

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025
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
April Becker
Justin Jones
William McCurdy II
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT: John Entsminger, Dave Johnson, Doa Ross, Colby Pellegrino, Greg Walch

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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Laura McSwain, representing the Water Fairness Coalition, commented on item #1 and stated that the coalition would like to have a discussion with the District and the board. She stated that residents have been left out of too many of the conversations related to water conservation and policy decisions. She stated that the coalition welcomes the opportunity to be able to challenge the decisions that have been made by the board and requested a meeting with the District's executives and the public, where additional perspectives can be provided. Ms. McSwain also submitted written comments, which are included in these minutes.

Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave., spoke on item #13 and echoed previous requests from other members of the Water Fairness Coalition regarding how the Excessive Use Charge (EUC) revenue is being spent. She commented that millions of dollars are being approved on the District's consent agendas without discussion or an accounting of details. She expressed frustration about the District's EUC and other conservation measures. She questioned the Springs Preserve's fiscal accountability and information. Ms. Henry also stated that many property owners were dismayed and frustrated at last week's meeting of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Authority) Board of Directors where a septic waiver update was not provided.

Nick Schnieder, Vegas Chamber, spoke on item #13 and praised the board for its fiscal responsibility and commitment to the long-term sustainability of the valley's water resources. He stated that a secure water supply is essential to the chamber's mission and that the chamber has been involved in the Integrated Resource Planning and Advisory Committee (IRPAC) process and has worked closely with District staff. He stated that it is essential that both business and residential customers participate in water conservation efforts for the valley's future. He stated that the chamber will continue to do its part to help conserve water in Southern Nevada.

Virginia Valentine, Nevada Resort Association, spoke on item #13 and praised the District for helping achieve historic water conservation in the valley. She stated that the resort industry is and will continue to do its part to support responsible water conservation initiatives. She also mentioned that many resorts use their own groundwater wells, and acknowledged the many water conservation initiatives that the resort community supports and implements.

Peter Guzman, Latin Chamber of Commerce, spoke on item #13 and praised the District and the board for the responsible way that drought issues have been managed. He stated that without water management, there is no economic development, and that the business community has done its part in helping conserve water and that all Southern Nevada needs to work together.

Kristee Watson, Nevada Conservation League, spoke on item #13 and stated that it is because of data-driven plans by the District and Authority that Clark County residents continue to maintain homes and businesses and a typical way of life in a drought-ridden state.

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Nadisa Martinez-Johnson, restaurant owner, spoke on item #13 and commented on how precious water conservation is for the community and she recounted the experience that she had with the Authority's water conservation rebate program for businesses. She said that the restaurants that she owns have saved thousands of gallons of water over the years due to their business upgrades which were incentivized by the Authority.

Greg Esposito, representing Plumbers and Pipefitters, spoke on item #13, recognized the dozens of other Plumbers and Pipefitters members in the audience, and recounted his experience and involvement with the District's leak repair assistance program and the dozens of homeowners that they have worked for in repairing underground leaks. He stated that the organization is proud to take part in the District's conservation programs.

Johnny Dominguez, Las Vegas resident, spoke on item #13 and about his family's experience with participating in the Water Smart Landscape rebate program which helped reduce his water bill and save water. He stated that he participated in the program for his previous home and is in the process of doing the same in his new home.

Brian Walsh, Howard Hughes Holdings, spoke on item #13 and stated that Howard Hughes Corp. has spent the past five years going through a LEED certification process at its Summerlin Master Plan community and that much of it has to do with its participation in water conservation programs and initiatives. He added that the Summerlin community uses less water today than it did five years ago and acknowledged what it has done to reduce its water use.

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 joint meeting of December 3, 2024. The motion was approved.

2. Select a President and Vice President for calendar year 2025.

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

CONSENT AGENDA Items 3 – 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 President to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, Amendment No. 2 to the existing interlocal agreement between Clark County and the District for construction of water facilities as part of Las Vegas Boulevard Improvements Project, Phases E and F, for an increase of \$220,000, resulting in a total amount not to exceed \$16,478,574.**
- 4. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amendment to the existing agreement between AtkinsRealis USA Inc., and the District to provide professional design engineering and construction support services for the South Boulevard 2745 Zone Reservoir, increasing the existing agreement by \$330,782, resulting in a total amount not to exceed \$3,919,314.**
- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Richmond American Homes Nevada, Inc., and the District for pipeline oversizing within the 3205 Pressure Zone along Iron Mountain Road in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.**
- 6. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an agreement between the Nevada Department of Transportation and the District for the modification of water facilities as part of the NDOT I-15 Tropicana Design-Build Project and authorize the General Manager to sign any ministerial documents necessary to effectuate the transaction.**
- 7. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a bolstering main agreement between the Sanchez Family Trust and the District for installation of water facilities as part of the 4330 Cameron Street Project, in an amount not to exceed \$479,943; and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to sign future bolstering main agreements, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, pertaining to the construction of new water facilities for District paid 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.

