

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026
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
April Becker
Justin Jones
William McCurdy II
Michael Naft

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jim Gibson, Vice President
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT: John Entsminger, Doa Ross, Greg Walch, Andy Belanger and Paul Johnson

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

Laura McSwain, 2727 Ashby Ave., representing the Water Fairness Coalition, commented on agenda item 4 and asked for a clearer vision of the OriGen Museum project's purpose, design, and total cost. She noted her experience as a former Planning Commissioner and stated that public projects should be held to the same transparency standards as private developments. While supporting efforts to preserve the history of the Colorado River, Ms. McSwain questioned how the museum would provide educational value beyond existing resources such as Hoover Dam. She also expressed concern that significant investments in historical interpretation are occurring while policies are weakening the living environment in Southern Nevada. A copy of her comments is attached to these minutes.

Carol Reynolds, 2740 Mann St., commented on agenda item 4 and acknowledged the value of working with a premier museum design firm for the Springs Preserve's museum project. However, she questioned the procurement process for the museum's implementation phase. Ms. Reynolds noted that while nearly \$4 million in design services had already been provided, she believes the resulting design could potentially be executed by other qualified museum exhibition firms. She asked whether the District sought competitive proposals for the project, emphasizing the importance of ensuring a competitive and transparent bid process.

ITEM NO.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to approve the agenda and the minutes from the regular meeting of July 7, 2026. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 5 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 an interlocal agreement between the Clark County School District and the District for installation of water facilities for the Matt Kelly Elementary School Project.**
- 3. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an interlocal agreement between the Clark County School District and the District for installation of water facilities for the Skye Canyon Elementary School Project.**
- 4. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement between Ralph Appelbaum Associates, Inc., and the District to include additional development services for exhibit spaces at the Springs Preserve's OriGen Museum in an amount not to exceed \$20,993,850.**

5. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign the revised District Retirement Plan that will apply to all active employees effective January 1, 2026.

John Entsminger, General Manager, noted that the funding source for agenda item 4 is through State of Nevada bond proceeds. He emphasized that these funds were allocated to the Springs Preserve following extensive public hearings and legislative review processes and were specifically designated by the State for the museum project.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

6. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an agreement among Lhoist North America of Arizona, Inc., the Southern Nevada Water Authority, and the District outlining the framework for permanent water service to Lhoist North America of Arizona, Inc., within the Black Mountain Industrial Complex and addressing the assignment of a portion of Lhoist North America of Arizona, Inc., Colorado River water rights to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Naft to approve staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

7. Conduct a public hearing regarding the issuance of the 2026C General Obligation (Limited Tax) Water Bonds (additionally secured by pledged revenues) in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$93,000,000, for the purpose of funding capital expenditures for the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

Mr. Entsminger provided a timeline of the actions taken regarding the proposed bond issuance. He explained that the process began on April 27th, when the board adopted the Debt Management Commission (DMC) notice of resolution. The DMC subsequently met on May 7th and approved the resolution by a two-thirds majority vote. On July 7th, the board adopted the resolution of intent, also by a two-thirds majority. The purpose of the current agenda item is to conduct a required public hearing. The final step is scheduled for October 6th, when the board considers adoption of the final resolution, which will again require approval by a two-thirds majority vote.

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing. As there were no members of the public wishing to speak, she closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: No action was required on this item, as its sole purpose was to conduct a public hearing related to the proposed bond issuance. Accordingly, the board did not take a motion or vote.

8. Conduct a public hearing regarding the issuance of the 2026D General Obligation (Limited Tax) Water Bonds (additionally secured by SNWA pledged revenues) in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$515,000,000 for the purpose of financing water projects for the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Mr. Entsminger stated that the timeline of the actions is the same as the previous item.

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing.

Eric King, Las Vegas, expressed concern about the region's approach to stormwater management and urged the board to consider broader strategies for capturing and utilizing stormwater. He noted that current practices largely focus on channelizing stormwater for public safety but argued that staff should explore additional uses for this resource. Mr. King encouraged the board to consider policies, perhaps using bond funding, that would allow stormwater to be retained and used for community benefits.

