

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 9:04 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, Colby Pellegrino, Andy Belanger, Greg Walch and
Paul Johnson

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, provided comments on item #2. She expressed support for replacing the aging water lines along Rancho Drive but urged the Board to assess adjacent residential streets, noting that visible pavement deterioration may signal long-term subsurface leaks. She stated that given conservation measures imposed on residents, it is expected that system losses be addressed with equal urgency. Ms. McSwain agreed that proactively upgrading infrastructure can prevent future emergency repairs, reduce repeated pavement disruptions, and minimize unnecessary water loss. She also noted, based on her review of the system’s non-revenue water—as she defines as water lost—repairing all infrastructure leaks could save more water than the combined savings from the excessive use charge, AB 356, and CCSD’s turf conversion program. A copy of her comments is attached to these minutes.

Shoshana, Las Vegas resident, expressed support for item #2 and raised concerns about the inclusion of an invocation in a government meeting. She emphasized her commitment to the separation of church and state and argued that religious practices should not be part of government meetings. To illustrate her point, she referenced examples from religious texts that she believes can be troubling or harmful for some individuals. She also noted that some individuals experience trauma related to religious teachings and spoke of a local support organization for those affected, concluding by urging the Board to reconsider the use of religious invocation in public proceedings.

As part of Women’s History Month, President Kirkpatrick recognized and expressed appreciation to the women in leadership at the District, and noted those in attendance including Doa Ross, Colby Pellegrino and Janelle Boelter.

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 February 3, 2026. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. Approve and authorize the President to sign an interlocal agreement between the City of Las Vegas and the District for the construction of water facilities for the Rancho Drive Waterline Replacement Oakey Boulevard to Waldman Avenue Project for an amount not to exceed \$2,188,197.

John Entsminger, General Manager, explained that this project is led by the City of Las Vegas, and the District is replacing water infrastructure concurrently with the City’s road improvements to avoid multiple pavement disruptions.

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

- 3. Award a contract to Byrd Underground, LLC, in the amount of \$1,810,977 for the installation of production well infrastructure and site improvements, authorize a change-order contingency not to exceed \$180,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute the construction agreement.**

Mr. Entsminger explained that improvements and upgrades to the District's production wells will occur over several decades, with plans to upgrade 67 wells over the next fifty years.

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

- 4. Award a contract for the installation of trihalomethane removal systems at the Angel Park 2860 Zone Reservoir to M.M.C., Inc., in the amount of \$1,193,767, authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$110,000, and authorize the General Manager to sign the contract.**

Mr. Entsminger stated that trihalomethanes form when chlorinated water sits in storage for more than three to four days, so installing aeration systems in the District's reservoirs keeps water moving and prevents these byproducts.

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

- 5. Award a bid to provide security services to Diversified Protection Corporation in the annual amount of \$4,383,014.08, with a 2.5 percent annual increase, authorize a contingency amount of 10 percent annually to cover additional services, if needed, for the 5-year contract period and authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement.**

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, expressed frustration that the District is not securing additional water supplies to keep pace with ongoing development. He argued that alfalfa should not be grown with Colorado River water and should be cultivated in regions with higher rainfall. He commented that District employee salaries exceed the average local wage.

Sharon Seeley, 6475 Darby Ave., expressed concern about the increasing number of dying trees around Las Vegas, questioning whether the removal of grass is contributing to the problem. She emphasized that grass and trees are essential for cooling, air quality, and overall environmental health, and argued that replacing grass with artificial turf worsens heat and introduces chemical concerns, making it unsuitable for children.

Carol Reynolds, 2740 Mann St., noted that water costs now outweigh the inconveniences of cooking, cleaning, and entertaining. She questioned whether suggesting guests stay in a hotel would be more cost-effective than the extra water use from showers and toilet flushes. She expressed frustration that a small portion of her bill reflects actual water use while the District continues to approve large expenditures.

Cyrus Hojadi, Las Vegas resident, stated that Las Vegas is not running out of water, but asserted that declining Lake Mead levels are driven more by regional population growth and outdated agricultural uses in other states than by local consumption. He suggested that modern indoor growing technologies could reduce demand. He added that water policy is the real constraint and concluded by urging the board to revise water contracts to support continued growth in the valley.

Laura McSwain raised concerns about reports that Nevada may surrender 50,000 acre-feet of its already limited 300,000 acre-foot Colorado River allocation. She questioned the logic of giving up water while simultaneously discussing a potential \$750 million cost-sharing agreement with the Metropolitan Water District to regain only 25,000 acre-feet. Emphasizing that Southern Nevada's water security depends on maintaining its full allocation, Ms. McSwain argued that relinquishing water rights is unjustified and may be driving conservation policies that negatively affect residents' quality of life.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Public comment received for the 3/3/26 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting



March 3, 2026

Public Comment Agenda Item #2

President and Board Members,

I support replacing aging water lines along Rancho Drive. Proactive infrastructure investment is responsible and necessary.

I do want to raise a concern about the adjacent residential streets. From what residents can observe, many of those streets show conditions commonly associated with long-term subsurface leaks — including alligator cracking, repeated pavement patches, and cracked or settling driveways.

It may be that these lines have already been evaluated or replaced independently. If so, clarification would be helpful. If they have not, this seems like the appropriate time to assess them.

You have taken an aggressive approach to reducing water use. Residents face strict watering schedules, enforcement actions, escalating fines, and in many cases removal of functional landscaping. We are also seeing significant loss of mature tree canopy as properties comply with conversion requirements. That canopy provides shade, reduces urban heat, and represents decades of growth that cannot be quickly replaced.

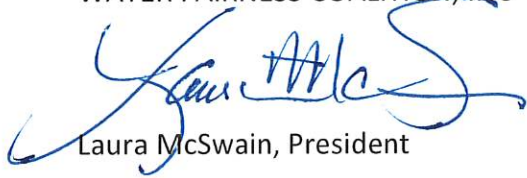
Given that level of impact on residents, it is reasonable to expect that system losses are being addressed with equal urgency. When major corridors are already under construction and substantial capital dollars are being invested, coordinating nearby neighborhood infrastructure improvements — where needed — reflects responsible stewardship.

From both a water-savings standpoint and a ratepayer standpoint, addressing aging facilities proactively helps avoid future emergency repairs, repeated pavement disruption, and unnecessary water loss.

I respectfully ask the Board to clarify the condition of the surrounding residential lines and the plan for addressing them if upgrades are needed.

Respectfully,

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura McSwain", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

Laura McSwain, President