

**The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.**

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairwoman	Puoy K. Premsrirut
Vice Chairwoman	Kara J. Kelley
Commissioner	Dan Stewart
Commissioner	Steve Walton

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Commissioner	Allen J. Puliz
Commissioner	Cody Winterton

**COMMISSIONER NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner	Marilyn Kirkpatrick
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**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
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations	Shae Pelkowski
Assistant Director, Energy Information Systems	Kaleb Hall
Assistant Director, Hydropower	Gail Bates
Assistant Director, Natural Resources	Warren Turkett, Ph.D.
Chief Accountant	Gail L. Benton
Hydropower Program Manager	Craig Pyper
Assistant Hydropower Program Manager	Matthew Alinsod
Energy Management Data Analyst	Rebecca Suafoa
Hydropower Analyst	Elissa Emery
Power Systems Operations Manager	Walter Shupe
Senior Energy Accountant	Hyelim Hong
System Coordinator	Chris Smith
Natural Resources Specialist	Danielle Collins
Natural Resources Specialist	Kristina Sasser
Executive Assistant Manager	Gina L. Goodman
Manager, Comm. and Special Projects	Noah Fischel
Administrative Assistant IV	Elsa Nava
Administrative Assistant III	Tamisha Randolph
Administrative Assistant II	Joshua Cleveland
Administrative Assistant II	Bobbie Hickman
Administrative Assistant II	Thyandra Lewis

**OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING**

City of Henderson  
City of Henderson  
City of Boulder City  
Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Southern Nevada Water Authority

Becky Rise  
Christopher Boyd  
Joe Stubit  
Justin Luna  
Jordan Bunker  
Scott Krantz

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**MEETING OF**

**APRIL 8, 2025**

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Premsrirut at 1:32 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**A. Conformance of 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 the 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 February 11, 2025, meeting.**

Commissioner Stewart moved for approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walton and approved by unanimous vote.

**D. For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. PAS-25-01 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Moss Adams LLP for a four-year term for accounting and auditing services for an amount of \$382,000.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item D for possible action.

Doug Beatty, Chief of Finance and Administration, explained the contract provides for Moss Adams to perform the annual financial audit of the Commission's books and records, including review of internal controls as required.

Commissioner Walton asked about the four-year agreement if the Commission decides later to go in a different direction, after two years would the Commission be able to cancel with or without penalty?

Mr. Witkoski replied that under state contracting it would be referred to legal counsel Michelle Briggs, and that he believes contracts can be terminated with thirty (30) days' notice.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley, as Chairwoman of the Finance Subcommittee, reiterated her confidence in the choice of Moss Adams.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley moved for approval of Contract No. PAS-25-01 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Moss Adams LLP for a four-year term for accounting and auditing services for an amount of \$382,000.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

**E. For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. CRCGV-08 between successful bidder, Peak Substation Services LLC., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3170, for two 230 kV circuit breakers for Southern Nevada Water Authority's Garnet Valley Water System Project in the amount of \$675,000 and authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$67,500.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item E for possible action.

Shae Pelkowski, Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations explained the Contract is to design, manufacture, assemble, test, ship, and provide all other ancillary services relating to the procurement of two 230 kV circuit breakers as specified in the contract.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked, "Are these the circuit breakers that have already been ordered, did the lead time change or is standard process?"

Mr. Pelkowski replied yes and explained that the new circuit breakers will replace the refurbished ones when they arrive. However, the lead time is several years. These refurbished circuit breakers will allow SNWA to meet deadlines to serve the City of North Las Vegas, and in the future, they will be held in storage for emergency use.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley moved for approval Contract No. CRCGV-08 between successful bidder, Peak Substation Services LLC., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3170, for two 230 kV circuit breakers for Southern Nevada Water Authority's Garnet Valley Water System Project in the amount of \$675,000 and authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$67,500.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

**F. For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. LS-25-MPS between Michels Pacific Energy, Inc. and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3056 for construction and repair services for a term ending June 30, 2028, not to exceed \$2,000,000.**

**G. For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. LS-25-LND, between LND Technical Services and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3056 for maintenance and testing labor support for a term ending June 30, 2028, not to exceed \$1,200,000.**

**H. For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. LS-25-RMS between RMS Energy and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3056 for maintenance and testing labor support for a term ending June 30, 2028, not to exceed \$1,200,000.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Items F, G, and H all for possible action.