As there were no additional members of the public wishing to speak, President Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

FINAL ACTION: No action was required on this item, as its sole purpose was to conduct a public hearing related to the proposed bond issuance. Accordingly, the board did not take a motion or vote.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Laura McSwain expressed concern about transparency and spending priorities, arguing that state funding still comes from taxpayers and should be justified, especially given the community's water challenges. She questioned the lack of public information for the proposed museum project. Ms. McSwain raised concerns about potential future investments in the building on Valley View Boulevard purchased by the District several years ago, urging public visibility into any

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planned improvements. Finally, she reflected on the historical legacy of Hoover Dam and the people who helped shape Southern Nevada, emphasizing the importance of preserving the community's history while planning for its future.

Diane Henry expressed concern regarding agenda item 4, the Springs Preserve OriGen Museum project agreement. She stated that the item should have been removed from the consent agenda to allow for further discussion and questioned whether competitive bids were solicited for the project. She concluded by emphasizing the importance of transparency and public understanding regarding the process for this project.

Carol Reynolds expressed frustration with a recent water bill totaling \$685, noting that \$311 was attributed to water usage charges across tiers, and that an additional \$261 excessive use charge represented a significant portion of the bill. She stated that, despite paying these high costs, a tree in her front yard had died and other plants and trees were also struggling. Ms. Reynolds criticized current water conservation policies as punitive and damaging to residents and the community's landscape. She also voiced opposition to any proposal that would relinquish a portion of the community's Colorado River water allocation.

Eric King expressed concern about the region's water resources and emphasized the need to make better use of local rainfall and stormwater. He highlighted the environmental benefits of expanding the urban tree canopy and praised ongoing tree-planting efforts by local organizations and public agencies. Mr. King urged continued investment in these initiatives, arguing that a larger tree canopy could help mitigate rising temperatures and improve environmental conditions throughout the valley.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 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 8/4/26 LVVWD Board of Directors meeting



August 4, 2026

LVVWD Public Comment – Agenda Item #4

When I served on the City of Las Vegas Planning Commission, applicants proposing major projects were expected to present detailed renderings, design concepts, and project elements for public review. Those presentations enabled both decision-makers and the public to understand exactly what was being built before approvals were granted. And that was for private development.

Today, this Board is being asked to approve another amendment to a significant agreement with one of the nation's premier museum design firms. Yet the agenda materials do not present the complete vision for this project.

Southern Nevada is already home to one of the world's greatest educational resources on the Colorado River—the Hoover Dam itself. Before committing additional public resources, what unique educational purpose will the OriGen Museum serve that is not already being met, and what is the total anticipated cost of achieving it?

Those are questions every private developer is expected to answer before receiving approval. **The public deserves no less when public dollars are paying the bill.**

The story of the Colorado River and the Springs deserves to be preserved.

So should the living legacy those waters made possible.

There is a heartbreaking irony buried within this agenda item.

At extraordinary expense, and the grandeur of world-renowned design, the birthplace of Las Vegas is being enhanced while policies continue to diminish the living infrastructure essential to quality of life in our desert oasis.

I fear that, if we continue down this path, the Las Vegas oasis we inherited will survive more as an exhibit than as a living legacy.

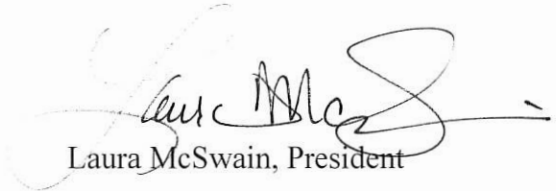
I respectfully ask you to demonstrate the same vision for preserving Southern Nevada's living oasis as what you seek to be displayed within a curated exhibit.

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Otherwise, the real risk is that future generations may know the Las Vegas oasis primarily as something they visit at the Springs Preserve rather than something they experience every day in the neighborhoods they call home.

If that becomes our future, it will become your legacy as well.

THE WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC



Laura McSwain, President