

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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
Jim Gibson, Vice President
April Becker
Justin Jones
William McCurdy II
Michael Naft
Tick Segerblom

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

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

For full public comment, visit www.lvwd.com/apps/agenda/lvwd/index.cfm

Laura McSwain, 2727 Ashby Ave., representing the Water Fairness Coalition, commented on item #7 and raised a question about southern Nevada's groundwater bank. She referenced legislative testimony from 1999, which described the groundwater bank as belonging to the community. Ms. McSwain noted that the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (Authority) water bank currently contains about 342,000 acre-feet of stored water for future community use. She questioned why the agreement under consideration would limit water recovery to 25,000 acre-feet per calendar year and asked what determines that cap. Specifically, she requested clarification on whether it is a physical limitation of the wells or aquifer, a regulatory restriction, or simply a policy decision.

Ed Uehling, Las Vegas, criticized the agency's financial management. Speaking about item #7, he requested an explanation of how water is placed into the groundwater bank, whether it is treated before storage, and why the project costs approximately \$5.5 million. He called for greater transparency about the project's process and expenses.

Eric King, Las Vegas, spoke on item #7 and related items concerning water infrastructure and funding. He encouraged the agency to prioritize rainwater capture and groundwater recharge. Mr. King expressed concern that long-term groundwater pumping may increase salinity and make it more difficult for vegetation to thrive. He advocated using available funding to direct stormwater into the ground, particularly in urban heat island areas, to support tree growth, reduce heat impacts, and improve community resilience.

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 regular meeting of August 4, 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 a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant proposal to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Capital Improvement Grant Program and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a future assistance agreement.

3. Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Drought Response Program and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a future assistance agreement provided the District's funding obligations do not exceed \$7,473,345.

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 4. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement among EMD Acquisition LLC d/b/a Borman Specialty Materials, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, and the District outlining the framework for permanent water service to Borman Specialty Materials within the Black Mountain Industrial Complex and addressing the assignment of a portion of Borman Specialty Materials' Colorado River water rights to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.**

John Entsminger, General Manager, explained that with the cantilever pipeline into Lake Mead becoming inoperable, the Authority has been working with BMI Industries and the City of Henderson to ensure continued water supply and to facilitate the transfer of Colorado River water rights held by BMI Industries to the Authority. He stated that the proposed agreement is intended to accomplish both objectives.

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

- 5. Consent to the Southern Nevada Water Authority granting a parity lien on certain Authority water revenues and sales tax for payment of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2027, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$217,035,000 to be sold to the Clark County Bond Bank.**

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

- 6. 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 2026D, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$88,055,000, and requesting the Clark County Debt Management Commission approve the finding.**

Mr. Entsminger stated because the payment of these bonds is anticipated to be with water revenues there is no anticipated tax increase, but under NRS the board needs to ask the Debt Management Commission to make that finding.

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

- 7. Approve and authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement between the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the District for banking water in the Las Vegas Valley Groundwater Basin where the Authority will reimburse the District, up to \$5,562,000 in 2026, for costs associated with banking 10,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water.**

Mr. Entsminger explained that the primary reason for the item was the expiration of the 2007 operating guidelines. Nevada's Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) account in Lake Mead is currently full, and under existing rules, no additional water can be deposited into that account until new guidelines are adopted. While the region can recover all water already stored in the ICS account through 2036, it cannot continue adding unused apportionment. As a result, it is prudent to bank excess water in the local aquifer. He noted that groundwater banking began in the late 1980s and continued through the 1990s and early 2000s, with more than 300,000 acre-feet of water being stored in the valley's aquifer. Responding to earlier public comments, Mr. Entsminger explained that the process is heavily regulated and the Nevada State Engineer monitors and permits both the amount of water recharged into the aquifer and the amount later recovered. He added that water is delivered by the Authority and injected into the aquifer through artificial recharge wells and the stored water can then be recovered through production wells located throughout the valley. Las Vegas Valley's geology is well suited for groundwater banking because the basin is tightly constrained by surrounding mountain ranges, creating a secure underground storage area.

