

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 2, 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, Greg Walch, Doa Ross, Paul Johnson and Andy Belanger

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.cfm

Laura McSwain, representing the Water Fairness Coalition, commented on items #1 and #6. She stated that during the November 4th, 2025, meeting, LVVWD General Manager John Entsminger, corrected her calculation of the amount of water that would be returned to the District's distribution system as expressed in the backup notes for item #6. She stated that the record does not reflect Mr. Entsminger's comments where he stated that the available water would be only about 170 acre-feet, not the 60,000 acre-feet that she had put on the record, and that it appeared that there was a conflation between acre feet and gallons in the public comment. She asked if the omission was deliberate and formally requested the draft be amended to reflect Mr. Entsminger's statement. She also spoke on item #6 and stated that it would be helpful to have more context as to how this financial investment compares to prior year's purchases, as some within the Coalition suggest that there was a flaw in meter purchases several years ago. A written copy of her comments is attached to these minutes.

Items 11 – 16 were taken in one motion

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 November 4, 2025, with an amended request to the minutes from Laura McSwain. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 8 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

- 2. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Stonehouse Drilling & Construction, LLC, for the drilling, construction, and development of a production well for an increase not to exceed \$5,863.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Menichino Construction LLC for the installation of an emergency pipeline and pressure-reducing valves connecting two service zones for an increase not to exceed \$42,352.**
- 4. 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 South Boulevard 2745 Zone Reservoir, increasing the existing agreement by \$745,866 and resulting in a total amount not to exceed \$4,665,180.**
- 5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and the District to provide professional design engineering and construction support services for the Las Vegas Boulevard Improvements, Phase III, for an amount not to exceed \$1,471,800.**

6. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, a master sales agreement between Itron, Inc., and the District for the purchase, maintenance, and support of advanced metering infrastructure systems for a five-year term and five optional one-year renewal terms, for an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the first year and annual increases of up to 10 percent for each additional year of the agreement.**
7. **Approve and authorize an increase in funding for the existing agreement between Talkdesk, Inc., and the District for the purchase of call center software licensing and services in an amount not to exceed \$1,110,000 in the current contract year, \$1,400,000 in the following contract year, and annual increases thereafter of up to 8 percent per year through December 26, 2030.**
8. **Award a contract for the installation of 8-inch and 10-inch diameter pipelines and 23 residential pressure reducing valves to help mitigate low pressure issues to TAB Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,412,392, authorize a change order contingency not to exceed \$140,000, 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.

BUSINESS AGENDA

9. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an amendment to the existing agreement between The Howard Hughes Company, LLC, and the District for construction of the 4125 Zone South Reservoir.**

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

10. **Award a contract to J. A. Tiberti Construction Company, Inc., for the construction of a buried concrete reservoir consisting of two basins, a disinfection and control building, and the installation of fiber optic cable to the reservoir from the pump station in the amount of \$37,987,300, authorize a change order contingency not to exceed \$1,500,000, 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.

Items 11 – 16 were taken in one motion.

11. **Adopt a resolution authorizing the payment and redemption of up to \$29,105,000 aggregate principal amount of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Water Bonds, Series 2015A.**
12. **Adopt a resolution authorizing the payment and redemption of up to \$35,725,000 aggregate principal amount of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) (Additionally Secured by SNWA Pledged Revenues) Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B.**
13. **Adopt a resolution authorizing the payment and redemption of up to \$9,870,000 aggregate principal amount of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) (Additionally Secured by SNWA Pledged Revenues) Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2015C.**
14. **Adopt a resolution authorizing the payment and redemption of up to \$19,370,000 aggregate principal amount of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Water Bonds, Series 2018A.**
15. **Adopt a resolution making a finding that no increase in an ad valorem tax is anticipated with respect to the issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) (Additionally Secured by SNWA Pledged Revenues) Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$383,410,000, and requesting the Clark County Debt Management Commission approve the finding.**
16. **Adopt a resolution making a finding that no increase in an ad valorem tax is anticipated with respect to the issuance of General Obligation (Limited Tax) (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$68,620,000, and requesting the Clark County Debt Management Commission approve the finding.**

Prior to introducing item #11, Mr. Entsminger stated that items #11-16 are either for bond redemptions or bond refunding. He stated that staff recommend refinancing at a lower rate, and that these transactions are projected to save ratepayers a significant amount of money. He listed the projected net present value savings for each (item #11 projected to be more than \$330,000, item #12 projected to be more than \$711,000, item #13 projected to be more than \$100,000, item #14 projected to be \$257,000, item #15 projected to be more than \$43 million, and item #16 projected to be \$7.5 million), totaling nearly \$52 million in net present value savings by engaging in these financial transactions.

