

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 6, 2024
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, 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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Laura McSwain, 2727 Ashby Ave., representing the Water Fairness Coalition, commented on item #7 and expressed concern stating that the board is overlaying false pretense on the overreach of the District. She expressed concern that United Labor Agency of Nevada (ULAN) may not have the expertise to manage the Leak Repair Program.

Shawn Klimek, Las Vegas, commented on item #8 and questioned why there is a discrepancy between action agenda items and the policy stated with the District's Operating and Capital Budget.

Robert Casper, Las Vegas, commented on item #7 and stated that the community is frustrated with the Excessive Use Charge and the District's marketing and messaging. He asked why construction and development are being approved if there is a water shortage. He expressed concern about artificial turf and the potential hazards associated with it.

Pete Foley, 4512 Fernbrook Rd., commented on items #2 and #7 and stated that the District's marketing about water recycling and reuse is misleading and inaccurate, adding that the growth of the community is the burden on water. He stated that the board not only needs to look at financial impacts with development, but water impacts as well. He stated that the leak repair program on item #7 does not indicate how this program is going to be managed.

Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave., commented on item #7 and expressed concern about the oversight and management of the proposed leak repair program and questioned if ULAN has expertise in running the program.

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, commented on item #7 and stated that the selection of the ULAN to oversee the leak repair program is a political move. He also commented on items #8 and #9 and expressed his displeasure with the District borrowing money and not focusing on increasing revenue through the sale of water.

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 June 18, 2024. The motion was approved.

Las Vegas Valley Water District

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 4 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, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an interlocal agreement between Clark County and the District for the installation of water facilities for the Southwest Ridge Bicycle Skills Park Project.

3. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amended and restated agreement between AtkinsRealis USA Inc., and the District to provide professional design engineering and construction support services for the Cougar 3090 Zone Reservoir, increasing the existing agreement by \$55,340, resulting in a total amount not-to-exceed \$2,304,328.**
4. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Canyon Walk, L.L.C., and the District for design of the 3355 Zone North Facilities, which includes the Washburn 3355 Zone Reservoir and Inlet/Outlet Pipeline, and Cliffs Edge 3355 Zone Pumping Station and Discharge Pipeline, and pressure regulating valve facilities.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. **Award a contract for the construction of ten backflow prevention assemblies to Menichino Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,644,286, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$160,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.**

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

6. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with AtkinsRealis USA Inc., to provide design engineering and construction support services for Blue Diamond Program projects in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.**

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

7. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a Leak Repair Program Funding Agreement and authorize payment of up to \$500,000 per year to United Labor Agency of Nevada to provide financial assistance to eligible homeowner customers of the District for the detection and repair of District identified excessive and/or ongoing leaks.**

John Entsminger, General Manager, gave background on the ULAN and stated that the District interviewed several organizations before selecting ULAN as a qualified entity. All the ULAN's financial information is available to the public on Nevada's business portal. He added that all qualifications for homeowners receiving assistance comes from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

8. **Adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds, additionally secured by Southern Nevada Water Authority pledged revenues, in the maximum principal amount of \$335,630,000, and providing certain details in connection therewith.**

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

9. **Adopt a resolution authorizing the publication of notices relating to general obligation bonds, additionally secured by Southern Nevada Water Authority pledged revenues in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$472,100,000 and providing certain details in connection therewith.**

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

Big Bend Water District (Las Vegas Valley Water District Board of Directors sitting as the Big Bend Water District Board of Trustees)

- 10. Ratify the execution of an amendment to the existing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection and the Las Vegas Valley Water District, on behalf of the Big Bend Water District, increasing the grant funding to an amount not to exceed \$1,829,378, and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to sign future modifications that do not fiscally impact the District.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Chair Naft to ratify the execution of the amendment. The motion was approved.

- 11. Ratify the execution of an amendment to the existing Grants for Water Conservation and Capital Improvements Agreement between the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection and the Las Vegas Valley Water District, on behalf of the Big Bend Water District, increasing the grant funding to an amount not to exceed \$1,908,622, and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to sign future modifications that do not fiscally impact the District.**

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Chair Naft to ratify the execution of the amendment. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling expressed displeasure with utilizing ULAN for the leak repair program and stated that the District is not managing its water resources or finances well.

Louis Grandieri, 279 Broadcast Ave., commented on higher temperatures across Southern Nevada causing impacts to resident's health, adding that Las Vegas is the fastest warming city in the U.S. He stated that the mandatory removal of non-functional grass is negatively impacting health and safety.

Carol Reynolds, 2740 Mann St., stated that the high temperatures in the Las Vegas valley is cause for concern. She asked the board to evaluate the impacts of their water-related decisions.

Pete Foley stated that the District committed to report how the revenue earned from the Excessive Use Charge is being spent, but have not been diligent and detailed in its reporting. He expressed concern about Assembly Bill 220 and the unprecedented power that it gives to the Southern Nevada Water Authority and its Board of Directors.

Laura McSwain asked if there will be a bid process for contractors working on the leak repair program, and asked if the repairs will be union labor. She wanted to confirm that there was no conflict of interest with the District in forming agreements with ULAN. She spoke to the harmful effects of artificial turf, especially for the youth, and referenced an article in the *Los Angeles Times* about the dangers of it.

Diane Henry stated that she does not think that water efficient growth and development across the valley will have a negligible impact on water use, as stated by the District. She is concerned about the future of Southern Nevada and its resident's quality of life.

Daniel Braisted, Las Vegas, commented that he has not received an answer to his questions about the amount of plastics in the water in Southern Nevada.

Tom Dudas, 1917 Verdinal, stated that he is concerned about the increasing temperatures in the valley. He recommended requiring white roofs and white roads to help reduce temperatures.

Anne Caddick and Vic Taucer submitted public comment in advance of the meeting. Their comments are attached to these minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Public Comment received for the 8/6/24 LVVWD Board of Directors Meeting

From: [A Caddick](#)
To: [&PublicComment](#)
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Dear Sirs/Madames,

In the interest of transparency on Item 7 of the Meeting Agenda, I would like to ask these questions to be addressed before committing to a binding contract with any agency.

What specific experience does United Labor Agency of Nevada (ULAN) a Union charity, have in navigating and overseeing plumbing contractors?

What were the qualifications required to be considered and how many entities were considered for this opportunity?

What visibility do rate payers have to ULAN's financial condition? Where are the funds coming from to fund this contract?

What standard is used to determine median household income?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Anne Caddick
2271 S Pioneer Way
Las Vegas, NV 89117

Public Comment received for the 8/6/24 LVVWD Board of Directors Meeting

From: [vic taucer](#)
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I am tired of excessive water bills, fines and restrictions by LVVWD. I have a large lot with a big pool and some lawn, being constantly hammered by lvvwd. Tired of it, have no recourse as it's like dealing with gestapo! I've been a resident here for 40 years! Where are my rights! Slow growth is the answer not harassment

Vic Taucer
3095 Montessori street
Sent from my iPhone