

The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairwoman	Puoy K. Premsrirut
Commissioner	Justin Jones
Commissioner	Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Commissioner	Cody Winterton
Commissioner	Dan Stewart

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Vice Chairwoman	Kara J. Kelley
Commissioner	Allen J. Puliz

**DEPUTY ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL**

Special Counsel, Attorney General	Michelle D. Briggs
Special Counsel, Attorney General	David W. Newton

**COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Director	Eric Witkoski
Senior Assistant Director	Sara Price
Chief of Finance and Administration	Douglas N. Beatty
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations	Shae Pelkowski
Power Systems Operations Manager	Walter Shupe
Chief Accountant	Gail L. Benton
Senior Energy Accountant	Andrew P. Weart
Senior Energy Accountant	Hyelim Hong
Natural Resource Specialist	Danielle Greene
Hydropower Program Specialist	Rebecca Suafoa
Hydropower Analyst	Elissa Emery
IT Applications Specialist	John Sagmani
Executive Assistant Manager	Gina L. Goodman
Office Manager	Noah Fischel
Administrative Assistant III	Tamisha Randolph
Administrative Assistant II	Joshua Cleveland

**OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING**

Codale Electric Supply  
College of Southern Nevada  
City of Henderson  
ESCI Safety Training and Consulting Services  
Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Peak Substation Services, LLC  
Southern Nevada Water Authority

Michael Callewaert  
Tina Dobbs  
Christopher Boyd  
Jennifer Kropp  
Justin Luna  
Jason Harris  
Scott Krantz

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**MEETING OF**

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Premsrirut at 1:30 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.**

Executive Director, Eric Witkoski confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**B. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

**C. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting.**

Commissioner Winterton moved for approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote of those present.

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Commissioners Jones and Kirkpatrick were present for these items.

Mr. Witkoski explained Agenda Items D, E & F are all for the Garnet Valley project and requested they be considered together. Shae Pelkowski, Assistant Director of Engineering and Operations explained each of the items.

Chairwoman Premsrirut requested a brief overview of the competitive process.

Mr. Pelkowski explained the bid process and the number of bids received for Items D, E and F.

Chairwoman Premsrirut wanted to ensure that the RFPs were publicized to canvas for qualified applicants and potential bidders. Mr. Pelkowski confirmed the RFPs were posted and bids were received.

Doug Beatty, Chief of Finance and Administration, highlighted the evaluation team that examines the bids includes a person from the customer for whom the project is being built and the evaluation team discuss all the bids, and the team comes to a consensus on the bid that should be chosen.

Chairwoman Premsrirut ask if there were any questions. Commissioner Kirkpatrick made a motion to approval of Items D, E and F and the Motion was seconded by Commission Stewart and the contracts were approved unanimously.

**G. For possible Action: Consideration of and possible action to approve contract CRCPDP-TR-24-01 between successful bidder, ESCI, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on bid solicitation 69CRC-S2757 for Energized Electric System Safety Training and Compliance in the amount of \$124,800.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item G.

Mr. Pelkowski detailed the services provided by ESCI, emphasizing their role in energized electric system safety training and compliance. He indicated the contract value is \$124,800 and spans four years, with the current contract expiring this year. The continuation of these services includes monthly safety training at facilities like the Newport substation, covering various safety topics critical for electricians and engineers working with high voltage electrical systems.

Chairwoman Premsrirut commended the safety record under the leadership of Bob Reese and now Shae, expressing support for the continuation of services that contribute to this safety record.

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the contract, and Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Premsrirut called for a vote, and the contract was approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Premsrirut thanked Mr. Pelkowski, and everyone involved, marking the successful continuation of crucial safety training services.

**H. *For Information Only:* Introduction of budget recommendations for the Commission's budget for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item H regarding the budget recommendations for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Mr. Beatty provided a detailed breakdown of the budget, explaining the different funds and their uses within the Colorado River Commission's financial system. He clarified the administrative, multi-species conservation program, power delivery project, and power marketing funds, noting their specific allocations and purposes. The budget process included feedback from various departments and a preliminary presentation to the commission before a final review and legislative process.

Mr. Beatty discussed the process of preparing the budget early in the year, taking it to customer budget meetings for feedback, and then presenting it to the commission. This process allowed time for review and input from all stakeholders. He also mentioned specific budgetary changes and anticipated needs based on past trends and future projections.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick expressed her concern about maintaining staffing levels and the potential implications of budget cuts or unutilized positions. She stressed the importance of preserving positions to avoid difficulties in reacquiring them later. Mr. Beatty responded by detailing the operational and financial impacts of hiring, emphasizing the balance required to avoid unnecessary costs to customers and the agency.

The discussion also touched on the legislative understanding and management of budgetary and staffing issues, highlighting the need for ongoing education and advocacy to ensure the commission's needs and operational realities were well understood by new legislative members.

Overall, the discussion underscored the complexities of budget management within a governmental agency, the strategic planning involved, and the importance of maintaining operational capacity through careful staffing and budget allocations.

**I. *For Information Only:* Update on pending legal matters, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filings and Federal Legislation.**

Mr. Witkoski provided an update on Item I, focusing primarily on the status of federal legislation. Specifically, he mentioned the "Help to Hoover Dam Act," for which he had testified in May. He mentioned that Congresswoman Susie Lee led the presentation on this bill, which garnered support from all Nevada representatives and senators.

Mr. Witkoski expressed hope the bill would proceed without changes and emphasized its importance, as it could potentially make available \$46 million for projects at Hoover Dam.

Chairwoman Premsrirut commended the efforts of Congresswoman Susie Lee and acknowledged Mr. Witkoski's commitment to advocating for the bill in Washington, D.C.

She thanked them for their dedication to advancing the commission's interests and enhancing resources for Hoover Dam.

**J. For Information Only: Status update from Staff on the hydrological conditions, drought, and climate of the Colorado River Basin, Nevada's consumptive use of Colorado River water, basin negotiations, impacts on hydropower generation, electrical construction activities and other developments on the Colorado River.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item J.

Sara Price, Senior Executive Director, provided an update. Ms. Price stated that the Upper Basin had received 95% of average precipitation, bringing the cumulative total to 97% for the year.

Despite the high temperatures everyone was aware of, she noted that temperatures in May were one to five degrees below normal. She mentioned that snow accumulation peaked in April at 111% and was forecasted to be about 81% of average by the end of the year.

As of last Sunday, Lake Powell's elevation was at 3575, an improvement from the 3535 recorded in 2022. Likewise, Lake Mead's elevation was around 1066, up from 1046 a couple of years prior.

Chairwoman Premsrirut thanked Ms. Price for her report and asked if there were any questions or comments for her. There were no questions.

**K. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from any member of the public present in the Chamber or any member of the public participating remotely that wish to address the Commission. There were none.

**L. Comments and questions from the Commission members.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments or questions from the Commission members present in the Chamber or participating remotely that wish to address the Commission. There were none.



**M. Selection of the next possible meeting date.**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on August 13, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

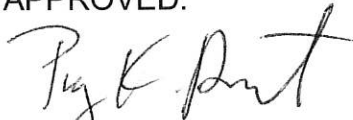
**N. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.



Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:



Puoy K. Prensirut, Chairwoman