

The meeting opened at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman	Jay D. Bingham
Vice Chairman	Ace I. Robison
Commissioner	Andrea Anderson
Commissioner	Marybel Batjer
Commissioner	George F. Ogilvie III
Commissioner	Lois Tarkanian

DEPUTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Senior Deputy Attorney General	Jennifer T. Crandell
Senior Deputy Attorney General	Ann C. Pongracz

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Director	George M. Caan
Chief, Finance and Administration	Douglas N. Beatty
Manager, Energy Services	Gail A. Bates
Assistant Director for Engineering and Operations	Robert Reese
Manager, Natural Resources Group	McClain L. Peterson
Natural Resources Analyst	Esther Valle
Senior Energy Accountant	Gail L. Benton
Office Manager	Judy K. Atwood
Administrative Assistant IV	Brenda L. Haymore
Administrative Assistant II	Gina L. Goodman

OTHERS PRESENT; REPRESENTING

American Pacific Corporation	Jack Stonehocker
Overton Power District No. 5	Delmar Leatham
Overton Power District No. 5	Mendis Cooper
Piercy, Bowler, Taylor & Kern	Richard Bowler
Tronox, Inc.	John Holmstron

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION
OF NEVADA
MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2009**

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M. Adjournment5

The Colorado River Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Bingham at 10:04 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 November 12, 2008 meeting.

Commissioner Batjer moved for approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting as written. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

C. Selection of Vice Chairman.

NRS 538.111 provides that “at the first meeting of the commission in each calendar year, the commission shall elect the vice chairman for the ensuing calendar year”.

Commissioner Tarkanian motioned for Ace Robison to remain as Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Batjer and approved by a unanimous vote.

D. Consideration of and possible action on award of Contract No. CRCPDP-31 for the IPS-3 and CWC Substation 69kV Ductbank Construction Project (Phase 1).

Assistant Director for Engineering and Operations Robert Reese reported that at the May 13, 2008 meeting, the Commission approved Contract No. CRCPDP-100 to interconnect the Commission’s electric system with the Clean Water Coalition’s (CWC’s) proposed hydroelectric generating facility (Hydro Plant). Concurrent with the CWC’s Hydro Plant Project is the plan for the Commission to construct Intake Pumping Station No. 3 (IPS-3) in conjunction with the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Contract No. CRCPDP-31 provides for the construction of the 69-kV ductbank necessary for the projects and to provide temporary construction power.

On September 9, 2008, Contract No. CRCPDP-31 was released for bid. By bid closing on October 6, 2008, the Commission had received eight bids. The Commission’s staff and engineers evaluated the bids. The evaluation involved a two-step process. The first step included a review of each bid to ensure compliance with the requirements of the technical specifications and contract documents. The second step involved an evaluation of each proposal to consider factors such as price, schedule, quality, and service. The evaluation confirmed the Harber Company bid was the lowest responsive bid. Staff therefore recommended the award of Contract No. CRCPDP-31 for 69-kV Ductbank

Construction (Phase I) to Harber Company. Staff requested contract authority of \$1,155,555.50, which includes a 10 percent contingency for quantity adjustments and change orders.

Staff recommended the Commission approve award of the contract to Harber Company and authorize the executive director to sign the contract on behalf of the Commission.

Vice Chairman Robison moved to approve Contract No. CRCPDP-31. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tarkanian and approved by a unanimous vote.

E. Consideration of and possible action to approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. SA-03-06 for software support services for the Power Delivery Project.

Mr. Reese reported that in 2002, the Commission contracted with Power Measurement USA, Inc. (Power Measurement) to develop, furnish, and install a business enterprise system to provide the Commission and its electric service customers with the ability to manage more efficiently the procurement of electric energy, including scheduling and accounting, by the rapid dissemination of real-time metering data.

The Commission was notified on March 27, 2006 that Power Measurement was acquired by Square D Company, an electrical manufacturer and operating division of Schneider Electric. On July 12, 2006, the assignment of Contract No. SA-03-06 to Square D Company/Schneider Electric was approved.

Mr. Reese stated that services under the contract are provided on an as-requested basis in detailed task authorizations developed by Commission staff. Square D Company has performed all requested support services in a timely manner to the satisfaction of Commission staff. To provide for continued support services, staff now proposes to increase the cost of the contract by \$125,000 to a not-to-exceed total of \$350,000.

Staff recommended the Commission approve the amendment to the contract with Square D Company/Schneider Electric and authorize the executive director to sign the contract on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Tarkanian moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. SA-03-06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Batjer and approved by a unanimous vote.

F. Consideration of and possible action to approve an amendment to the contract with Oasis Consulting Services.

Energy Services Manager Gail Bates reported that in November 2008 the Commission approved a contract with Oasis Consulting Services (Oasis) for management consulting services. Oasis started the process by interviewing the senior staff members for their perspectives on how the Commission is doing as an organization. Then Oasis conducted a series of focus groups and interviews with about twenty-five non-senior level staff

employees for their perspective. From those interviews and focus groups Oasis put together a report that identified suggestions for improving communications and building relationship across work groups.

In December, Oasis facilitated an offsite meeting with senior staff to produce working drafts of vision and value statements. We still have to finalize our statements, solicit the input of our employees and rollout the vision, mission, and values. We are seeking an additional \$15,000 to complete the work we started.

Staff recommended the Commission approve the contract amendment with Oasis Consulting Services and authorize the executive director to sign the amendment on behalf of the Commission.

Chairman Bingham asked what was the most revealing moment during the offsite meeting with senior staff.

Ms. Bates replied that our employees have a desire to learn about the work of Commission staff groups outside of their specific areas.

Mr. Caan added that the feedback from the staff was positive considering we currently have three offices and the employees want to increase cross-divisional communication.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve an amendment to the contract with Oasis Consulting Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tarkanian and approved by a unanimous vote.

G. Presentation of Colorado River Commission Annual Financial Report for Year ended June 30, 2008.

Mr. Richard Bowler, of Piercy, Bowler, Taylor & Kern, the Commission's external auditor, reported that the audit of the financial statements of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada for the year ended June 30, 2008, was complete. The audit did not produce any comments or findings that need to be reported to the Commission. Mr. Bowler said he would be happy to answer any questions. There were none.

H. Status Update: Presentation of *World's Major Rivers: An Introduction to International Water Law With Case Studies*. A completed study which describes and analyzes innovative international water allocation and management regimes including the Colorado River Basin.

Natural Resources Group Manager McClain Peterson presented each of the Commissioners with a copy of *World's Major Rivers: An Introduction to International Water Law With Case Studies* by primary author Dan Seligman.

He gave a brief summary of the 15 rivers that were analyzed in the book and highlighted the table of contents.

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

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

Natural Resources Analyst Esther Valle thanked Commissioner Batjer for presenting the opening remarks for the "Forecasting Tools Workshop" held on December 5, 2008 and recapped the day's events.

Ms. Valle provided a status update on the following:

- Unregulated inflow into Lake Powell
- Storage conditions on the Colorado River
- Precipitation in the Colorado River Basin
- Lake Mead elevation projections
- Lake Powell elevation projections
- 2009 Annual Operating Plan
- U. S. drought monitor
- U. S. Seasonal drought outlook
- 3-Month temperature outlook
- January – December 2008 precipitation for Clark County
- 3-Month precipitation outlook
- Water use in southern Nevada

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

J. 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.)

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

K. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

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

L. Selection of the next possible meeting date.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at the Clark County Government Center in the Clark County Commission Chambers.

M. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

George M. Caan, Executive Director

APPROVED:

Jay D. Bingham, Chairman