Vice President Gibson asked if these items could be taken in one motion, to which Greg Walch, General Counsel, confirmed that they could.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve items #11 - #16 and adopt their respective resolutions. 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*)

17. Conduct a Public Hearing to adopt increases to the Big Bend Water District’s water rates and its System Development Approval Charge or take other action as appropriate.

Mr. Entsminger mentioned that staff engaged in a very robust public process and ultimately received a unanimous vote from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board (LTAB) in favor of moving forward with a rate increase to help balance the finances of the Big Bend Water District. Chair Naft acknowledged how much work went into this process and thanked staff for their efforts.

Chair Naft opened the public hearing. With no members of the public wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Chair Naft to adopt increases to the Big Bend Water District’s water rates and its System Development Approval Charge. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave., expressed concern about septic-related policies. She also spoke about the excessive use charge (EUC), stating that residents in North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City do not have to adhere to the same thresholds. She said that it is a one-size-fits-all attempt at water conservation and is not equitable. She added that some members of the board are unaffected by the EUC as they live outside the District’s service area.

Laura McSwain stated that the Water Fairness Coalition often hears about challenges that residents face related to water policies. She stated that, historically, modifications to water policy related to development standards were placed upon new developments, thereby respecting those who helped build our community. She added that common concerns amongst residents are the loss of trees, concerns for quality of life, and the unfairness of watching investments erode. Ms. McSwain shared an experience of Cindy Snow and her husband who cannot build their dream home due to new septic system policies. Ms. Snow submitted a public comment in advance of the meeting. A written copy of Ms. McSwain’s comments is attached to these minutes.

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, expressed frustration citing a “lack of vision” from the District’s leadership. He stated that there is plenty of available water, but no strategy to bring it to Las Vegas.

Stephanie Steffen, 2021 Grouse St., stated that another 60 trees within her neighborhood have been tagged for removal, totaling nearly 200 trees removed over the past few years, as they have died due to turf removal. She expressed frustration about some of the water conservation policies that require or incentivize turf removal. She would like to have a forum where individuals could attend and have a dialogue with District leadership about some of the conservation initiatives and policies. She provided a visual example about lot sizes, how more water is needed for larger lots, and the effects of EUC.

Al Rojas, Sunrise Manor, stated that the District should charge developers a fee for water and create a fund to purchase water rights from a neighboring state.

Cindy Snow submitted written comment in advance of the meeting. Her comments are attached to these minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Public comment received for the 12/2/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting



Meeting, December 2, 2025

First Public Comment – LVVWD Board of Directors

Agenda Item #1 –

During the November, 4 2025 Meeting, Mr. Entsminger corrected my calculation of the amount of water that would be returned to the District's distribution system as expressed in the back up notes for agenda item 6. A copy of that item will be included with my written comment. However, the record does not reflect Mr. Entsminger's comments where he stated that **the available water would be only about 170 Acre Feet**, not the 60,000 Acre Feet I had put on the record and that it appeared that there was a "conflation between acre feet and gallons in the public comment". As the LVVWD's duly chosen and qualified Secretary, Mr. Entsminger is responsible for the preparation of accurate meeting minutes.

Was this omission deliberate?

The question is being raised because the day after the Nov 4th meeting, I sent each LVVWD Board Member and Mr. Entsminger an email (copy is included) explaining the mis statement made during my oral presentation. During public comment I stated that **58 THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER per day would be available. The back up material reflected 58 MILLION GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER WOULD BE ADDED TO THE DISTRICTS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.** My written submission and the calculation that it amounts to just under 65,000 Acre Feet per year was accurate.

Being that ultimately correction and approval of the minutes rest with the LVVWD Board of Directors I respectfully make a formal request the draft be amended to reflect Mr. Entsminger's statement prior to consideration for approval.

