

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023
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
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT: John Entsminger, Colby Pellegrino, Doa Ross, Greg Walch, Kevin Bethel,
Andy Belanger

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, acknowledged John Entsminger's leadership at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference amid drought issues.

Bob Gronauer, 1980 Festival Plaza Drive, representing the Southern Highlands Golf Course, requested that the proposed 4.0 acre-feet per irrigated acre policy be extended from January 2024 to January 2025. He stated that this extension will allow golf courses more time to analyze their course of action and hire staff to help balance the integrity of the course while using less water. He also stated that the golf course industry has always been willing to participate in water conservation in the past, but that all commercial industries should be treated equally regarding water conservation, noting the timeline given to the recently instated evaporative cooling policy of 2026 for implementation.

ITEM NO.

Agenda item no. 2 was considered out of order, after agenda item 8.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

John Entsminger, General Manager, requested that item #4 be removed from the agenda. President Kirkpatrick asked that item #5 be heard separately from the consent agenda.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve the agenda with the removal of item #4, and item #5 being heard separately from the consent agenda, as well as approving the minutes from the regular meeting of December 6, 2022. The motion was approved.

2. Select a President and Vice President for calendar year 2023.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to retain Marilyn Kirkpatrick as President and Jim Gibson as Vice President. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 3 and 6 – 7 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

3. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment No. 1 to the First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the District to increase the price of all delivered renewable energy sold to the District from the Boulder Flats Solar photovoltaic facility in an increased annual amount of approximately \$129,000.

6. Award a contract to Mountain Vista Development, Inc., for improvements to the third floor of the West Administration building at the District's Valley View Boulevard campus in the amount of \$2,798,300, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$270,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the construction agreement.

- 7. Adopt a resolution declaring certain real property as surplus, approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions, and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to sign any ministerial documents necessary to effectuate the sale of the surplus property for the fair market value of \$174,000.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Salvador Alvarez and the District that provides for the District to pay a portion of sewer lateral extension costs along Rosada Way between Conough Lane and Valdez Street for an amount not to exceed \$303,900.**

Doa Ross, Deputy General Manager of Engineering, stated that this item aligns with the development of a single-family home on a vacant lot with no water service and, per the District's Service Rules, needs to connect to the sewer system. This connection will allow for multiple parcels, currently using a septic system, to connect to the sewer system. The District will reach out to the owners of these parcels to see if they would like to participate in a septic conversion. Colby Pellegrino, Deputy General Manager of Resources, added that the District recently received a \$1.7 million grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for funding the septic conversion program and the delegation included \$3 million in the omnibus for the program that only has a 20 percent match.

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

- 8. Select three directors to serve on the District's Retirement Plan Subcommittee.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to retain Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Jim Gibson and Justin Jones as members serving on the District's Retirement Plan Subcommittee. The motion was approved.

- 9. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, a professional services agreement between Aldrich Pears Associates Limited and the District for the design and development of the interpretive experience at the ethnobotanical garden at the Springs Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$150,700.**

President Kirkpatrick asked when the interpretive experience would be completed and open to the public. Andy Belanger, Director of Public Services, stated that the garden is expected to be completed in September 2023 and will be open to the public in the fall.

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

- 10. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, a professional services agreement between Ralph Applebaum Associates and the District for the design of two galleries within Springs Preserve's OriGen Museum in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.**

Mr. Entsminger stated that this item and the previous item include funding from the State of Nevada as part of Assembly Bill 84 from the 2019 legislative session which includes a statewide bond for cultural and environmental assets.

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

- 11. Conduct a public hearing to consider and adopt changes to the District's Service Rules, including a golf course water budget reduction in 2024 and other ministerial and clarifying revisions.**

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President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing and asked that Mr. Gronauer's comments from the first public comment period be included in this item. She gave a brief overview of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) goal of 86 gallons per capita per day, and the actions needed to meet that goal. She explained that one of those actions is to reduce the valley's golf course water budgets from 6.3 acre-feet per irrigated acre to 4.0 acre-feet per irrigated acre and that this item is to adopt the changes to the District's Service Rules. Mr. Entsminger added that 4.0 acre-feet per irrigated acre is the average for golf courses in the southwestern United States and most golf courses in Southern Nevada are already at or below 4.0 acre-feet per irrigated acre.

Ed Uehling stated that while water conservation has been helpful, at some point more water will need to be brought into the valley.

Director Jones asked what options golf courses have if they are unable to meet the timeline for the new water budget. Mr. Entsminger stated that the proposed change went before the SNWA Board of Directors in May 2022, and that many golf courses have already begun making necessary adjustments. He stated that Southern Highlands, which expressed concerns about the timeline, should be able to adjust and be fully compliant with the new budget. He added that uniformity across jurisdictions is important, and that Henderson and North Las Vegas are on track to have this become effective January 2024, so it is imperative that the District stays within the timeline. He also stated if a course is not fully compliant by 2024, its water is not cutoff, but a surcharge for any water used beyond the new budget will be applied. Lastly, he stated that the water budget is an annual budget, which actually gives courses more time to comply.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by President Kirkpatrick to adopt changes to the District's Service Rules as written. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling expressed frustration because while the board is approving these new water policies, it also approves in its planning and zoning meetings new single-family residential housing developments. He stated that the valley needs to plan its growth to better align with the current water situation.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 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.