

The meeting opened at 10:08 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4401, Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairman
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

Ace I. Robison
Marybel Batjer
George F. Ogilvie III
Lois Tarkanian

COMMISSIONERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman
Commissioner
Commissioner

Jay Bingham
Andrea Anderson
Chip Maxfield

DEPUTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Senior Deputy Attorney General
Senior Deputy Attorney General

Jennifer T. Crandell
Ann C. Pongracz

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Director
Chief, Finance and Administration
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations
Assistant Director of Energy Information Systems
Assistant Hydropower Program Manager
Natural Resource Analyst
Natural Resource Analyst
Office Manager
Administrative Assistant IV
Administrative Assistant II

George M. Caan
Douglas N. Beatty
Robert Reese
Joe Dabrowski
Jason Thiriot
Nicole Everett
Anthony Miller
Judy Atwood
Brenda Haymore
Gina Goodman

OTHERS PRESENT; REPRESENTING

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

Jack Stonehocker
Sara A. Price, Esq.
Mendis Cooper
Delmar Leatham
Sandra Reed Bottino

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION
OF NEVADA
MEETING OF July 8, 2008**

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The Colorado River Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Robison at 10:06 a.m.

A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.

Executive Director George Caan confirmed that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

B. Approval of minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting.

Commissioner Tarkanian moved for approval of the minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. Consideration of and possible action on the award of Contract No. CRCPDP-30 for the procurement of 69-kV power cable and accessories for the IPS-3 Electric Service Project and the Clean Water Coalition's Substation Project.

Mr. Caan advised the Commission this item should not be considered at today's meeting due to unforeseen contractual issues related to the performance bonds.

No action was taken on this item.

D. Consideration of and possible action to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance Engineering Support Services with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

An engineer's estimate has been developed for the Clean Water Coalition's Hydro Plant project and its interconnection with CRC's electric facilities. An increase to the Burns & McDonnell contract amount is necessary to complete the tasks of developing the designs, engineering, and specifications for the project.

Under the contract, the services of Burns & McDonnell are authorized by CRC staff as needed through the development and execution of written task authorizations. This amendment will result in an increase to the maximum aggregate cost of services by an additional \$540,000.00 to a not-to-exceed contract total of \$990,000.00 over the term of the contract.

Mr. Caan stated that Burns & McDonnell has worked with the CRC for over twelve years. They are well qualified and fully capable of providing the needed engineering support. Staff recommended approval of this amendment.

Commissioner Ogilvie made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Batjer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

E. Notification of receipt of the Government Finance Officers Association's award of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Commission's annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Mr. Caan stated that this is the 31st year the CRC has received this award. This award demonstrates excellence in financial reporting. Continuing to receive this award, given the complexity of the CRC's accounting, is an outstanding achievement for the Commission's accounting group.

Vice Chairman Ace Robison, on behalf of the Commission, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the staff as well.

Commissioner Batjer added her congratulations to the staff for receiving this honor for the past 31 years and thanked the staff for the fine work required to achieve this accomplishment.

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

Natural Resources Analyst Nicole Everett provided the updates on the issues regarding the Colorado River.

Ms. Everett provided a report on the following:

- Unregulated Inflow into Lake Powell
- Storage Conditions
- Precipitation in the Colorado River Basin
- Lake Mead Elevations
- U.S. Drought Monitor
- U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
- Monthly Max Temp Deviation for June 2008
- 3-month Temperature Outlook
- 3-month Precipitation Outlook
- Water Use in Southern Nevada

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

G. 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 Robison asked if there any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

H. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

Vice Chairman Robison made an observation about the Law of the Colorado River Conference he attended in June on how the Seven Basin states are working together to successfully resolve water issues through effective communication and avoiding the use of courts.

Commissioner Tarkanian agreed and added that the states are fortunate to have people with great leadership abilities that were and are able to put aside anger and individual interests to work together and solve water issues.

Commissioner Batjer added that in today's news the Great Lakes states have finalized their compact for water in their area. She stated that this compact provides another example of how to better manage water and avoid protracted legal battles.

I. Selection of the next possible meeting date.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant Sawyer State Building, Suite 4401.

J. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

George M. Caan, Executive Director

APPROVED:

Jay D. Bingham, Chairman