BUSINESS AGENDA

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. Award a contract for the replacement of permanent pavement and concrete appurtenances at locations within easements or rights-of-way defined by individual District work orders to Sunrise Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$4,999,750, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$490,000, authorize up to two additional renewal terms, 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.

10. Award a contract for the replacement of permanent pavement and concrete appurtenances at locations within easements or rights-of-way defined by individual District work orders to J & J Enterprises Services, Inc., for the amount of \$3,473,842, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$340,000, authorize up to two additional renewal terms, 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.

11. Award a contract to install an emergency pipeline and pressure reducing valves connecting two service zones to Menichino Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,795,325, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$170,000, 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.

12. Award a bid for the purchase of meter boxes and lids to Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, authorize an initial annual amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, authorize line item price increases of up to 3 percent per year, authorize a 5 percent contingency year over year for product volume increases, and authorize the General Manager to sign the purchase agreement.

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

13. Receive a presentation on Colorado River hydrology, regional conservation initiatives and water management strategies.

John Entsminger, General Manager, gave a presentation on Colorado River hydrology, regional conservation initiatives and water management strategies. He started by stating that more than 25 years ago, Southern Nevada was using more than its water allocation from the Colorado River and that the community recognized the drought was upon us and that complex and difficult decisions needed to be made. He stated that Southern Nevada explored every option to minimize supply interruptions and increase adaptability and spoke about renegotiation, water importation and desalination. He stated that water conservation has proven to be the most effective and available means to adapt. He stated that the District and the Authority have relied on community input to inform major decisions. He spoke about the community’s adaptation strategies to maintain reliability, and that in 2021, a new conservation goal was adopted as conservation levels became stagnant. Mr. Entsminger mentioned the Bureau of Reclamation’s demand for river use be reduced by 2 to 4 million acre-feet and the Department of Interior’s draft Environmental Impact Statement that shows some planning scenarios where Nevada’s river allocation could be reduced by more than half. He spoke about the Authority’s new conservation goal of 86 gallons per capital per day by 2035. Mr. Entsminger stated that looking ahead, staff will continue to negotiate with the other six states that share the river, maintain progress toward the conservation goal, seek additional permanent water supplies and continue to engage the community on conservation education.

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Director McCurdy asked if Mr. Entsminger would help educate the audience on Southern Nevada's two percent allocation, how we got there, and what the population of Southern Nevada was when the compact was negotiated. Mr. Entsminger stated that the compact was signed in 1922 and Southern Nevada's population at that time was less than 50,000 people and added that there was already substantial agricultural interest in California and Arizona. He concluded that if you total all the allocations across the seven Basin States and include the 1944 treaty that the U.S. has with the country of Mexico, Nevada has a total of 1.8 percent of the legal entitlement to the Colorado River.

No action was taken as this item was for information only. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Brian Scroggins, Las Vegas, talked about the septic to sewer conversion and stated that he owns two properties, but is unable to build on them. He believes that one of the lots he owns should be grandfathered into the program. He stated that he has received a few bids to connect to the sewer main, but that it is expensive and added that he and many other neighbors are ready to build. He mentioned the fully funded septic conversion program that he found on lvvwd.com. He requested that someone reach out to him to help him begin participation in the program.

Diane Henry asked that Nevada Open Meeting Law rules related to public comment be equitably applied to all speakers. She noted appreciation for the District's new American Water Resource Water Line Protection Plan. However, she added that she is hesitant to be at the mercy of whatever plumber this company would choose if a repair were necessary. She added that she had difficulty reaching a person using the website's provided phone number, and requested the website be updated with corrected contact information.

Carol Reynolds, 2740 Mann St., requests accountability and is waiting for answers to questions about EUC funding. She mentioned a recent Authority promotional video for a Water Smart conversion that took place in the community but said that it never mentioned the high cost to convert the landscape. She spoke about the impact that EUC has had on properties and landscaping. She also asked the Board to revisit septic waivers to allow property owners to complete their home construction.

Debbie Ackerman, Clark County, lives in a common interest community, Braewood Heritage, that is more than 50 years old. She stated that her community has removed more than 29,000 square feet of grass and even though they are using less water, they are paying more for it. She lives on the east side of town and is concerned about the rising temperatures and the impact these turf conversions may have on mature trees and the landscape.

Laura Bautista, Clark County, spoke about her husband's termination from the District and stated that the organization needs to be held accountable for its potential ethics violations and misconduct.

