

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 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 (via phone)  
Michael Naft  
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Doa Ross, Kevin Bethel, Tabitha Fiddymont

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

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, provided a letter to the Board concerning agenda item #11 and summarized it during public comment. His letter is attached to these minutes.

**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 regular meeting of August 3, 2021. The motion was approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 9 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.**

- 2. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amendment to the existing agreement between Ninety Five Management, LLC, and the District to revise the scope of the Centennial 3205 Zone North Pipeline.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the President to sign an interlocal agreement between Clark County and the District for installation of water facilities for the Tee Pee Lane and Patrick Lane Neighborhood Park Project.**
- 4. Approve and authorize the President to sign an interlocal agreement between Clark County and the District for installation of water facilities for the LeBaron Lindell Neighborhood Park Project.**
- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amendment to the existing agreement between the City of Henderson and the District for backup emergency water service to an area within Clark County generally located at Las Vegas Boulevard and Volunteer Boulevard.**
- 6. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amendment to the existing agreement between the City of Henderson and the District for emergency fireflow service to an area within Clark County generally located northwest of Pecos Road and Serene Avenue.**
- 7. Approve and authorize the General Manager or designee to enter into joinder agreements, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, utilizing the State of Nevada's previously solicited vehicle purchasing contracts for light and medium duty fleet vehicles in an annual amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 through June 30, 2023.**
- 8. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a standby electric service agreement between Nevada Power Company dba NV Energy and the District to provide standby service.**

9. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an Assistance Agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the District for installation of ultraviolet systems in five wells to treat pathogens, accept grant funding in the amount of \$848,372, provide a matching contribution of up to \$999,491, and authorize the General Manager to sign future modifications to the Assistance Agreement that do not fiscally impact the District.**

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

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

10. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an oversized main extension agreement between D.R. Horton, Inc., and the District for pipeline oversizing within the 3090 Pressure Zone for an amount not to exceed \$305,742, approve the form of the oversized main extension agreement to be used for future oversizing, and authorize the General Manager to sign future oversized main extension agreements, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, pertaining to the construction of new water facilities with District reimbursements that do not exceed \$500,000.**

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

11. **Adopt the 2021D Resolution of Intent to issue Bonds (SNWA); proposing the issuance of and authorizing the publication of notices relating to General Obligation (Limited Tax) Water Bonds (additionally secured by Southern Nevada Water Authority revenues) in the principal amount of up to \$350,000,000 for the purpose of financing water projects for the SNWA; providing the manner, form and content of the notices thereof; determining that the SNWA revenues will at least be sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds; and authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to arrange for the sale of such bonds.**

John Entsminger, General Manager, stated that this is in support of the \$3.2 billion dollar capital plan that was adopted by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Authority) Board of Directors. He added that these bond proceeds are strictly limited to funding capital projects. In response to public comment, Vice President Gibson stated that there is no co-mingling of funds. The Authority uses sub-funds as an internal cost control, and every year both the Authority and the District are audited. He added that the Authority has not been issued new bonds since 2016 when it funded the Low Lake Level Pumping Station, and financing transactions since then have been bond refunding to lower interest rates and reduce the cost to the agency. He stated that the budget document in question is intended to show a snapshot of a fiscal year sources and uses of funds. He added that it is not an income statement and does not represent operating losses, and the Authority's reserve levels are projected to remain above targets throughout the long-term forecast. Vice President Gibson also stated that that the assertion that bond money is being spent on operating expenses is untrue, adding that it is illegal to do so.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to adopt the resolution. The motion was approved.

12. **Determine that the proposed changes to the Las Vegas Valley Water District's Service Rules adding charges and fees for water theft are not likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business; consider and approve the attached Business Impact Statement; and direct staff to set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed changes for November 2, 2021.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the Business Impact Statement and set a public hearing for November 2, 2021. The motion was approved.

**13. Receive an update on the federally declared shortage and community response, including water conservation and investments into the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Regional Recycled Water Program.**

Mr. Entsminger gave a presentation, which is attached to these minutes. Director Segerblom asked about the term and length of the agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). Mr. Entsminger stated that discussions to this point have been a 50-year term, but at minimum it would have to be 30 years so the Authority could recover the return on investment. He added that the Secretary of the Interior would be the guarantor of the agreement and the Bureau of Reclamation would oversee the water delivery contract. President Kirkpatrick stated that the Authority is working in cooperation with all seven basin states that receive an allotment of water from the Colorado River. Director Jones asked for an update on the legal settlement between MWD and the Imperial Irrigation District (IID). Mr. Entsminger stated that there was a dispute between the two agencies over the finalization of the Drought Contingency Plan. With the settlement, it is understood that MWD would loan part of their bank space in Lake Mead to IID so they too will have a place to bank water for future use.

Vice President Gibson asked about the Authority's research into new drip irrigation technology. Mr. Entsminger stated that there is emerging technology out of Israel on how agriculture crops can be grown utilizing drip irrigation to replicate the same yields of less efficient irrigation technologies. He added that the Authority, Denver Water, Central Arizona Water, Central Utah Water Conservancy District and MWD are collaborating on a pilot study in Arizona to see if the results that have been seen in Israel can be replicated in the Southwestern United States. With declining water flows in the Colorado River, it is important to see if we can improve water efficiencies within agriculture.

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, continued his earlier comment related to the borrowing of bond funding on item #11, adding that the District is misusing funds. He also commented on the Water Smart Landscape program's effect on the east side of the valley and stated that much of the water savings from that program is going into new residential housing developments on the west side of the valley.

Mindy Robinson, Las Vegas, made comments about a potential conflict of interest with one of the District's financial consultants and her relationship to the Nevada governor.

John Carlo, Las Vegas, commented on Las Vegas' tourism industry and its negative effect on water use.

Margaret Coleman, Las Vegas, acknowledged the District's performance of supplying clean water to its customers.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 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.**