

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

Jay D. Bingham
Andrea Anderson
Ace I. Robison
Lois Tarkanian

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Commissioner

Marybel Batjer

COMMISSIONERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman
Commissioner

Richard W. Bunker
Shari Buck

DEPUTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Senior Deputy Attorney General
Senior Deputy Attorney General

Gerald A. López
Jennifer Crandell

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Acting Deputy Director and Chief, Finance & Administration Douglas N. Beatty
Manager of Regulatory and Intergovernmental Affairs
Assistant Director of Engineering and Operations
Natural Resource Specialist
Natural Resource Specialist
Natural Resource Technician
Senior Energy Accountant
Office Manager
Administrative Assistant III
Administrative Assistant II

James D. Salo
Robert Reese
McClain Peterson
Nicole Everett
Anthony Miller
Gail Benton
Judy Atwood
Janet Nuszbaum
Donna Banks

OTHERS PRESENT; REPRESENTING

American Pacific Corporation
Boulder City
Consultant
Overton Power District No. 5
Southern Nevada Water Authority

Jack Stonehocker
Ned Shamo
Sara Price
Mendis Cooper
Sandra Reed-Bottino

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION
OF NEVADA
MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2007**

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The Colorado River Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bingham at 10:00 a.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.

Acting Deputy Director and Chief, Finance & Administration, Douglas Beatty confirmed that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

B. Approval of minutes of the February 13, 2007, meeting.

Commissioner Anderson moved for approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2007, meeting as written. Commissioner Robison seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote of those present. Commissioner Tarkanian was not present for this vote.

C. Consideration of and possible action on the second amendment of Contract No. SA-02-02 with PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. for high-voltage transmission and distribution system maintenance support services.

Assistant Director of Engineering and Operations Robert Reese gave a brief overview of the existing maintenance support contracts.

In August of 2002, CRC entered into Contract Nos. SA-02-02, SA-02-03, and SA-02-04 with, respectively, PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR), Brink Electric Construction Company, Inc. (Brink), and Wasatch Electric, a Division of Dynelectric, Inc. (Wasatch) for maintenance support for the Power Delivery Project and the Basic Substation Project. These contracts, as amended in May 2005, extend through June 30, 2008.

The existing service contracts with PAR, Brink, and Wasatch are enabling-type contracts that allow CRC operation and maintenance staff to receive support on an as-needed basis for certain tasks that cannot be efficiently performed with existing CRC personnel. Experience has shown that most of the operation and maintenance functions that are performed regularly or on a frequent basis on the Power Delivery Project or the Basic Substation Project can be performed efficiently and economically by CRC staff. However, certain operation and maintenance functions can be more effectively performed utilizing the services of support contractors. In this category are: (1) infrequent work requiring specialized tools, equipment or expertise; (2) emergency restoration work requiring the availability of an unusual amount of manpower and equipment; and (3) small improvement or replacement projects that require a short-term increase in manpower and equipment.

To date the services provided by the contractors have included high-voltage bus work repairs at the Basic Substation, control wiring, crane services, and retrofitting of existing substations. CRC has not had to request emergency restoration work from any contractor. Recently, CRC has utilized these maintenance support contracts to complete installation of metering and

communication circuits to facilitate the transfer of operational responsibility for various SNWA substations from Nevada Power Company to CRC. To perform the necessary work, CRC has utilized both PAR and Wasatch.

During the remaining term of the maintenance support contracts, CRC anticipates the continued need for minor support services and CRC is scheduling the completion of a fiber optic communication circuit between SNWA's Montessori and Warm Springs substations. To complete the work will require an estimated \$200,000 in material and labor. After obtaining quotes from both PAR and Wasatch, CRC believes it most advantageous to CRC to have the work performed by PAR.

Of the not-to-exceed contract amount of \$285,480.00 in Contract SA-02-02, \$119,034.50 remains unexpended. To provide the funds necessary to complete the fiber optic communication circuit, while leaving the current balance of the unexpended funds available for continued emergency response and repair purposes, staff proposes to amend Contract SA-02-02 by increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$485,480.00. All other conditions of the existing contract will remain the same including the contract duration.

In late 2007, staff intends to conduct a new "request for proposals" process to identify three or more maintenance support contractors for the upcoming 60-month period.

Commissioner Tarkanian arrived at the meeting at this time.

Vice Chairman Bingham asked about the tools and equipment that would be used.

Mr. Reese said the type of overhaul equipment would be along the lines of lifting devices such as cranes. He stated that the equipment is expensive and not economically feasible to buy because the equipment is not used very often.

Commissioner Robison made a motion to approve the contract which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

D. Consideration of and possible action to approve the renewal of a personal services contract with Sara A. Price, Esq., for an additional two-year term, until April 2009.

Mr. Beatty stated that Ms. Sara A. Price currently serves as a special consultant to the Commission on matters concerning the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program and other environmental, water and power matters. She previously was a Senior Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Commission, where she provided counsel for five years. Under the contract renewal, she will continue to serve as a special consultant to the Commission on issues related to species and conservation.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the renewal of a personal services contract with Sara Price. Commissioner Tarkanian seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

E. Update on Nevada's Colorado River water consumption, the status of discussions regarding shortages criteria, and other developments on the Colorado River.

Mr. Beatty said that Natural Resource Specialist McClain Peterson would provide the update on the issues regarding the Colorado River.

Mr. Peterson provided a report on the following:

- Storage Conditions on Lake Mead and Lake Powell
- Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell
- Precipitation in the Colorado River Basin
- Drought conditions in the West
- Water use in Southern Nevada

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

Mr. Peterson also provided an update on the April 2007 Colorado River Conference: *The Colorado River: Conflicts, Concerns, and Challenges* to be held April 26-27, 2007, at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pat Mulroy of the Southern Nevada Water Authority and Bob Johnson, Commissioner of Reclamation, are two of the keynote speakers. The Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission on the Mexican side will speak on issues in Mexico.

F. Comments and questions from the public and discussion. (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.)

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

G. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

Vice Chairman Bingham asked if there were comments or questions from the Commission members.

Commissioner Batjer thanked the Commissioners and staff for allowing her to participate by telephone.

H. Selection of the next possible meeting date.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clark County Commission Chambers.

I. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

George M. Caan, Executive Director

APPROVED:

Richard W. Bunker, Chairman