

The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner	Allen J. Puliz
Commissioner	Cody Winterton
Commissioner	Dan H. Stewart
Commissioner	Justin Jones
Commissioner	Marilyn Kirkpatrick

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Chairwoman	Puoy K. Premsrirut
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COMMISSIONERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chairwoman	Kara J. Kelley
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DEPUTY ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL

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

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Director	Eric Witkoski
Assistant Director, Energy Information Systems	Kaleb Hall
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations	Shae Pelkowski
Assistant Director, Finance and Administration	Douglas N. Beatty
Assistant Director, Hydropower	Gail Bates
Assistant Director, Natural Resources	Warren Turkett, Ph.D.
Chief Accountant	Gail L. Benton
Hydropower Program Manager	Craig Pyper
Senior Energy Accountant	Andrew P Weart
Senior Energy Accountant	Hyelim Hong
System Coordinator	Chris Smith
Executive Assistant Manager	Gina L. Goodman
Office Manager	Noah Fischel
Administrative Assistant III	Tamisha Randolph
Administrative Assistant II	Joshua Cleveland

OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING

City of Henderson
College of Southern Nevada
SPW Energy Efficiency Specialist
NV Energy
Overton Power District No. 5
Summit Line Construction
Summit Line Construction
Schneider Electric

Christopher Boyd
Tina Dobbs
Arnold Etchemendy
Jana Stewart
Jonathon Dunninghoff
Donald Gimbel
Matt Clogston
Franz Roesner

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kirkpatrick at 1:32 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.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

C. *For Possible Action:* Approval of minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting.

Commissioner Stewart moved for approval the minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Puliz and approved by unanimous vote of those present.

D. *For Possible Action:* Consideration of and possible action to approve contract CRCBF-14 between successful bidder, Summit Line Construction, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on bid solicitation 69CRC-S265 for construction of a switchyard and ten-mile transmission line for Southern Nevada Water Authority's Boulder Flat Solar Project.

Commissioner Jones was present on this item.

Mr. Witkoski introduced the new Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations, Shae Pelkowski, and gave a brief description of his experience.

Mr. Pelkowski then provided an update on the Boulder Flats project, explaining its purpose to support the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) in achieving its renewable energy goals. He detailed the construction of a new 10-mile-long transmission line and a switchyard, which will connect to the existing Mead Newport line.

Commissioner Puliz moved for approval of the contract. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Premsrirut and approved by unanimous vote.

E. *For Possible Action:* Consideration of and possible action to approve Amendment No. 3 to contract SA-15-02 between Schneider Electric USA, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, for Substation Automation System Support Services to increase the amount of the contract from \$350,000 to \$550,000.

Mr. Witkoski explained the original contract was entered into in 2015 in the amount of \$350,000. The contract was amended two prior times, to extend the time of the contract and the amount authorized under the contract remained the same. He indicated the contract amount authorized will be exhausted by September of this year and Amendment No. 3 will add \$200,000 to the contract.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval of Amendment No. 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

F. *For Possible Action:* Consideration of and possible action to approve a lease agreement between Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada for office space for a term of two years from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026.

Mr. Witkoski introduced the new lease agreement, which was then addressed by various commissioners.

Commissioner Premsrut expressed her positive view on the lease agreement, noting that it meets the administrative needs of the office and provides a conducive space for conducting necessary business. She thanked Eric and the staff, as well as those at the Southern Nevada Water Authority for their assistance in securing the space within the desired timeframe.

Commissioner Puliz inquired about budget allocations for leasehold improvements, wondering if they were included in the lease, given the short time frames discussed previously. Mr. Witkoski mentioned that the lease arrangement allows for some minor constructions like adding a wall and a door, if necessary, but overall, there is not a significant build-out required.

Further discussions revolved around moving expenses, and it was noted that the state is expected to cover the moving cost.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick clarified that the financial aspects of the move and the lease could be absorbed within the current budget, emphasizing that this setup allows for a swift transition without additional financial requests.

Mr. Witkoski confirmed that everything was aligned with budget expectations after discussions with state budget officials, ensuring that the lease and associated costs were manageable within existing financial plans.

Commissioner Puliz moved for approval of the lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winterton and approved by unanimous vote.