Laura McSwain stated that the Water Fairness Coalition recognizes that much of what the Authority has accomplished is applaudable. However, she stated that the issue is about balance and that the one-size-fits-all water policy is not healthy for our community. She reiterated her request to have a separate meeting for the public. She stated that these water conservation measures are leading to rising temperatures in the valley, tree decline, and pollution.

Laura Weber, Las Vegas, stated that as a long-time resident of the community and as a conservation-minded individual, she thanked the board for their efforts and the progress that has been made to manage the community's water resources. She stated that she understands the necessity to remove turf but says that there are some unintended consequences that have resulted and requested that a new citizens committee be established to look at those unattended consequences, any waiver programs, and the impact these measures are having on the residents of Southern Nevada.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 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.



January 21, 2025 LVVWD Meeting – Public Comment

Agenda Item #1-

The minutes as presented included comments made by President Kirkpatrick regarding a first quarter 2025 meeting to discuss “what a growth moratorium would look like”. I believe a more accurate account included that it is time for a “real hard conversation on what a moratorium looks like,” and further shared that “ I sat in a room where hard choices had to be made.” It was also stated that “it is time to have ONE agenda where we only have hard discussions.”

We welcome that discussion, a real discussion. Not a one-sided lecture. We welcome the discussion that we should have had prior to this board’s decision to make mature landscaping unaffordable to middle class residents. Despite your having the names and addresses of every customer, you chose instead to utilize a Business Impact Study and leave residents out of the “hard conversation” that you had in a “room” and made them quietly behind closed doors.


We welcome the opportunity to be able to challenge the decisions that have been made, how they were made, and the blurring of the lines between commercial and residential turf grass removal, as well as the NTRAC committee that was hardly filled with professionals in horticulture or people intimately involved with how inappropriate it is to take a legally defined SFD and change it into something commercial for the purposes of taking out more mature landscaping. We welcome a discussion about the realities of the levels of Lake Mead, the protections afforded Nevada in the Compact, and our true

water resilience. We also welcome the opportunity to discuss the fact that growth must pay for growth and not be placed on the backs of existing residents.

It is hoped that this meeting will be scheduled during evening hours and that well in advance of this specific meeting that information will be provided for public scrutiny so that the “hard conversation” you asked for will be an opportunity for additional perspectives to be brought to the table in a spirit of cooperation and public service.

The best results come from outside the silo, where the light shines and all the consequences of decisions being made are well considered.

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

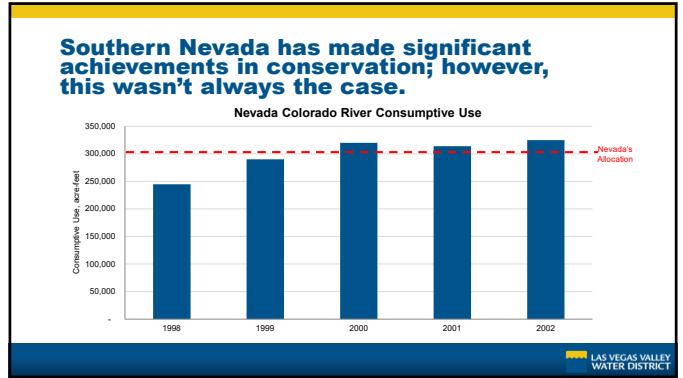


Laura McSwain, President

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BOARD PRESENTATION

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Early conservation initiatives were difficult.

LAS VEGAS SUN

Dry times: Water limits loom as drought worsens

Complex reluctantly turns off fountains

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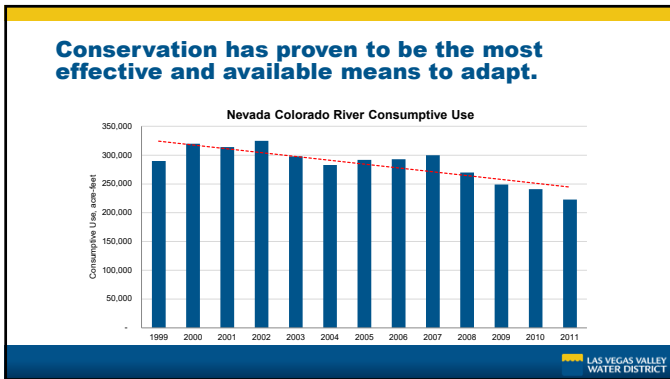
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Southern Nevada explored every option to minimize supply interruptions and increase adaptability.

- Renegotiation
- Water Importation
- Desalination

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Southern Nevada emerged as a national leader in water conservation.

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The Southern Nevada Water Authority has relied on community input inform major decisions.

