# LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DECEMBER 6, 2022 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 9:01 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

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

# **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

For full public comment, visit www.lvvwd.com/apps/agenda/lvvwd/index.cfml

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, spoke in support of item #2, stating that John Entsminger, District General Manager, is the appropriate individual for the job.

### 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 November 15, 2022. The motion was approved.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

2. Conduct a performance evaluation of the District's General Manager and, if appropriate, make a salary adjustment in accordance with the employment agreement.

As part of his performance evaluation, Mr. Entsminger gave a presentation that highlighted both his and the District's actions, initiatives, and achievements over the past two years. His presentation is attached to these minutes. The Board recognized Mr. Entsminger's leadership during difficult times and supported a salary increase in accordance with his employment agreement.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by President Kirkpatrick to increase Mr. Entsminger's salary by 5 percent

this year and 5 percent next year. The motion was approved.

### COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Lindsay Denton asked the board to consider equalizing fixed water meter fees much like the water tiers were equalized. She expressed concern that the recently approved rate increase does not account for the different size water meters and that the current system does not acknowledge that what is excessive water use on an average-sized lot, is not the same, nor excessive for a much larger lot. She stated that larger lots in RE zoning are being penalized for norms based on much smaller lots.

Margaret Ann Coleman expressed a local water quality concern.

# Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 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.



### COLORADO RIVER LEADERSHIP

- Participated in Basin-wide actions/agreements to protect Lake Powell and Lake Mead elevations
- Sent a letter to the Department of the Interior, urging action by Federal leaders and outlining workable actions to prevent further declines to Lake Mead
- Nevada conservation measures and legislative actions being emulated throughout the Colorado River Basin



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#### **CONSERVATION MOU**

- In August 2022, the SNWA joined four other Colorado River water users in signing an MOU that commits the parties to actions to reduce water use in their respective areas
- The MOU was updated in November 2022 to include 25 additional municipal and public water providers, significantly expanding the reach and impact of this effort

ASSEMBLE

- Southern Neerdad Water Authority\*

- Control Arizono Project

- City of Chandler

- City of Bushank Water and Power

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- City of Sands Monica

- Conchella Valley Water District

- Conchella Valley Water District

- Cong Sands Water

- Long Bands Water

- Metropolism Water District

- Banche Callennia Water District

- Southern Water District

- Southern Water District

- Water Unlike Valley Water District

- Water Unlike Valley

- Water Unlike Valley

- Water Unlike Valley

- Water Unlike Valley

- City of Sands Fe

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Maintained excellent credit ratings for both agencies:

• SNWA: AA with stable outlook

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• LVVWD: AA with stable outlook

From S&P Global Ratings Credit Ratings Overview dated May 25, 2022:

- "The strength of the credit stems from the extremely strong management team, the large customer base, and the robust liquidity position of both the District and the Authority."
- "During the past two years, management has demonstrated the ability to navigate a severe stress scenario: Pandemic recovery in an exposed economy while its water supply is simultaneously constrained by an unprecedent drought."

# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Awarded \$37.6 million in grants in fiscal year 2021-22 for LVVWD, SNWA and BBWD
- The net present value savings from bond refundings across fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22 were \$16.5 million for LVVWD and \$136.9 million for SNWA
- Both SNWA and LVVWD maintain healthy reserves: The actual end of fiscal year 2021-22 unrestricted reserves balance was \$547.6 million (143% of target) for LVVWD and \$936.6 million (122% of target) for SNWA

# **CONSERVATION INITIATIVES**

- New 86 GPCD conservation goal approved
- New and amended water conservation efforts to make more efficient uses of water
  - Seeking full compliance with AB 356
     Cool season to warm season turf retrofits
- Evaporative coolingNo new turf
- Converting septic systems to sewer
- Limit pool sizes
- Reducing golf course water budgets
- Large water users policy
- Updated LVVWD Service Rules to reflect conservation-related initiatives including restrictions on new golf courses, septic systems and water theft

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#### INNOVATION

- Recognized as a global leader in innovation: Leading Utilities of the World and the L3PS project was awarded the Engineering News-Record (ENR) Southwest Best Project Award in the Water/Environment
- Continued conversion to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) software and Customer to Meter (C2M) Application that will allow for quicker leak detection and customer notification
- Collaborated on various Water Efficient Technologies projects, including high school football field turf replacement and cooling tower upgrades
- SNWA's research laboratory continued conducting groundbreaking research on genetic markers of COVID-19 in wastewater

#### **ACCOLADES**



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- Forbes Magazine recognized LVVWD as one of America's best midsize employers in 2022
- Frost & Sullivan awarded LVVWD its annual Excellence in Resourcefulness Award for its efforts to minimize the impact of climate change by improving its overall water management operations, proactively identifying leaks through new technologies and expanding its service capabilities to its customers
- LVVWD received the American Water Works Association's National Safety Award for displaying a strong five-year safety record, as well as health, safety and training programs that show a commitment to best practices

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## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Water Research Foundation, Vice Chair
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, President
- Desert Research Institute Foundation, Board Member
- $\bullet$  Colorado River Water Users Association, Immediate Past President



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