

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2022
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:04 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
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT: John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Doa Ross, Greg Walch, Kevin Bethel

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, asked if there would be an opportunity for public comment on item #10. President Kirkpatrick affirmed that it was a public hearing and comment would be taken.

Walter Seip, Sunrise Manor, provided comment on the tier two shortage declaration and the importance of indoor water conservation. His comments are attached to these minutes.

Robert Winchell, Las Vegas, recently received a much higher-than-normal water bill and asked the board and staff to research technologies that would notify customers of leaks in real-time to help avoid water waste and costly bills.

Lisa Ortega, Las Vegas Democratic Socialists of America, expressed support of a tiered water billing system to help conserve water.

Claudette Wilson, Bonanza Village, promoted water conservation and asked for an increase in water waste investigations primarily at senior facilities and public housing.

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 September 6, 2022. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 6 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 Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Sletten Construction of Nevada, Inc., to construct the 4125 North Zone Reservoir for a Contract time extension of the substantial and final completion dates by 231 calendar days.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Tand, Inc., for the installation of pipelines and appurtenances in Atlantic Street, Bourbon Way, and Torrey Pines Drive in an amount not to exceed \$251,249, and a time extension of the final completion date by 182 calendar days.**
- 4. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between 95 Storage LLC and the District for developer participation in the cost of future infrastructure and authorize the District to receive from 95 Storage LLC an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for future pressure regulating valve construction.**
- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Telstar Instruments dba SAE Systems and the District to provide professional services associated with ongoing control systems projects in an annual amount not to exceed \$750,000, and authorize renewals for up to six additional one-year periods.**

- 6. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Wunderlich-Malec Engineering, Inc., and its Affiliates, and the District to provide professional services associated with ongoing control systems projects in an annual amount not to exceed \$750,000, and authorize renewals for up to six additional one-year periods.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 7. Reject the bid from Builders United LLC and award a contract for construction of a Springs Preserve event site to SHF International LLC in the amount of \$2,107,118, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$210,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.**

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

- 8. Award a contract for pipeline replacements to Wadley Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$4,242,215, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$420,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.**

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

- 9. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Ernst & Young LLP and the District for professional services related to the implementation of conservation initiatives to improve consumption analysis and efficiencies of customer information systems supporting future rate changes and notification processes in an amount not to exceed \$4,425,730 for the period from November 1, 2022, through January 31, 2025.**

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

- 10. Conduct a public hearing to consider and adopt changes to single-family residential water rates and approve other conservation-related and ministerial Service Rule revisions.**

John Entsminger, General Manager, gave a presentation on the proposed excessive use charge and tier equalization. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

He reported on projected Lake Powell and Lake Mead elevations, further future reductions, and Southern Nevada's conservation initiatives. He stated that residential customers consume approximately 60 percent of the community's water resources and that Southern Nevada can no longer afford to lose large amounts of water through consumptive means, adding that equalizing tiered water rates for residential customers despite the meter size will ensure all customers pay an equal rate for the same amount of water. Mr. Entsminger also introduced an excessive use charge which is a surcharge added to every 1,000 gallons of water used beyond an established threshold that changes by watering season. He added that most residential customers will not be impacted by this change, and that the charge is intended to affect around only 10 percent of customers each season. He concluded his presentation by showing the impact to various sample bills and highlighted the District's outreach efforts to customers. If approved, this rate adjustment would go into effect on January 1, 2023.

President Kirkpatrick opened the Public Hearing.

Ed Uehling expressed support of tier equalization stating that he has been advocating for this type of change for years, but feels that the approach can be more aggressive and that even more water can be saved.

Sarah Leavitt, Las Vegas, expressed support of the rate adjustments and stated that Southern Nevada needs to use the community's water collectively.

Anthony Lambert stated that the Las Vegas Democratic Socialists of America submitted a petition of 80 signatures asking the board to adopt the proposals in item #10. He added that the excessive use charge will help change behaviors of exorbitant users and/or will bring in millions of dollars annually that could cover the cost of future infrastructure enhancement and improvements. The signed petition is attached to these minutes.

As there were no additional members from the public wishing to speak, President Kirkpatrick closed the hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to adopt the proposed changes to water rates and the Service Rules. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling asked if multi-family housing is included in the new rate adjustment or if it is limited to single-family residences. Mr. Entsminger stated the new rate adjustments only apply to residences with individual meters.

Soren Sorensen, Laughlin, NV, expressed support of item #10.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 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.