

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COYOTE SPRINGS WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 18, 2020
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:46 a.m., meeting conducted via teleconference

DIRECTORS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, President
VIA PHONE: Jim Gibson, Vice President
Larry Brown
Justin Jones
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom (entered at item #3)
Lawrence Weekly (entered at item #3)

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Dave Johnson (via phone), Julie Wilcox (via phone),
Greg Walch (via phone), Kevin Bethel (via phone)

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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There were no comments provided in advance by the public.

ITEM NO.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the agenda for this meeting. The motion was approved.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Las Vegas Valley Water District and subsequently adopt a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

John Entsminger, General Manager, presented the District's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 tentative budget. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Entsminger began by providing some highlights from the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, including progress of the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), an increased number of Water Waste Investigations from the previous year, installation of a renewable energy-producing solar photovoltaic carport at the LVVWD campus, easier payment options for customers, reception of awards from both national and international organizations and the saving of \$4 million due to bond refunding.

Mr. Entsminger stated that the Proposed Final Budget, in response to the pandemic, projects a \$57.6 million deficit, but that the District has the tools and resources available to substantially reduce the deficit as circumstances warrant. He provided a brief summary of the District's pandemic response and stated that continuing to provide safe drinking water to the community while meeting all safety standards under difficult circumstances is worthy of praise. He also presented the District's water use for March and April, showing large decreases initially, compared to previous years, but as the temperatures have increased in late April, so has the community's water use.

Upcoming and ongoing CIP-related infrastructure projects, including Las Vegas Boulevard improvements, construction of Cougar Reservoir and multiple pipeline replacements throughout the valley were also presented to the Board. Mr. Entsminger stated that these projects need to be completed to continue to ensure a safe and reliable water system, but also allows the District to contribute to the Southern Nevada economy during this extraordinary time.

He gave an overview of the 2020-2021 budget sources and uses and showed potential impacts from Covid-19, including projected revenue decreases. He also presented potential cost saving opportunities including the deferment of capital projects, reduction of some operating costs, implementation of hiring restrictions and the introduction of a Voluntary Separation Plan that will be presented to the Board in June.

President Kirkpatrick requested that staff review the budget at least quarterly with the Board. Vice President Gibson asked about the status of the District's pipeline replacement work on Las Vegas Boulevard. Mr. Entsminger stated that the District continues to work in conjunction with Clark County and the City of Las Vegas as their projects along that corridor move forward.

President Kirkpatrick opened the Public Hearing. As there were no members wishing to speak, she closed the hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the tentative budget for the Las Vegas Valley Water District. The motion was approved.

3. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Coyote Springs Water Resources District and subsequently adopt a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

Mr. Entsminger presented the Coyote Springs Water Resources District's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 tentative budget. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes. He noted that this District is 100 percent developer funded.

Coyote Springs Water Resources District Board of Trustees President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing. Emilia Cargill, Coyote Springs Nevada, LLC, provided a letter in advance of the meeting for public comment referencing the General Manager's Information Report, noting a mischaracterization of water availability and inaccuracies related to the existing water infrastructure in Coyote Springs. With no additional members of the public wishing to be heard, President Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the tentative budget for the Coyote Springs Water Resources District. The motion was approved.

4. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Big Bend Water District and subsequently adopt a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

Mr. Entsminger presented the Big Bend Water District's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 tentative budget. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes. He stated that Big Bend Water District's budget is capital intensive and includes a Motor Control Center replacement and tank rehabilitation. He continued by stating that the Big Bend Water District is in good shape and has seen a lot of system improvements over the last five years.

Big Bend Water District Board of Trustees Chairman Justin Jones opened the public hearing. As there were no members of the public wishing to provide comment, he closed the hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Trustee Weekly to approve the tentative budget for the Big Bend Water District. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public who called in wishing to speak.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.