

The meeting was held at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman
Vice Chairwoman
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

George F. Ogilvie III
Marybel Batjer
Mark Amodei
Tom Collins
Duncan R. McCoy
Berlyn D. Miller
Lois Tarkanian

DEPUTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Senior Deputy Attorney General
Senior Deputy Attorney General

Jennifer T. Crandell
Ann C. Pongracz

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Interim Executive Director
Chief, Finance and Administration
Manager, Energy Services
Hydropower Program Manager
Assistant Director of Energy Information Systems
Assistant Hydropower Program Manager
Hydropower Program Specialist
Natural Resource Analyst
Natural Resource Specialist
Senior Energy Accountant
Senior Energy Accountant
Energy Accountant
Administrative Assistant IV
Administrative Assistant II
Administrative Assistant II

James D. Salo
Douglas N. Beatty
Gail A. Bates
Craig N. Pyper
Joe Dabrowski
Lisa M. Ray
Michael S. Harris
Jason Thiriot
Kimberly E. Maloy
Gail L. Benton
Richard M. Sanders
Kalora E. Snyder
Brenda Haymore
Gina L. Goodman
Carol L. Perone

OTHERS PRESENT; REPRESENTING

Basic Water Company
Consultant
Overton Power District No. 5
Overton Power District No. 5
Self
Southern Nevada Water Authority

Colen Watts
Sara A. Price, Esq.
Mendis Cooper
Delmar Leatham
Esther Rojas
Scott Krantz

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION
OF NEVADA
MEETING OF June 14, 2011**

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The Colorado River Commission meeting was called to order by at 1:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.

Interim Executive Director James Salo confirmed that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

B. Approval of minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner McCoy moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Batjer and approved by a unanimous vote of those present. Commissioner Tarkanian was not present for the vote.

C. Consideration of and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Letter Agreement Between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Western Area Power Administration (Western) to prepare a cost estimate and schedule for moving certain Commission customer loads into Western's balancing area.

Gail Bates, Energy Services Group Manager stated that on September 14, 2010, the Commission approved the Letter Agreement Between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) and the Western Area Power Administration (Western) to prepare a cost estimate and timeline for moving certain Commission customer loads from NV Energy balancing area and into Western's balancing area.

Western is proceeding with that study; however, they notified the Commission that their cost is going to exceed the initial funding amount of \$17,000.00. Western has requested an additional \$15,000.00 to complete the work requested of them. Western assured Commission that there will be no additional requests for funding. Staff has discussed Western's request with our customers and they have all agreed to fund the additional amount.

Staff requested approval for Amendment No. 1 and authorization for the Interim Executive Director to execute it on behalf of the Commission.

Chairman Ogilvie asked for questions or comments from the Commissioners. There were none.

Commissioner Miller moved for approval of the Amendment No. 1 to the Letter Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCoy and approved by a unanimous vote of those present. Commissioner Tarkanian was not present for the vote.

D. Consideration of and possible action on the selection of the new Executive Director of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Doug Beatty, Chief, Finance and Administration made one point of clarification for Item D. The salary as noted in the Briefing Material and the posted Notice of Meeting and Agenda is the existing salary for fiscal year 2011. Pay Bill, Senate Bill 505, currently on the Governor's desk for signature would reduce that salary by 2.5 percent pursuant to that legislation.

The finalists for the Executive Director appointment were James Salo of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Jayne Harkins of the Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Region.

Vice Chairwoman Batjer stated, and the Commissioners agreed, that both final candidates have provided excellent public service to our country and state, and possess excellent qualifications and professionalism. Vice Chairwoman Batjer further stated that, due to Jayne Harkins' twenty seven years of experience on the Colorado River, her obvious positive relationships with federal government organizations and personnel, and her knowledge of and relationships with the principal representatives of the Seven States, she is best suited to lead the Colorado River Commission of Nevada going forward.

Vice Chairwoman Batjer motioned to appoint Jayne Harkins as the new Executive Director of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and approved by a unanimous vote of those present. Commissioner Tarkanian was not present for the vote.

E. Status update on the hydrologic conditions, drought, and climate of the Colorado River Basin, Nevada's consumptive use of Colorado River water, and other developments on the Colorado River.

Natural Resources Analyst Jason Thiriot provided a report on the following:

- Storage Conditions
- Precipitation – Colorado River Basin
- Ideal Snow Conditions
- Colorado River Basin above Lake Powell
- River Basin Snowpack Percentage- May Statewide
- Highs & Lows – Releases
- May 2011 Results from CRSS
- Lower Basin Shortage through 2026
- Historical 10-Year Running Average Colorado River Basin Supply & Use
- Lake Mead Daily Water Levels
- US Drought Monitor
- Water Use in Southern Nevada

A copy of the report is attached and made a part of the minutes. (See Attachment A.)

F. Comments and questions from the public. (No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.)

Chairman Ogilvie asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

G. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

Chairman Ogilvie asked if there were any comments or questions from the Commission members. There were none.

H. Selection of the next possible meeting date.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Suite 4401.

I. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

James D. Salo, Interim Executive Director

APPROVED:

George F. Ogilvie III, Chairman