While recognizing that significant electricity is required to move water from Lake Mead to the recharge locations, Vice President Gibson asked what other costs were involved with the project. Mr. Entsminger responded that electricity is the largest expense as water must be pumped from deep intake levels in Lake Mead to recharge areas in the northwest part of the valley, requiring a substantial elevation lift. In addition to power costs, the estimate includes a proportional share of infrastructure costs associated with the water district's recharge facilities. He emphasized that the estimate is based entirely on actual costs and does not generate any profit for the District, adding that the \$5.5 million represents what it would cost to move and store 10,000 acre-feet of water in the aquifer.

Vice President Gibson observed that historically, the region stored water in aquifers both within and outside Nevada, and asked for clarification regarding any limitations on recovering water from these various storage accounts. Mr. Entsminger explained that Southern Nevada has substantial capacity to access its stored supplies. The Authority's pumping system at Lake Mead can deliver up to 900 million gallons per day, equating to more than 1 million acre-feet annually if operated at full capacity. By comparison, the region used approximately 198,000 acre-feet the previous year, meaning existing infrastructure provides far more capacity than current demand requires. He stated that both legally and physically, Southern Nevada has more than enough capability to recover its Lake Mead banked supplies through 2036. Mr. Entsminger then spoke about groundwater banking, stating that the District has approximately 40,000 acre-feet of permitted groundwater rights, while the maximum anticipated recovery from the groundwater bank would be about 25,000 acre-feet annually. Combined, this would amount to roughly 65,000 acre-feet per year. Existing production wells can handle those volumes, although operators may need to extend pumping beyond the normal summer peak-demand season.

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

8. Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement between Avantus Arida LLC and the Big Bend Water District for the provision of construction water and receive a contribution from Avantus Arida LLC for infrastructure reliability improvements in an amount not to exceed \$777,400.

Mr. Entsminger explained that this item supports development of a new solar facility near Laughlin, adding that the Big Bend Water District has sufficient capacity to supply the project's construction water needs. The proposal also provides the opportunity to upgrade portions of existing infrastructure, ensuring reliable water delivery during construction while providing long-term system improvements.

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

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Ed Uehling opposed the Summerlin high-elevation development, arguing that it imposes excessive water and energy costs due to the need to pump water uphill. He contended that the project unfairly benefits developers, questioned associated infrastructure plans, and urged officials to reconsider the development.

Laura McSwain criticized the District's excessive use charge policy as unfair to homeowners who need to drain and refill swimming pools. She argued that the District's suggested workaround of splitting a refill across billing periods is impractical because the excessive use threshold accrues daily and requires homeowners to perform complex calculations around meter-reading dates, household use, and irrigation needs. Ms. McSwain contended that homeowners can still face penalties even when properly draining pool water into the sanitary sewer system, which ultimately returns water to Lake Mead. She noted that concerns about pool refill penalties were raised by Commissioner Segerblom in 2023 and questioned why no relief mechanism has been implemented. She also expressed concern about reports that pool water delivery companies are no longer allowed to obtain hydrant water for residential pool fills. She urged the District to address what she characterized as a punitive policy that lacks flexibility for legitimate pool maintenance and repair needs. A copy of her comments is attached to these minutes.

Diane Henry, 7525 Coley Ave., expressed concerns about transparency and accountability related to the Springs Preserve Museum remodel. She noted that the Board recently approved nearly \$21 million in additional funding for Appelbaum Associates and questioned whether the work was competitively bid. She argued that because state funds are taxpayer dollars, the public deserves answers about the procurement process. Henry also criticized the lack of publicly available information from Springs Preserve committee meetings, stating that meeting minutes are not posted online and that agendas provide only generic descriptions. She called for greater disclosure regarding the bidding process, committee deliberations, and the District's oversight of the contracts, and asked that this information be made part of the public record. Materials that she submitted for the record are attached to these minutes.

