

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COYOTE SPRINGS WATER RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 18, 2026
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 a.m., Commission Chambers,
Clark County Government Center
500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT Marilyn Kirkpatrick, President
Jim Gibson, Vice President
April Becker
Justin Jones
William McCurdy
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

STAFF PRESENT John Entsminger, Doa Ross, Andy Belanger, Greg Walch, 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, addressed item #9, stating that the District may be prioritizing financial gain over its public purpose. She questioned the claim that major water augmentation projects (like desalination and flood capture) are too expensive, suggesting instead that the current model of relying on higher rates, conservation enforcement, and penalties may be more financially beneficial to the agency. Ms. McSwain also spoke about budget projections showing significant growth in reserves and net assets, along with high spending on salaries, operations, and administration, with little transparency about reserve levels. She also expressed concern about unclear accounting practices, particularly related to Springs Preserve projects and public outreach spending. Ms. McSwain emphasized that ratepayers deserve clearer financial transparency. She concluded by asking the Board to conduct an independent audit to examine reserves and spending allocations.

Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave, spoke on item #8, and expressed concern about the oversight of the Leak Repair program. She questioned distributing fixed funding amounts to entities, noting that the wide variability in repair costs makes it difficult to verify whether expenses are reasonable. Ms. Henry also expressed concern about potential fraud, suggesting that requiring parties to self-report violations may be insufficient. She criticized the proposal to increase maximum repair payments up to \$10,000 or more, questioning what types of repairs would justify such high costs, and warning that some contractors may upsell services. Ms. Henry also questioned the program's effectiveness in reducing repair timelines and criticized using excessive use charge revenue as the program's funding source. She stated that those charges are unfair and urged the board to rescind those penalties.

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 April 27, 2026. The motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 2 – 3 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, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an amendment to the existing interlocal agreement between the City of Henderson and the District that authorizes the City of Henderson to provide temporary potable water service to the Nevada Environmental Response Trust in an area of unincorporated Clark County previously supplied by the Basic Water Company.**

3. **Approve annual cost-of-living adjustments for non-represented employees to correspond with adjustments for represented employees under the proposed collective bargaining agreements effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, if approved.**

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Las Vegas Valley Public Employees Association, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.**
5. **Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Water Employees Association of Nevada, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.**
6. **Conduct a public hearing and approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for employees represented by the Water Supervisors Association of Nevada, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031.**

John Entsminger, General Manager, stated that items 4 – 6 can be conducted as one public hearing and with one motion, but read each item separately into the record, per NRS requirements. He noted that on item #5, there is a discrepancy in the fiscal impact from what was noted on the agenda, adding that the agreement reflects the correct amount.

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

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Vice President Gibson to approve items 4 – 6, the Collective Bargaining Agreements. The motion was approved.

7. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, an agreement among Titanium Metals Corporation, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, and the District outlining the framework for permanent water service to Titanium Metals Corporation within the Black Mountain Industrial Complex and addressing the assignment of a portion of Titanium Metals Corporation's Colorado River water rights to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.**

Mr. Entsminger expressed appreciation for Titanium Metals Corporation, noting that the organization has agreed to ensure any retained and redistributed water will comply with existing conservation measures.

Greg Walch, General Counsel, added that the company holds approximately 4,857 acre-feet of Colorado River water rights. Of that total, 900 acre-feet will be dedicated to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), while the remaining amount will be subject to conservation limits consistent with SNWA policies. He added that the arrangement is a productive solution to prior infrastructure challenges.

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

8. **Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a Leak Repair Program Funding Agreement that will increase customer support payments to eligible homeowners for the detection and repair of purveyor-identified excessive and/or ongoing leaks, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 annually.**

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

9. Conduct a joint Public Hearing on the Tentative Budgets for fiscal year 2026/2027, and by a single combined motion constituting a separate action of each Board, adopt final budgets for each respective District for Fiscal Year 2026/27.

Mr. Entsminger addressed the Board of Directors, sitting as the board of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District and the Big Bend Water District, and presented each boards' Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tentative budgets. A copy of his presentation is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Entsminger began by providing highlights from the Las Vegas Valley Water District's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year and gave an overview of 2026-2027 LVVWD operating budget. He also gave a summary of the capital budget and its breakdown of sources and uses. The LVVWD budget overview showed that the budget maintains a balanced operating and capital budget, has seen an increase of funding from developers and grants, and unrestricted reserves remain above the policy target.

