

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 1, 2021
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:02 a.m., Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center,
500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marilyn Kirkpatrick, President
Jim Gibson, Vice President
Justin Jones
William McCurdy II
Ross Miller (not present for items #6 – #8)
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Colby Pellegrino and Greg Walch

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Ed Uehling commented on item #3, noted the contract's terms, and referenced a perceived conflict of interest as it relates to the current Nevada governor.

ITEM NO.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the agenda and the minutes from the special meeting of April 26, 2021, the regular meeting of May 4, 2021, and the special meeting of May 17, 2021. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 3 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

- 2. Approve and authorize the President to sign an interlocal agreement between Clark County and the District for installation of water facilities for the Desert Breeze Park Special Events Area Project.**
- 3. Approve a professional services agreement with Hobbs, Ong & Associates, Inc., for independent financial advisory services for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 per fiscal year, with the option to renew for six additional one-year periods.**

John Entsminger, General Manager, stated that Hobbs, Ong & Associates have provided financial advice to the District for more than a decade, including bond refunding between the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Authority) and the District that has saved ratepayers in excess of \$350 million in the last five to six years.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Jones to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 4. Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Las Vegas Valley Public Employees Association, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.**

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing. Speakers included:

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, commented on the salaries of District employees compared to other public utilities. He also expressed opinion of the District's mismanagement of funds, suggesting capital funding is used to offset District operations.

President Kirkpatrick clarified some of the statements made during public comment, noting that capital dollars cannot be spent on operations, each agenda item includes the total fiscal impact, and added that the District is competitive in pay, for its size and infrastructure, when compared to the rest of the country.

With no additional members of the public wishing to speak, President Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

5. Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Water Employees Association of Nevada, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing. Speakers included:

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, commented on the salaries of District employees and requested the average increase in employee salary as a result of the agreement. He again expressed opinion of the District's mismanagement of funds.

President Kirkpatrick added her comments from the previous agenda item into this item, and added that the agenda's supporting material includes the information requested from Mr. Uehling. With no further members of the public wishing to speak, President Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Jones to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

6. Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Water Supervisors Association of Nevada, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing. Speakers included:

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, requested the average increase in employee salary. He again expressed opinion of the District's mismanagement of funds.

Steve Strehlow, Las Vegas, suggested an independent analysis be conducted of the District and its compensation structure.

President Kirkpatrick added her comments from the previous agenda items into this item and with no further members of the public wishing to speak, she closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

7. Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Teamsters Local Union No. 14, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing. Speakers included:

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, requested the average increase in employee salary and discussed the District's process of supplying water to its customers.

With no further members of the public wishing to speak, President Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Jones to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

8. Approve annual cost-of-living adjustments for non-represented employees to correspond with adjustments for represented employees under the proposed collective bargaining agreements effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026, if approved.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Jones to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

9. Receive a presentation on Southern Nevada's water resources, water use, regional conservation initiatives, and water conservation programs and direct staff accordingly.

Mr. Entsminger presented Southern Nevada's water resources, water use, regional conservation initiative and water conservation programs. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Entsminger began by providing an update on the drought that impacts the southwestern United States, mentioning that 2021 may prove to be one of the driest years on record. He reported on Lake Mead elevations and discussed the likely federally declared shortage. Mr. Entsminger also reported on water use, noting that consumptive use is up, and

that the current trajectory is not sustainable. He highlighted Southern Nevada's water conservation achievements, efforts, policies, and programs.

Director Jones asked about AB356 and if the District has a plan to notice property owners of the new policy. Colby Pellegrino, Deputy General Manager of Resources, stated that legislation requires a committee with representatives from the community to help advise and guide staff. Director Naft asked about the goal to increase conservation compliance. Ms. Pellegrino stated that advertising, water waste investigators and the use of advanced meter readings will play big roles in educating and reminding residents of watering schedules. Director Naft asked about park water budgets. Ms. Pellegrino stated that the park water budget data is relatively new, but staff have recently began outreach to community parks. Director McCurdy asked about improving water meters in older communities. Mr. Entsminger stated that all water meters were replaced between 2012 and 2017 and the advance meter technology, which will roll out over the next 4 to 5 years, will help older infrastructure detect leaks or other issues. Director Segerblom asked about monitoring types of water use with new businesses or developments, and mentioned data centers, as an example. Mr. Entsminger stated that those efforts are in preliminary stages, but staff does monitor incoming businesses and their water footprints (high/low use). Vice President Gibson stated that decision makers need to understand the water impacts of approved developments and added that the Authority and the District have done a great job in conservation and infrastructure to help secure our water resources. President Kirkpatrick spoke on providing water smart information to new residents to the valley. Ms. Pellegrino stated that staff will share its new homeowner letter with the Board.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling commented on water management on the Colorado River Basin.

Peter Starzyk, 3216 Morning Springs Drive, asked about an incentive program or rebate from the Authority for removal of a swimming pool, as it relates to water conservation. Ms. Pellegrino stated that swimming pools are incentivized the same as turf at \$3 per square foot of surface area.

Steve Sanson, President of Veterans in Politics, asked about a potential incentive program for septic tank removal and connection to the sewer system. Mr. Entsminger stated that a pilot project is in development with the Authority, the Clark County Water Reclamation District, and the Southern Nevada Health District to begin incentivizing septic tank conversions.

Steve Strehlow, 4374 Sun Vista Drive, commented about exploring the need for and benefit of desalination plants in the southwestern United States.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 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.