

The meeting was held at 1:07 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner (Acting Chairman)
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

George F. Ogilvie III
Andrea Anderson
Marybel Batjer
Tom Collins
Lois Tarkanian

COMMISSIONERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman
Vice Chairman

Jay D. Bingham
Ace I. Robison

DEPUTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Senior Deputy Attorney General
Senior Deputy Attorney General

Jennifer T. Crandell
Ann C. Pongracz

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Director
Deputy Executive Director
Chief, Finance and Administration
Manager, Energy Services
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations
Manager, Hydropower Program
Manager, Natural Resources Group
Assistant Director of Energy Information Systems
Senior Power Facilities Electrical Engineer
Natural Resource Analyst
Natural Resource Analyst
Natural Resource Analyst
Office Manager
Administrative Assistant III
Administrative Assistant II

George M. Caan
James D. Salo
Douglas N. Beatty
Gail A. Bates
Robert Reese
Craig N. Pyper
McClain L. Peterson
Joe Dabrowski
Gary Dawes
Nicole Everett
Esther Valle
Jason Thiriot
Judy K. Atwood
Janet L. Nuszbaum
Donna Banks

OTHERS PRESENT; REPRESENTING

American Pacific Corporation
Clark County Water Reclamation District
Clark County Water Reclamation District
Consultant
Overton Power District No. 5
Overton Power District No. 5

Jack Stonehocker
Adam Warner
Richard Mendes
Sara A. Price, Esq.
Mendis Cooper
Delmar Leatham

Southern Nevada Water Authority
Self

John Evans
Celta Hannig

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The Colorado River Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Ogilvie at 1:07 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.

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

B. Approval of minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting.

Commissioner Collins moved for approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. Commissioner Batjer was not present for the vote.

C. Consideration of and possible action to adopt Colorado River Commission Resolution 2009-2, commending Andrea Anderson for her service to the Commission.

Mr. Caan read into the record Colorado River Commission Resolution 2009-2 commending Commissioner Anderson for her service to the Commission.

Commissioner Collins moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tarkanian and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners present. Commissioner Batjer was not present for the vote.

The Commission members expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the hard work, expertise, and insight that Ms. Anderson provided while serving on the Commission.

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

D. Consideration of and possible action to adopt Colorado River Commission Resolution 2009-3, commending Celta Hannig for her service to the Commission.

Mr. Caan read into the record Colorado River Commission Resolution 2009-3 commending Ms. Celta Hannig for her service to the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Commissioner Batjer arrived at this time.

Commissioner Tarkanian moved for approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Ms. Hannig's dedication and years of service with the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

On behalf of the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Mr. Caan expressed his appreciation for Ms. Hannig's years of service, dedication, and loyalty.

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

E. Consideration of and possible action to approve a Contract for the Interconnection of Generating Facilities Between The Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Interconnection Contract).

Energy Services Manager Gail Bates provided a brief overview of the Interconnection Contract.

The Commission and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) are Parties to the Amended and Restated Electric Power Facilities Development Agreement (Power Facilities Agreement). The Power Facilities Agreement provides for the Commission to construct, operate, and maintain certain power delivery facilities referred to as the Power Delivery Project. The Generator Interconnection Agreement is intended to work in concert with the Electric Power Facilities Development Agreement.

SNWA has constructed and is continuing to construct several small solar generating facilities which are connected to the Power Delivery Project. The Alfred Merritt Smith Water Treatment Facility has solar panel-covered parking. Similar solar panels are located at the River Mountain Water Treatment Facility. These panels generate a total of approximately 250 kW of solar energy, which is enough to power 60 to 70 homes. Ms. Bates provided pictures of the solar panels. The pictures are attached and made a part of the minutes. (See Attachment C.)

The Generator Interconnection Agreement clarifies the parties' responsibilities with respect to construction, operation, and maintenance of the SNWA's Generators and Generator Interconnection Facilities. It allows SNWA to add new, small generators without entering into a new agreement.

Acting Chairman Ogilvie asked if it was the Commission's responsibility to construct and operate the generators and electrical equipment necessary to operate the SNWA's facilities. Ms. Bates responded that SNWA invested in the solar panels and constructed them; however, the Commission has had a role in constructing the Generator Interconnecting Facilities.

Commissioner Tarkanian moved for approval of the Interconnection Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and approved by a unanimous vote.