Stephanie Stefan, 2021 Grouse St., expressed concern that park turf removal efforts are leading to the loss of mature trees and diminishing the quality of public parks. Referring to comments made by John Entsminger on a podcast, she

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questioned statements that parks were not being targeted for turf removal, and she cited examples from several parks where grass had been removed and large numbers of mature trees had subsequently died or been put at risk. Ms. Stefan urged officials to be more cautious about removing turf in parks, arguing that parks should not bear the burden of water conservation efforts. Materials that she submitted for the record are attached to these minutes.

Eric King urged the District to expand rainwater harvesting and tree planting efforts, arguing that more trees would help reduce urban heat, improve public health, and enhance quality of life. He emphasized that capturing stormwater for irrigation could support the urban canopy while reducing reliance on other water supplies.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 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.



September 1, 2026

LVVWD Board of Directors Meeting – Public Comment

Board Members:

In the spirit of summer being pool season, let's revisit some unfinished business.

LVVWD's own website tells pool owners that one way to avoid the Excessive Use Charge is to **split the refill across two billing periods.**

That sounds helpful.... until you understand how the EUC actually works.

The threshold isn't simply a monthly bucket of water as originally advertised. It accrues **daily.**

A typical residential pool can require approximately 15,000 gallons to refill. Using spring as an example, LVVWD's EUC threshold of 533 gallons per day, that refill alone represents about 28 days of the customer's entire EUC allowance. So merely crossing a billing date doesn't solve anything.

To even attempt LVVWD's recommended workaround, a homeowner first must determine **precisely when LVVWD is going to read their meter.....because that basic function lacks consistency.**

Then they apparently need to calculate how many days of EUC allowance have accumulated before that date, how many will accumulate afterward, subtract normal household consumption, account for landscape irrigation—and somehow coordinate all of this with a pool repair that may require the pool to be promptly refilled to protect the plaster. And that's also assuming that the repair is not a leak emergency that further subjects the homeowner to an EUC penalty.

This is absurd.

And LVVWD's other recommendation is to reduce landscape irrigation to make room under the threshold.

So protect the pool by potentially putting the trees and landscaping at risk?

And it gets better.

When an LVVWD customer properly drains that pool into the sanitary sewer, that water is treated and returned to Lake Mead, where the return flow benefits Nevada's Colorado River accounting.

Nevada gets the credit, LVVWD gets the cash, the homeowner gets screwed. Is that how it's supposed to work?

Commissioner Segerblom recognized this problem in 2023.

He asked whether something could be done for residents who properly drain their pools and then have to refill them.

Three years later, where is the answer?

Because there is still no forgiveness mechanism.

Only punishment.

And now we are hearing from a pool contractor that LVVWD has stopped allowing water-delivery companies to obtain District hydrant water to fill residential pools. Wouldn't this arguably be "construction water"?

The fact that this absurdity has been allowed to continue is, in itself, quite illuminating.

WATER FAIRNESS COALITION, INC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura McSwain', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laura McSwain, President

Public comment received for the 090126 Board of Directors meeting

September 1, 2026

LVVWD Public Comment – Agenda Item #4 from August 4, 2026

I'd like to follow up on Agenda Item #4 from your last meeting. On August 4th, without discussion, you awarded nearly \$21 million in additional funding to Applebaum Associates for the Springs Preserve Museum remodel.

Members of the public asked a simple question: Was this work competitively bid; and if not, why not? We were told that NV State funds are being used for this project. But, as Ms McSwain of the WFC pointed out, State funds are still taxpayer dollars!

Were competitive bids obtained? We still don't know. We were told the Preserve has its own Committee, which some of you also serve on. We were directed to look online to see what the Committee has discussed regarding this project. But Springs Preserve Meeting minutes are not available online. Only the Agendas are available on-line, and they don't give any substantive information or supporting documents on the matters to be considered.

