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Jayne Harkins named Executive Director of Colorado River Commission

LAS VEGAS, NV - The Colorado River Commission of Nevada announced the appointment of Jayne Harkins as the new Executive Director. The decision was unanimously reached at the Commission's regular monthly meeting on June 14.

Harkins will serve as the organizational leader and executive administrator of the 76-year-old agency, which is responsible for the protection and furtherance of Nevada's interests in water and hydropower resources associated with the Colorado River and its federally-owned dams. The Commission serves water and power customers in the southern part of the State and represents Nevada in all activities related to the Colorado River.

Harkins comes to the Commission after 27 years with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, where she most recently served as the Deputy Regional Director of the Lower Colorado Region. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Engineering from the University of North Dakota, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and is a registered professional engineer in Nevada and California.

"The State of Nevada is extremely fortunate to have someone with the qualifications and experience of Jayne Harkins take the reins of this agency" said the Commission's Chairman, George F. Ogilvie III. "Her knowledge of the River and her relationships with the federal government and the other Colorado River Basin States are ideal for this position. We are very pleased with this appointment."

"After 25 years of living in Nevada and working on the Colorado River, I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Commission and represent Nevada in Colorado River water and power issues," said Jayne Harkins.

Harkins will begin work with the Commission at its headquarters in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas on Monday, August 1.

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