G. For Information Only: Update on pending legal matters, including Federal Energy Commission or Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filing.

David Newton, serving as special counsel, provided an update on the "Save the Colorado" legal matter during the commission meeting.

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

Warren Turkett, Assistant Director of Natural Resources gave a presentation on the latest hydrology and river updates. (Attachment A).

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Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

J. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.


K. Selection of the next possible meeting date.


The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on June 11, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

L. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.


Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:

Puoy K. Premsrirut, Chairwoman



Colorado River Commission of Nevada

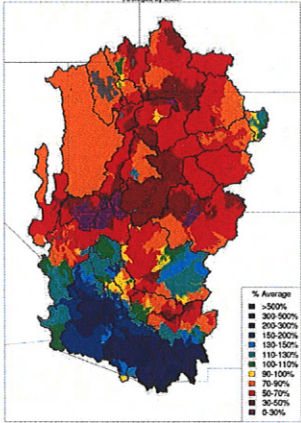
Hydrology and River Updates

Warren Turkett
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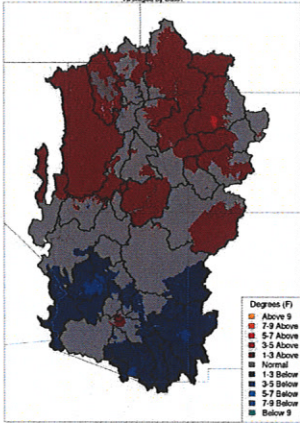
Precipitation and Temperature