In fact, for years, the agendas appear to repeat the same generic language. Item #1 routinely says only that the Committee will consider approving agenda items, including tabled or reconsidered items, emergency items, deletions, and the prior meeting's minutes. Item #2 simply says the Committee will receive an update on programming and activities at the Springs Preserve.

The public has no meaningful notice of what specific matters will be discussed or acted upon. Which raises questions about compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020, Section 3(d)(1) and (2), which requires an agenda to contain a clear and complete statement of the topics to be considered and to identify the items on which action may be taken.

There is also a separate concern regarding the Applebaum contracts. Because it is you, the Water District—not the Springs Preserve Committee—that oversee these contracts and approve the subcontractors.

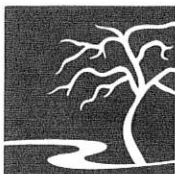
I'm bringing these issues to your attention and again asking for transparency regarding the bidding process or lack thereof, the Committee's deliberations, and the District's oversight of these contracts. I have provided over 2 years of Springs Preserve Board Meeting Agendas for the record.

Diane Henry

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SPRINGS PRESERVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
9:00 A.M. – APRIL 23, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING
702-625-8405
CONFERENCE ID: 256 710 191#

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ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items, and approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 24, 2025.
2. *For Information Only:* Receive an update on programming and activities at the Springs Preserve.

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10:00 A.M. – SEPTEMBER 24, 2025
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ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items and approve the minutes of the meeting of April 29, 2025.
2. *For Information Only:* Receive an update on programming and activities at the Springs Preserve.

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ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items and approve the minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2024.
2. *For Information Only:* Recognize and welcome new members to the Springs Preserve Board of Trustees.
3. *For Information Only:* Receive an update on programming and activities at the Springs Preserve.

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ITEM NO.

1. *For Possible Action:* Approve agenda with the inclusion of tabled and/or reconsidered items, emergency items and/or deletion of items and approve the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 2024.
2. *For Possible Action:* Re-appoint Bob Stoldal to serve on the Board of Trustees as a representative from the historical and humanities interests.
3. *For Information Only:* Receive an update on programming and activities at the Springs Preserve.
4. *For Information Only:* Recognize Regent Laura Perkins and Commissioner Ross Miller for their service to the Springs Preserve and the community.

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In a recent City Cast podcast dated April 30th, 2026 John Entsminger, General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, referring to turf removal in the Las Vegas Valley, stated: "we haven't gone after parks." This statement is not true. Many thousands of square feet of turf has been and is slated to be removed from Las Vegas Valley parks as "non functional."

According to Mr. Entsminger's own statement in the same podcast, "we've taken out enough grass here in the Las Vegas Valley to lay an 18 inch wide piece of sod around the circumference of the globe at the equator and started our second lap....that's a lot of grass."

Yes, Mr. Entsminger, it is. And thousands of our legacy trees are dead and dying because of it. As the cooling effects of all that turf and trees are gone from our valley, it is becoming a "heat island," a result predicted by horticulturalist Norm Schilling in compelling testimony before the Clark County Commission on November 7th, 2023.

Turf in parks in the increasingly harsh environment of the Las Vegas Valley has INTRINSIC functional value. It should not need to be defended. Many residents enjoy turf in parks in a myriad of ways apart from organized sports. High water costs and "excessive use fees" as well as government restrictions have intentionally made green respite in our own homes increasingly out of reach. Thus, seeing an occasional stretch of green in a valley park as we drive around the city becomes increasingly paramount to the quality of life here. We don't need what little turf is left in our valley parks turned into more desert walking paths. (Lined with dead or suffering legacy trees). We have enough of those already. We should not have to park our cars and walk into the interior of an area to recognize a community park. The very idea that the remaining turf in our valley parks has to be defended as "functional" is non-sensical. It is functioning to keep us sane. We need a cool spot to lie down and look at the clouds if we want to. That is function! That's the point of a park. The first agenda item of the new legislative session should be an emergency amendment to AB356 to specifically save our existing valley parks. At the rate of turf removal right now, that may actually be too late.

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