Mr. Entsminger presented the Big Bend Water District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tentative budget. He mentioned that in December, the board approved a rate increase to support a sustainable budget.

Finally, Mr. Entsminger presented the Coyote Springs Water Resources District's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tentative budget.

President Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing for the Tentative Budgets for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District, and the Big Bend Water District. There were no members of the public wishing to speak. As there were no additional comments, President Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

President Kirkpatrick asked if Mr. Entsminger would address the opening public comments.

Mr. Entsminger explained that the SNWA is actively pursuing water supply augmentation, including a forthcoming memorandum of understanding with the San Diego County Water Authority and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to explore water transactions. He noted San Diego's investments in desalination and agricultural transfers as examples. He added that such projects are complex, take years to develop, and cost billions of dollars. In the meantime, the community must focus on managing its existing resources.

Vice President Gibson made a motion to adopt the final budgets for the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Coyote Springs Water Resources District, and the Big Bend Water District for fiscal year 2026/27. The motion was approved.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Diane Henry criticized the District for collecting approximately \$96.3 million in excessive use charges since 2023, arguing that these penalties have affected more than 60,000 customers, per the *Las Vegas Review Journal*, and disproportionately impacts older neighborhoods with larger lots and established landscaping. She also raised concerns about the District's water usage app, noting it lags about three days behind real-time data. Ms. Henry stated that this delay can lead to significant water loss during leaks and questioned the status of a previously approved project to upgrade the system for more timely reporting, stating that real-time information would better help customers detect and address leaks quickly.

Laura McSwain expressed appreciation for employee satisfaction but raised concerns about compensation levels at the District. Citing a past review, she stated that employees may be paid roughly 20 percent more than comparable positions in similar industries and argued for closer scrutiny. She referenced her own review of the budget, noting high average salaries across departments and limited transparency into detailed wage breakdowns. Ms. McSwain reiterated her call for an audit to examine spending and assess whether resources are being appropriately allocated. She also raised concerns about upcoming water-related agreements and broader policy decisions.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 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.

2026-27 BUDGET HEARING

LAS VEGAS VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT

BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT

COYOTE SPRINGS WATER
RESOURCES DISTRICT



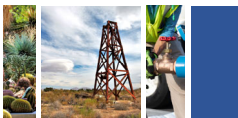
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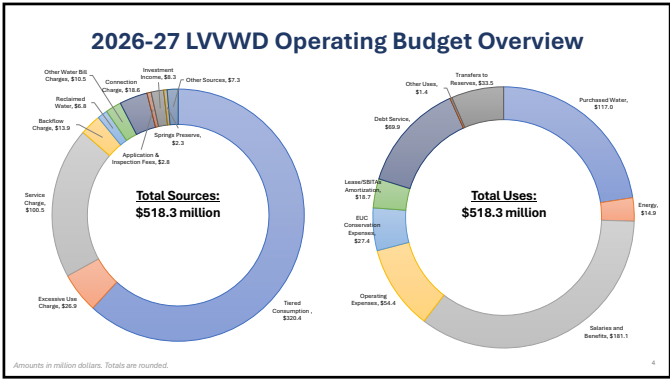
2025-26 Highlights

- Continued to implement several leak detection, mitigation, and repair and reimbursement customer assistance programs.
- Alerted more than 30,000 customers using AMI-powered analytics of potential onsite leaks, helping conserve community water resources and lowering customers' bills.
- Approved an additional \$2 per sq. ft. for LVVWD residential and enterprise customers who participate in the Water Smart Landscapes program (combined with SNWA's \$5 per sq. ft. incentive).
- Welcomed more than 270,000 visitors to the Springs Preserve.