1994-1996 SNWA Integrated Resource Planning Advisory Committee

- **FACILITIES:** New facilities are needed to reliably meet demands
- **WATER RESOURCES:** Place top priority on Colorado River water resources
- **FUNDING:** Diversify funding sources (sales tax) for funding reliability and establish a formula to fund new facilities

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Thanks to proactive management and community input, Southern Nevada has deployed other adaptation strategies to maintain reliability.

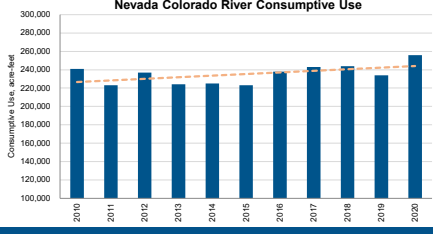


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While the community had recovered from a recession, little progress had been made toward the SNWA conservation goal.

Nevada Colorado River Consumptive Use




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In 2021, a new conservation goal was adopted.

The two years that followed were the worst two years of hydrology on the Colorado River in recorded history.



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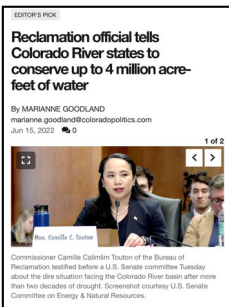
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In 2022, the Bureau of Reclamation told the Colorado River states to work together to reduce between 2 million to 4 million acre-feet or Reclamation would make the cuts.

EDITOR'S PICK

Reclamation official tells Colorado River states to conserve up to 4 million acre-feet of water

By MARIANNE GOODLAND
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Jun 16, 2022



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In 2023, the U.S. Department of the Interior published a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that, if implemented, would restrict Nevada to less than one-half its existing Colorado River allocation.

Table 3-1
Lower Division States' Shortages and Contributions by State, Action Alternative 1 (2025-2036)
(All volumes in 1,000 af)

Lake Mead Elevation (feet)	2025-2026 Total Shortages and Contributions			
	AZ	NV	CA	Total
1,090 - >1,075	384	16	0	400
1,075 - 1,050	1,023	43	0	1,066
<1,050 - >1,045	1,185	49	0	1,234
1,045 - >1,040	1,665	69	200	1,734***
1,040 - >1,035	1,738	83	262	2,083
1,035 - >1,030	1,771	90	389	2,250
1,030 - 1,025	1,820	100	580	2,500
<1,025 - 1,000	1,918	120	962	3,000
<1,000 - 975	1,983	133	1,217	3,333
<975 - 950	2,049	147	1,472	3,667
<950	2,114	160	1,726	4,000

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More than ever, progress toward the conservation goal is necessary. New conservation initiatives are keeping Southern Nevada on track.

GRASS	EFFICIENCY	NEW DEVELOPMENT	ADAPTATION
 Golf course limitations Non-functional grass Park improvements	 Water pricing Leak resolution Asset Management Septic conversion	 Cooling standards Pool size limits New grass limits	 Cooling rebates Grass rebates Tree incentives Tree canopy investments



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Thanks to conservation, Southern Nevada's water resources can support a vibrant economy.



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This community's stability hinges on a reliable water supply.

“... the risk of Lake Mead's elevation falling below 1,000 feet is not acceptable to our community due to the potential impacts on water delivery and resource availability.”

– IRPAC Committee Finding, 2014

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National markets recognize Southern Nevada's leadership in water conservation.

“The prudent management of growth has resulted in financial benefit from development without stressing the water supply.”
– S&P Global Ratings

“Robust operational management that includes modernized asset management, sophisticated organizational effectiveness and comprehensive water resource planning under varied conditions, which we view favorably.”
– S&P Global Ratings

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City	Rate
Albuquerque, NM	\$1.10
Boise, ID	\$1.10
Butte, MT	\$1.10
Colorado Springs, CO	\$1.10
Denver, CO	\$1.10
Fort Collins, CO	\$1.10
Grand Junction, CO	\$1.10
Las Vegas, NV	\$1.10
Littleton, CO	\$1.10
Phoenix, AZ	\$1.10
Portland, OR	\$1.10
San Diego, CA	\$1.10
Seattle, WA	\$1.10
Spokane, WA	\$1.10
Stockton, CA	\$1.10
Yuma, AZ	\$1.10

LVVWD water rates remain competitive with other western U.S. cities.

Water Rate Comparison among average single-family consumption of 8,600 gallons

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Work continues to maintain a reliable water supply and engage with the community.

- Continue negotiations with Colorado River Basin States.
- Maintain progress toward water conservation goal.
- Seek additional permanent water supplies.
- Save temporary resources until they're absolutely necessary.
- Continue engaging with the community on conservation education and outreach.
- Promote programs that help customers conserve and save.

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