Monthly Precipitation - April 2024
Approved by Basin



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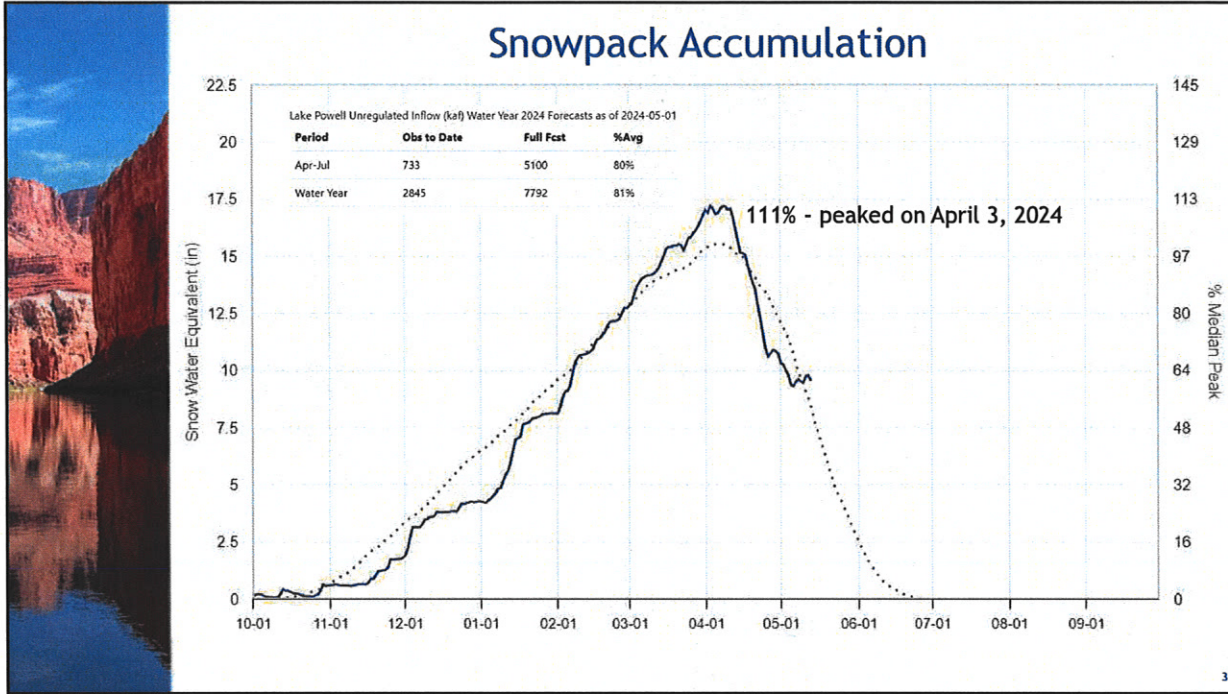
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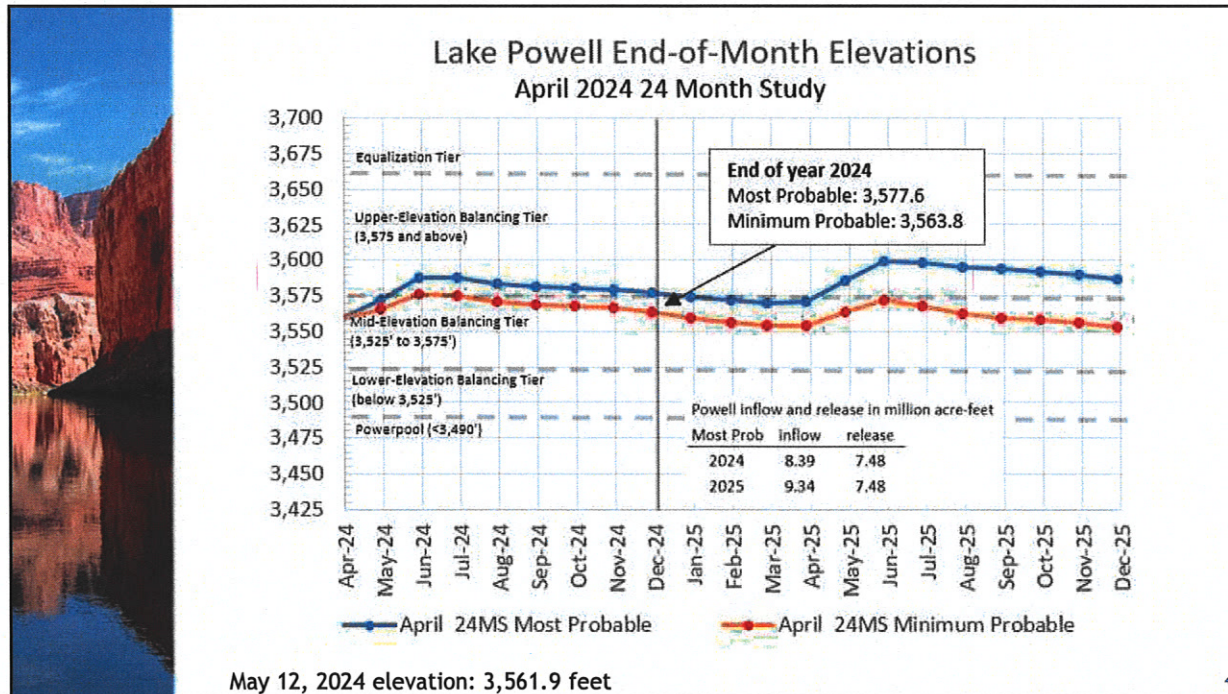