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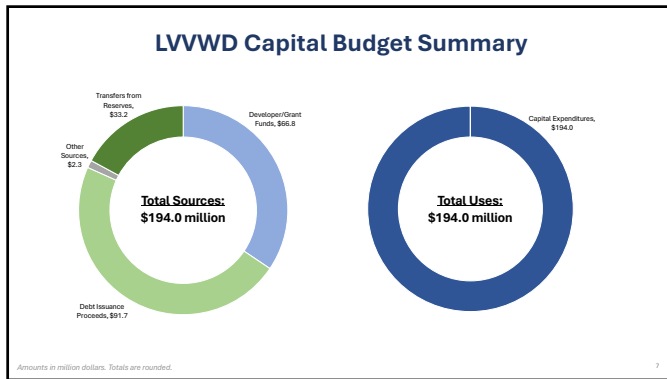
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Operating Sources of Funds				
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Variance
SOURCES				\$
Tiered Consumption	\$321.7	\$319.8	\$320.4	\$0.6
Excessive Use Charge (EUC)	30.3	27.6	26.9	(0.7)
Service Charge	92.4	96.4	100.5	4.1
Backflow Charge	13.1	13.2	13.9	0.7
Reclaimed Water	7.3	7.0	6.8	(0.2)
Other Water Bill Charges	10.5	10.4	10.5	0.1
Connection Charge	20.2	21.0	18.6	(2.4)
Application and Inspection Fees	2.6	2.6	2.8	0.2
Investment Income	51.4	6.9	8.3	1.4
Spring Preserve	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1
Other Sources	5.9	6.1	7.3	1.2
LVVWD Sources	\$557.8	\$513.2	\$518.3	\$5.1

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Operating Uses of Funds				
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Variance
USES				\$
Purchased Water	\$114.9	\$115.4	\$117.0	\$1.6
Energy	12.0	15.0	14.9	(0.1)
Salaries and Benefits	134.5	173.1	181.1	8.0
Operating Expenses	40.3	40.6	54.4	13.8
EUC Conservation Expenses	2.4	27.6	27.4	(0.2)
Lease/SBITAs Amortization	10.1	16.0	18.7	2.7
Debt Service	87.1	88.3	69.9	(18.4)
Other Uses	-	0.9	1.4	0.5
Transfers to Reserves	156.5	36.3	33.5	(2.8)
LVVWD Uses	\$557.8	\$513.2	\$518.3	\$5.1

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LVVWD Capital Budget

	Actual 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Budget-to- Budget Variance \$
SOURCES				
Developer/Grant Funds	\$36.0	\$45.2	\$66.8	\$21.6
Debt Issuance Proceeds	-	-	91.7	91.7
Other Sources	5.7	4.1	2.3	(1.7)
Transfers from Restricted Reserves	78.8	129.7	33.2	(96.5)
LVVWD Sources	\$120.5	\$179.0	\$194.0	\$15.0
USES				
Capital Expenditures	120.5	179.0	194.0	\$15.0
LVVWD Uses	\$120.5	\$179.0	\$194.0	\$15.0

Amounts in million dollars. Totals are rounded.

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LVVWD Budget Summary

- The District maintains a balanced operating and capital budget.
- Capital initiatives continue to be supported by the budget.
- 48% increase from developer/grant funding indicates an increase in funding for ongoing capital projects.
- Unrestricted reserves remain above reserve policy target.
- Continue to monitor the influence of inflation on cost of materials.



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Big Bend Water District

	Actual 2024-25	Budget 2025-26	Budget 2026-27	Budget-to-Budget Variance \$
SOURCES				
Water charges	\$4,316,977	\$4,215,279	\$4,848,666	\$633,387
Interest income	-	-	-	-
System development charges	-	-	-	-
Sales tax	299,958	328,050	351,680	23,630
Other sources	1,129,723	399,953	2,450,000	2,050,047
Subtotal	5,746,657	4,943,282	7,650,346	2,707,064
Debt issuance proceeds	-	-	-	-
BBWD Sources	5,746,657	4,943,282	7,650,346	2,707,064
USES				
Energy	337,618	500,000	405,757	(94,243)
Salaries and benefits	1,760,961	1,993,232	2,161,211	146,295
Operating expenses	3,925,955	1,875,679	2,233,270	354,138
Capital expenditures	1,082,481	1,448,000	3,185,000	1,737,000
Debt service	-	-	-	-
BBWD Uses	7,107,014	5,816,911	7,985,238	2,143,190
BBWD NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$(1,360,357)	\$(873,629)	\$(334,892)	\$563,874

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Coyote Springs Water Resources District				
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget-to-Budget
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Variance
				\$
SOURCES				
Operating revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Developer contributions ¹	602	50,000	50,000	-
Total Sources	\$602	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$-
USES				
Operating expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
Invoiced developer costs ²	602	50,000	50,000	-
Total Uses	\$602	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$-
TOTAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-

¹Per contractual agreement, the developer(s) will reimburse any costs not covered by operating revenues
²Based on recent costs billed to the developer(s)

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