Agenda Item #6 – While it is appreciated that the backup for this item is more robust than that provided for the \$45 million meter expenditure approved during the October 1, 2024 meeting, which at the time was described as having some urgency due to supply chain concerns, it would be helpful to have more context as to how this financial investment of over \$37 million over a five year period compares, complements, and/or supplements last year's purchase. The WFC has been approached by several individuals who suggest that there was a serious flaw in meter purchases several years ago that were so sensitive that water use registered in the meters when vehicles would pass by. While we have yet to fully investigate this concern, more robust information on the meters being purchased would be helpful in having confidence that residents have not been overcharged due to faulty meter readings that have not been acknowledged.

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura McSwain", is written over a blue ink stamp of the same name.

Laura McSwain, President

Public comment received for the 12/2/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting

Laura McSwain

From: Laura McSwain
Sent: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 9:57 AM
To: Marilyn Kirkpatrick; april@aprilbeckerlaw.com; DistrictE@ClarkCountyNV.gov; DistrictC@ClarkCountyNV.gov; District B CC; District A CC; District D CC; districtF@clarkcountynv.gov; District G CC
Cc: john.entsminger@lvvwd.com
Subject: Nov 4th LVVWD Meeting Clarification -
Attachments: Item 6 LVVWD Agenda supporting documents Nov 4 2025 meeting.pdf

Good morning, Commissioners,

During yesterday's public comment on agenda Item 6, I did **misspeak** about the number of gallons identified in the agenda backup, but I DID NOT miscalculate. The attached document includes Item 6 which states that the "additional wells will return to the district's distribution system **approximately 58 million gallons per day of potable drinking water**. I regrettably said 58 thousand gallons. Fortunately, my written statement that was provided for the record was accurate.

With there being 58 million gallons/ 325,851 gallons in an acre foot X 365 days in a year, the amount of water available to be returned into the district's distribution system would be in fact just shy of 65,000 Acre Feet of Water, over 20% of our Lake Mead allocation.

It remains an issue that requires further clarity to the community; the status of the district's wells and their current condition, including safety and capacity.

Respectfully,

Laura McSwain
President
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LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA ITEM
November 4, 2025

Subject: Resolution
Petitioner: Colby N. Pellegrino, Deputy General Manager, Resources
Recommendations: That the Board of Directors approve a resolution authorizing the District to apply for a fully forgivable loan from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection’s State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants program requesting \$1,532,523 to finance enhanced water treatment technology for up to 21 production and artificial recharge wells.

Fiscal Impact:

None by approval of these recommendations. If the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection accepts the proposal, staff will bring a funding agreement before the Board of Directors for approval.

Background:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is offering 100 percent forgivable loans through a special State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants program, which focuses on funding capital projects to address emerging contaminants in Nevada’s water supply. Emerging contaminants include substances and microorganisms that may pose risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment.

The District is seeking authorization to apply for and negotiate the terms of a forgivable loan from this program to complete the design phase of the UV-LED Well Treatment Upgrade project. In February 2021, the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) awarded funding to the District to study the most effective treatment options to address Legionella, which can be present in groundwater supplies. The BOR project identified UV-LED treatment technology as the preferred response in terms of both cost efficiency and efficacy for addressing the contamination issue, and a pilot project confirmed those findings. NDEP funding will be utilized to complete the design phase to equip up to 21 additional offline wells with this validated technology. The additional wells will return to the District’s distribution system approximately 58 million gallons per day of potable drinking water.

This Resolution is adopted pursuant to NRS 277.180 and Section 1(13) of the Las Vegas Valley Water District Act, Chapter 167, Statutes of Nevada 1947. The office of the General Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution.

Public comment received for the 12/2/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting



December 2, 2025

Second Public Comment – LVVWD Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members,

The challenges people face related to water policies are made known to us at the WFC regularly. Most stories consistently include long-term residents who have made significant investments into their homes and are perplexed that they would be sought out to extend water supply for growth. Something that up until 2021 was never considered, or at least not acted upon. Historically, modifications to water policy related to development standards were placed upon new developments, thereby respecting those who helped build our community.

There is typically a common theme among people who share their frustrations; most having to do with loss of trees, concerns for quality of life, the unfairness of watching their investments erode and be compromised, etc. Occasionally we become aware of a story so egregious that it serves as an example of how respect for residents has been completely dismissed. It is as if a calculation has been made that policies that stretch well beyond not only the spirit of your Charter, but the letter of it are worth the roll of the dice. After all, defending such policies are done with the accumulated resources of the very customers who are left to pay to protect their rights, if they even dare the attempt.

