

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2025  
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:02 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, Doa Ross, Ken Albright, Greg Walch and Kevin Bethel

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

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

*For full public comment, visit [www.lvwwd.com/apps/agenda/lvwwd/index.cfm](http://www.lvwwd.com/apps/agenda/lvwwd/index.cfm)*

Laura McSwain, representing the Water Fairness Coalition, asked about the minutes from the May 19th LVVWD Budget Hearing as she was not able to find them on the website.

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, began to speak about items not listed on the agenda. President Kirkpatrick asked Mr. Uehling to either speak about a specific item on the agenda or to return during the second public comment period.

Mr. Entsminger clarified that the minutes referenced in public comment were posted on the website as part of the meeting materials.

**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 May 19, 2025. 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 President to sign an interlocal agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the District for installation of water facilities for the Arts District Garage Project.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the President to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an interlocal agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the District for installation of water facilities for the Recuperative Care Center Project.**
- 4. Approve and authorize the President to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an interlocal agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the District for installation of water facilities for the Angel Park Renovation Project.**
- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between the United States Army 63rd Readiness Division and the District to provide professional engineering services, supplies, and resources for maintenance, repair, and upgrades of water facilities at the Sloan Army Reserve Center.**
- 6. Authorize an increase in expenditures for the existing joinder agreement between Pioneer Americas LLC dba Olin Finance Company LLC and the District for sodium hypochlorite to a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 annually.**

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

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 7. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Ernst & Young LLP and the District for professional services related to the upgrade of Oracle Customer to Meter software in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.**

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

- 8. Award a bid for the purchase of large ultrasonic potable water meters to Core & Main LP, authorize an initial annual amount not to exceed \$845,000, which includes a contingency of approximately 5 percent; authorize line item price increases of up to 3 percent per year and 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.

- 9. Reject the bid from M Con, Inc., and award a contract to Acme Underground, Inc., for the installation of a new pipeline and partial replacement of an existing pipeline, including appurtenances for future connections, in the amount of \$1,481,289, authorize a change order contingency not to exceed \$148,000, 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.

- 10. Award a contract for infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of Rancho Drive and Shadow Lane, south of Charleston Boulevard to Byrd Underground, LLC, in the amount of \$5,346,385, authorize a change order contingency not to exceed \$530,000, 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.

**COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Ed Uehling stated that the purpose of a water utility is to provide water for the population it serves. He stated that the District is not looking for additional water resources and is not seeking solutions to the drought, adding that farming and agriculture in California are receiving too much of an allocation of the Colorado River.

Laura McSwain commented on the recent news articles that mentioned the high salaries and benefits of District employees. She stated that it is time for a reckoning and an assessment of what ratepayers are paying for. She stated that District employees, on average, earn 19 percent more than other markets nationally, adding that a delicate balance must be achieved. She stated that the Board of Directors must have better oversight and authority as to how these agencies are managed. Her written comments are attached to these minutes.

Pete Foley, 4512 Fernbrook Road, asked why residents still have not received an accounting of the Excessive Use Charge (EUC) revenue. He expressed that with such a determination to not share information, it begins to raise questions as to what is being hidden, requesting more transparency. He also stated that the constant water conservation squeeze on the existing community is having negative effects on the quality of life, pointing towards the removal of grass and trees.

Chris Halpin, 1287 Ice Park St., is currently an energy and water conservation consultant. He stated that government agencies need to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. He spoke about development and stated that the planned development over the next 10 to 15 years will draw on water that the community doesn't have, adding that long-term planning needs to be more carefully assessed.

Stephanie Steffen, 2021 Grouse St., shared several photos of dead or dying trees in the Summerlin area, adding that these trees are dead or dying because of the removal of turf surrounding them. She said that the timeframe of AB356 is putting too much stress on the landscape.

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Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave., stated that 60,000 families have paid fees as part of the EUC penalties. She stated that those fees are unfairly and selectively applied to only some areas of the valley and are in no way related to the cost of the water itself. She also talked about the news article that was an investigation into the overcompensation of District employees, adding that it is far higher than similar jobs in other parts of the country or in the private sector.

Laura Weber, Las Vegas, spoke about turf removal in her neighborhood and a harmful chemical that was applied to the grass, in the extreme heat of the summer, to kill it prior to removal. She expressed concern about the safety of the community. She spoke about the trees in Las Vegas that have died, reducing the shade throughout the community. She also stated that water is being taken from the backs of long-time residents and given to developers.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 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.**

# Public comment received for the 8/5/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting



August 5, 2025 – Public Comment

To the LVVWD Board of Directors:

Both the Review Journal and NEWS 3 recently reported on the salaries and wages of employees that operate as part of the LVVWD and SNWA. Our water delivery when compared nationally is a relatively small operation. At \$662,600 including "Sold-Back Vacation", starting at the top, Mr. Entsminger is not only the highest paid employee among water officials in the state, but his compensation is also at the top among traditional government and bureaucratic managerial roles throughout Nevada and beyond. It is time for a reckoning and an assessment of what the residents of Southern Nevada are getting for the money THEY have spent developing the community's water resources. It was reported that the average wage, counting every single individual who received a paycheck last year, was \$145,000 - 19% above other markets', nationally. How can this be justified and more importantly what are the downsides?

A delicate balance must be achieved where employee compensation is concerned. Too little pay, and quality may suffer, too much pay and employees are incentivized to act more in their own self-interest to protect their jobs.

We already know that the executive team has been willing to promote and subsidize dangerous materials that increase heat island. We know that the LVVWD has been under investigation for water pressure failures of which residents have still not been notified. We know that they implemented policies designed to destroy landscape investments leaving wildlife destitute without prior environmental study. We know that their advertising has been heavy handed, misleading and an expense far beyond SNWA and LVVWD's charters...some of you have even privately acknowledged as much. And they have been allowed to get away with it by pointing to the levels of Lake Mead and calling their policies conservation.

What has been missing from these news reports is that the ultimate responsibility lies with the Boards of Directors; the elected officials who have oversight and authority over how these agencies are managed. YOU.

While under even the most positive circumstances with residents being charged in a manner that the community's mature tree canopy assets are protected these salaries would still beg scrutiny. However, such exorbitant wages would be easier for the public to swallow if they were not punished and exploited through social engineering schemes.

At these salaries, we deserve heroic actions that demonstrate appreciation for residents and the investments they have made into their homes. Negotiations with others in the basin should come with the attitude that there is nothing for us to give away. To acknowledge our position in the compact and on the Colorado River and be unequivocal about the proven track record we have that others must follow. To demand that conversations with other basin state representatives be open to the public. To show leadership in the lands bill negotiations and assure residents that if accommodation is going to be made to allow another million people that our water resources are increased without stealing it from existing residents and forever damning Southern Nevada's quality of life.

Residents deserve respect, and the Oasis in the desert, the "Meadow" deserves protection.

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura McSwain", is written over the printed name and title.

Laura McSwain, President