F. Consideration of and possible action on approval of: (1) a Network Interaction Transmission Service Agreement, (2) a Distribution Only Service Agreement, and (3) a Transmission Reduction Plan between the City of Las Vegas, Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Ms. Bates stated the Nevada legislature has authorized the Commission to provide electric service to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) and its member agencies for their water and wastewater operations, in Nevada Revised Statutes 704.787. The Commission currently provides electrical service to meet the majority of the SNWA's water pumping needs and approximately 50% of the Las Vegas Valley Water District's water pumping needs. The City of Las Vegas (City), an SNWA member agency, has requested that the Commission provide electric service to meet approximately 8 MW of load associated with its wastewater treatment facilities. The subject agreements, which govern the use of NV Energy's transmission and distribution delivery systems by retail customers, are required in order for the Commission to provide service to the City.

Acting Chairman Ogilvie asked if there was going to be a time when the Commission wouldn't be able to supply all the electricity demanded by the SNWA member agencies. Ms. Bates replied that at this point the Commission is limited by statute to providing electricity for the member agencies' water and wastewater needs, and that the Commission is able to meet these needs.

Commissioner Collins requested clarification on how the Commission's customers use the electricity provided by the Commission. Ms. Bates confirmed the usage was only for water and wastewater. Mr. Caan clarified that by statute the Commission is limited to who it can serve and what loads it can provide.

Commissioner Collins moved for approval of the Network Interaction Transmission Service Agreement, Distribution only Service Agreement and Transmission Reduction Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Batjer and approved by a unanimous vote.

G. Consideration of and possible action to approve Contract No. CRCPDP-200, an Interlocal Agreement between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and the Clark County Water Reclamation District.

Assistant Director of Engineering and Operations Robert Reese provided details of Contract No. CRCPSP-200.

The Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD) has requested that the Commission purchase materials, and design, construct, operate and maintain three CCWRD-owned substations and medium voltage distribution facilities to be located at the CCWRD Central Plant and Advanced Water Treatment facilities.

The CCWRD is currently planning the construction of additional facilities at its Central Plant and Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) facilities that will increase electrical load

and will require the construction of additional substation capacity and distribution feeders within the Central Plant and AWT site.

The existing Central Plant and AWT currently are served from several substations and distribution feeders owned and operated by NV Energy. The CCWRD desires to replace these existing NV Energy owned and operated substations with new, customer-owned substations that are dedicated to serving only CCWRD facilities and loads. Three new substations are planned to serve the existing and planned increase in load.

Pursuant to Contract No. CRCPDP-200, the Commission will design, construct and energize three substations and associated 15-kV underground distribution circuits, and perform operation and maintenance of these facilities for the first 90 days, for a not-to-exceed amount of twelve million three hundred thousand dollars (\$12,300,000.00).

Commission staff plans to begin on-site construction of the required substations in December of 2009, to energize one transformer bank at each of the three substations by mid-April of 2010, and to energize a second transformer bank at the Surge Pond Substation by the end of April 2010.

Contract No. CRCPDP-200 was approved by the Clark County Water Reclamation District's Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 2, 2009.

Commissioner Collins requested clarification on who will own the substations.

Mr. Reese stated that CCWRD will own the substations and the Commission will construct and maintain the facilities.

Commissioner Collins moved for approval of Contract No. CRCPDP-200. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and approved by a unanimous vote.

H. 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 Nicole Everett gave a brief presentation. A copy of her presentation is attached and made a part of the minutes. (See Attachment D.)

Ms. Everett provided a report on the following:

- Unregulated Inflow Into Lake Powell
- Storage Conditions
- Precipitation in the Colorado River Basin
- Lake Mead Elevation Projections
- Lake Powell Elevation Projections
- Lake Mead Elevation and Ratings
- Minimum and Maximum Temperature Deviation for May 2009
- Monthly Precipitation for May 2009

- U. S. Drought Monitor
- U. S. Seasonal Drought Outlook
- 3-Month Temperature Outlook
- Record of Precipitation Las Vegas January – April 2009
- Water Use in Southern Nevada

I. Update on the 2009 Nevada Legislative Session.

Mr. Caan provided a brief update on the bills that directly affected the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Mr. Caan stated that the State's new budget requires unclassified state employees to take one furlough day per month, and classified state employees to take 96 hours of furlough, in each year of the biennium. The budget eliminates longevity and merit pay increases for the biennium. Minor travel reductions were approved and positions unfilled and unneeded were returned to the legislature.

Senate Bill 66 dealt with the protection of intentionally created surpluses of water in the Muddy and Virgin Rivers, by insuring that the waters were deemed to be of beneficial use and placing the jurisdiction of those waters with the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Senate Bill 339 requires the Colorado River Commission of Nevada to provide a report assessing the feasibility of a hydrokinetic generation project below Hoover Dam, to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands which is the committee of jurisdiction for the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Mr. Caan also provided an update on a number of energy related bills signed into law by the Governor.

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.)

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

K. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

Acting Chairman Ogilvie 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 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Suite 4401.

M. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

George M. Caan, Executive Director

APPROVED:

Jay D. Bingham, Chairman