A most recent example deserves to be addressed to you directly. Cindy Snow and her husband were unable to attend today's meeting. I believe the letter I have was submitted online.

These people purchased a piece of land in a gated community with the dream of building their retirement home. At that time, installing a septic system was considered normal, permissible and the only option that was affordable. After relegating septic systems illegal in 2023 without a grace period or consideration for recent land purchases, the closest connection is \$150,000 at a minimum away from their property. They have been denied a permit without explanation and have jumped through every hoop to no avail. Including a denial of the questionable \$20,000 "interim" waiver process.

They are currently subjected to HOA fines for not building within the timelines required of their CC&R's. So, they are stuck.

Is this how the public should expect to be treated? After the rodeo we all endured over the Septic Waiver process late last year into the early part of this year, how can it be that this issue has not been streamlined and addressed in a respectful manner?

With all the marvelous achievements that have been born from this agency, is this really the best we can hope for?

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

A blue ink signature of Laura McSwain, which appears to be "Laura McSwain" written in a cursive style.

Laura McSwain, President

Public comment received for the 12/2/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting

Public Plea for Fair Consideration – Septic Tank Restrictions and Homeowner Hardship

Dear Las Vegas Valley Water District,

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the recent restrictions on septic tank approvals and how they are unfairly impacting families like mine across the valley. I cannot speak for all affected homeowners, but I can share the reality my husband and I are facing.

Several years ago, we purchased a piece of land in a gated community with the dream of building our retirement home. At that time, installing a septic system—just as the vast majority our neighbors had—was considered normal and permissible. After years away, when we finally began the process of building following the pandemic, we were abruptly told we could not obtain approval for a septic tank. Instead, we were informed that, we alone, would be required to build a private line to a point of connection—at our own cost.

Over the past three years, we have spoken with and visited numerous representatives from various government offices, including the water and sewage departments, even the Governor. We have begged our neighbors to go in with us to build a line for the community. No one was interested. Each conversation brought conflicting information and shifting explanations. We were given hope by some officials, only to discover new barriers or requirements later. Meanwhile, for the last year+ our homeowner's association began fining us weekly for not starting construction, despite our repeated explanations about the septic and sewer situation. Additionally, a recent development shows that our HOA will not approve us building a line to the shortest connection, thereby making the costs to build a line \$450k+.

Contractors we contacted estimated that building a sewage connection—requiring excavation under a major road—would cost around \$150,000 (including design, permitting, rebuilding our association areas, fence, etc.) or more, with no guarantees that additional costs wouldn't arise if they hit caliche or other obstacles. Suppose we decided to do this and the cost escalate to a point that we cannot pay?

Public comment received for the 12/2/25 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting

We have already paid approximately \$60 per month for water service for three years while we've sought a resolution, as this was recommended to "improve our chances" by LVVWD.

Septic companies have refused to take on our case, citing the bureaucratic difficulties of working with current approval systems. We even applied for a waiver through LVVWD based on exorbitant cost, which the waiver itself would have cost us \$20,000, so we could pay for OTHER PEOPLE'S CONNECTIONS, and after waiting five months, our request was denied without any explanation. It is hard to understand how \$150,000 plus additional, unpredictable expenses is not considered a hardship or exorbitant.

We are simply an ordinary couple trying to build a modest home for our retirement years, yet we are trapped—fined by our HOA, unable to proceed with building, and watching our land lose all value because of an unresolvable regulatory maze. We fully understand the region's need to manage limited water resources responsibly, but we urge you to also consider the human cost of these policies. Small, individual property owners like us are being punished while large developments and commercial projects continue to expand with seemingly fewer obstacles, as costs can be spread across numerous families. Our modest water use would make no measurable impact compared to those projects.

We respectfully ask the relevant agencies to reconsider how these septic restrictions are applied, and to create a fair, transparent, and compassionate process for homeowners caught in this impossible situation. Please understand that policies like these are not just regulatory decisions—they are destroying the dreams and stability of residents who simply want to build a home and live in peace.

Sincerely,

Cindy Snow

Cindy Snow

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