Present:

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| Keiba Crear | Tom Maher |
| Jen Davis | Carlton Parker |
| Adrian Edwards | Ryan Pearson |
| Dan Fischer | Jane Pike |
| Sandra Harris | Shellie Simm |
| John Hiatt | John Tennert |
| Zach Hills | Todd Tietjen |
| Ebrahim Juma | Debbie Van Dooremolen |
| Lisa Luptowitz | Dana Walsh |

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Tom Minwegen called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2. Public Comment

Seeing no request for public comment, Tom moved forward with the meeting.

3. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

4. Approve October 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the summary passed.

5. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee

Tom led the discussion. Members elected Zane Marshall and Steve Parrish as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

6. Receive an Informational Update on Items Related to the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (LVVWAC) that may appear on Future Regular Board Meetings of LVVWAC Members' Appointing Agencies

Zane Marshal noted that the SNWA Board will consider an agreement with the Nevada Division of Forestry for inmate conservation camp services. The board will also consider an agreement with the National Park Service for exotic plant management along the Las Vegas Wash (Wash). Both items are slated for consideration at the January 19, 2017 board meeting.

7. Receive an Update on the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

Debbie Van Dooremolen provided the update on the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC). The LVWCC continues to meet quarterly. It has three study teams that also meet quarterly: Operations, which focuses on stabilization; Research and Environmental Monitoring, which focuses on research needs and development of long-term monitoring programs; and Administrative, which works to facilitate, support and coordinate outreach, funding, jurisdictional and land use activities.

Examples of recent LVWCC activities include: initiating construction of the Tropicana Weir (the 20th of 21 planned structures); revegetating nearly 45 acres with native plants in 2016; continuing water quality monitoring on the Wash and its tributaries (on-going since 2000); conducting threatened and endangered bird monitoring, detecting three migrant willow flycatchers, one migrant yellow-billed cuckoo and one Yuma Ridgway's rail during these and other surveys; completing cultural resource compliance testing at the Tropicana Weir site; and continuing Green-Ups, Mabel Hoggard, World Wetlands Day and other outreach events that reached over 11,000 people.

8. Approve the Las Vegas Wash 2017/2018 Budget

Keiba Crear provided the update on the Wash operating budget. Funding continues from the Bureau of Reclamation, with a contribution of \$300,000. Other contributions and grants total \$36,750 and the local contribution is \$716,408. Keiba displayed a list of items in the budget including equipment and materials, training, professional services, office lease, salaries and benefits and the research and studies budget for a total operating budget of \$1,053,158. This item was passed.

9. Approve the 2015 Accomplishments Document

Todd Tietjen noted that comments associated with the 2015 Accomplishments Document had been incorporated and the document was finalized and ready for approval. This item was passed.

10. 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

Jane Pike reported that the Clark County Wetlands Park (Wetlands Park) will be hosting a clean-up volunteer event on Saturday, January 14, 2017 to help clean up the Sunrise Trailhead. Anyone interested in being a volunteer can sign-up on the Wetlands Park's Facebook page or call Liz Bickmore at 702-455-7522 for more information. Also two park police will be dedicated to the Wetlands Park.

Dave Johnson reported that several months ago, members of the LVVWAC had a multi-agency conference call to discuss the Lower Wash. At the time, the committee was under the impression that there was funding available for weir construction every five years. The LVVWAC was informed through the phone call that there was no funding available for weir construction and

there were no future plans or programs for funding weirs. Dave commented that the LVVWAC had engaged several agencies at various levels to try to acquire funding support for weir construction on the Lower Wash to no avail.

Steve Parrish noted that considering the recent change in senate positions, the LVVWAC should send a second letter with regard to the Lower Wash to the Nevada congressional delegates. Dave agreed and suggested that the committee should also reach out to Senator Catherine Cortez Masto at some point and provide education on the issue.

Steve also discussed the status of the response to the stormwater permit audit. He said that all six packages have been submitted to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), five of which have been reviewed and accepted. The issue with the sixth concerns inspections by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD). The co-permittees feel they are in compliance and that the SNHD inspections go above and beyond what is required. A letter has been sent to the state that will hopefully resolve the issue. All in all, the response to the audit has gone well and hopefully they will be able to start talking about a new permit with NDEP soon.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017. Staff will coordinate the agenda.

12. Public Comment

There were no comments. Meeting adjourned.