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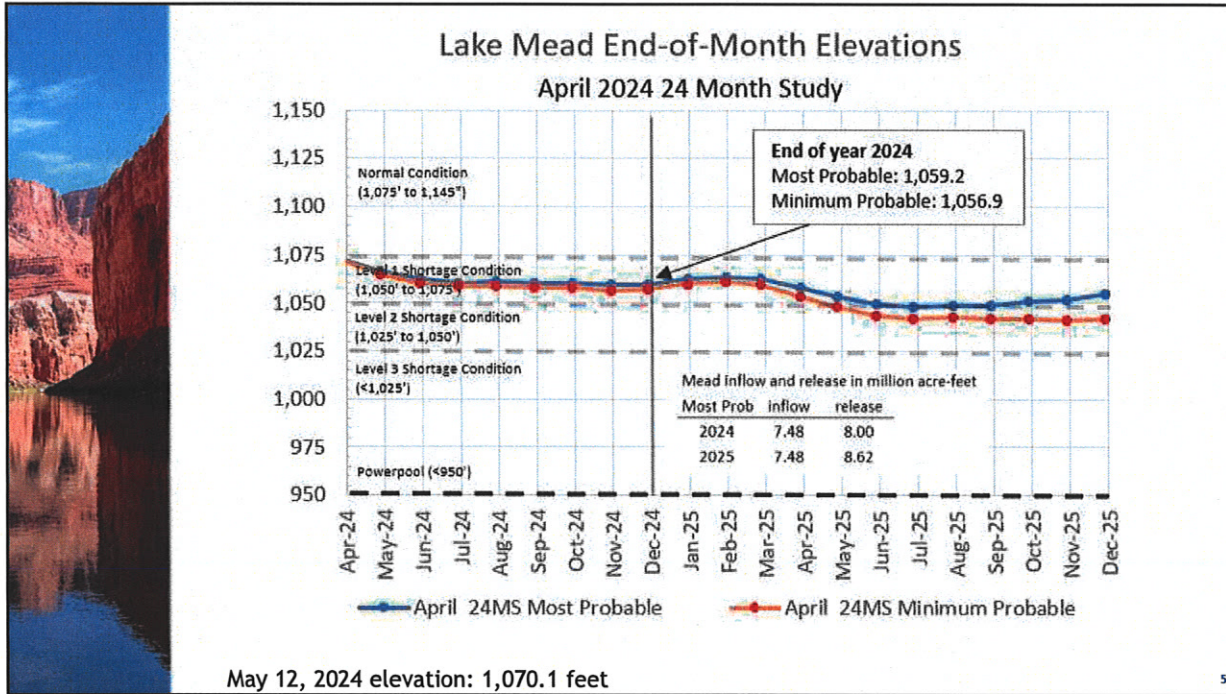
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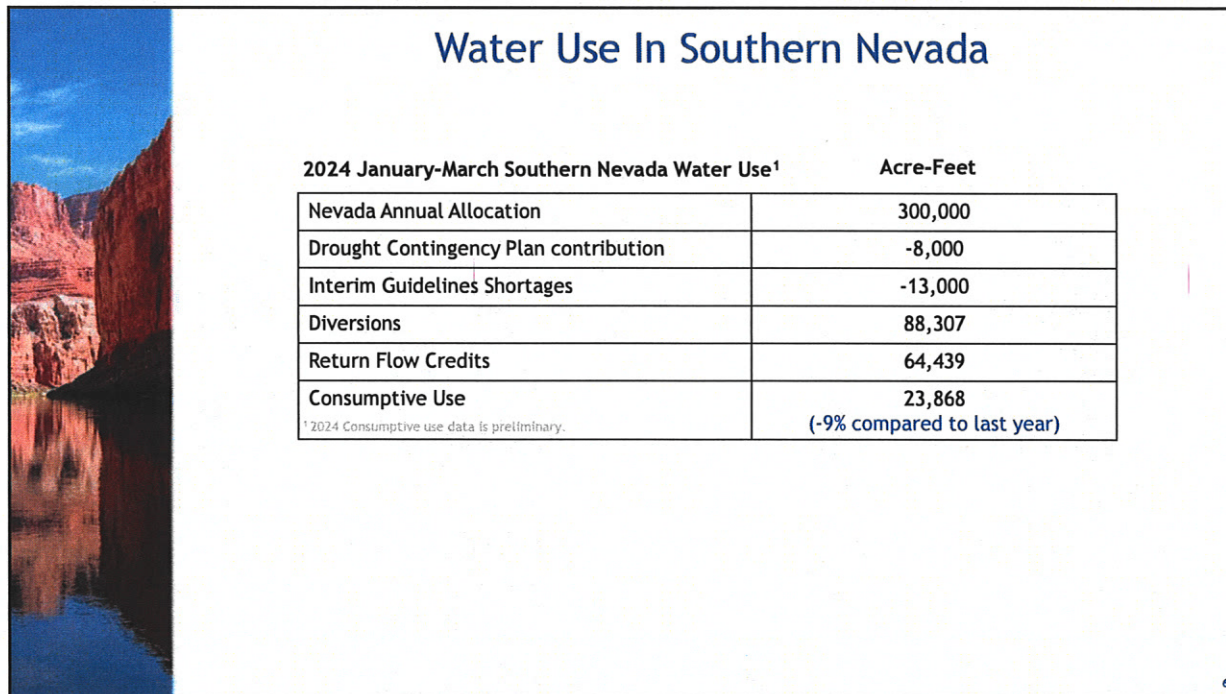
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