Mr. Pelkowski explained Agenda Items F, G, and H are the result of a multi award Request for Proposals (RFP). Staff attempts to increase the number of available qualified contractors to execute work as necessary. These are enabling contracts with the intent to not necessarily spend the full amount but to merely have the option to use their services as we move forward in the next four years, doing more projects, maintenance, testing and possible need for labor support

Mr. Pelkowski explained Item F is the proposed contract with Michels Pacific Energy, Inc. that will focus on construction and repair, with a term ending June 30, 2028.

Item G is the proposed contract with LND Technical Services that will focus on maintenance and testing labor support, with a term ending June 30, 2028.

Item H is the proposed contract with RMS Energy that will focus on maintenance and testing labor support, with a term ending June 28, 2028.

Chairwoman Premsrirut thanked Mr. Pelkowski for the explaining Items F, G, and H.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley moved to approve F, G, H. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walton and approved by unanimous vote.

<p><b>I. <i>For Possible Action: Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Garnet Valley Project Documents Contract No. CRCGV-02 for Material and Equipment between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Peak Substation Services, LLC., to increase the contract price by \$208,755 to \$1,239,255 and authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$20,875.</i></b></p>
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Mr. Witkoski introduced Item I for possible action.

Mr. Pelkowski explained the original RFP for the materials under this contract was issued on March 3, 2024, with responses due May 13, 2024. The RFP was sent to 29 vendors and only one response was received from Peak Substation Services, LLC. This Amendment No. 1, to the original contract, will allow for additional material and equipment to be purchased that are necessary for the Garnet Valley project, including NV Energy metering for the Project.

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Garnet Valley Project Documents Contract No. CRCGV-02 for Material and Equipment between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Peak Substation Services, LLC., to increase the contract price by \$208,755 to \$1,239,255 and authorize a change order contingency amount not to exceed \$20,875.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

**J. For Possible Action: Approve Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Contract CRCPDP-200 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Clark County Water Reclamation District for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Electric Facilities and include a requirement for the Commission to perform a feasibility study as requested in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item J for possible action.

Mr. Pelkowski explained currently, Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD) desires a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to have the Commission perform additional work, specifically:

The Commission will prepare a Pre-Design Study for a VAR Balancer System (“Feasibility Study”) to evaluate the substation’s capability for paralleling in automatic voltage mode and indicate improvements required to be designed and constructed for the system to work.

CCWRD will pay for the Feasibility Study currently estimated not-to-exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked, “Is the feasibility study applicable to our entire operation and substation management, or just a portion?”

Mr. Pelkowski replied this will be specific to CCWRD substations inherited by the Commission years ago.

Commissioner Stewart asked, “Will Commission Staff be self-performing this work?”

Mr. Pelkowski replied that staff will subcontract the study to an engineering firm.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement Contract CRCPDP-200 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Clark County Water Reclamation District for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Electric Facilities and include a requirement for the Commission to perform a feasibility study as requested in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

**K. For Possible Action: Consideration of and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract for legal services between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Office of the Nevada Attorney General, and March Counsel LLC., to increase the hourly rate and extend the termination date from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced item K for possible action.

Chairwoman Premsrirut commented, “The attorneys who assist the Commission are appreciated for both their legal knowledge and their ability to coordinate between the Commission and SNWA.”

Vice Chairwoman Kelley moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract for legal services between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, Office of the Nevada Attorney General, and March Counsel LLC., to increase the hourly rate and extend the termination date from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

<b>L.     <i>For Possible Action: Approve Amendment No. 4 for Contract No. LS-20-02 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Summit Line Construction, Inc for labor services related to Transmission and Distribution System Support Services to extend the contract to September 30, 2025.</i></b>
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Mr. Witkoski introduced Item L for possible action.

The proposed Amendment No. 4 is an extension of the term of the contract until September 30, 2025. Staff has completed a Request for Proposal and is currently in negotiations with new vendors including Summit Line Construction, Inc., (Summit) for transmission and distribution system support services.

Staff recommended the Commission approve Amendment No. 4 to allow Summit to complete work already commenced (Solar and repairs at IPS).

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve Amendment No. 4 for Contract No. LS-20-02 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Summit Line Construction, Inc for labor services related to Transmission and Distribution System Support Services to extend the contract to September 30, 2025.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

<b>M.     <i>For Information Only: Update on financial audit, budget submitted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and related matters for the 2025 Nevada Legislative session.</i></b>
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Mr. Witkoski explained that he and Mr. Beatty both attended the Nevada Legislative session. The hearing went well; the budget was approved.

Mr. Beatty stated the Commission received another extension from Government Financial Office’s Association (GFOA) until April 30, 2025 for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley commented on the professionalism of staff and management for organizing the presentation of the budget, that is customer service driven and customer responsive. Management were also asked a question about if the customers were in support of various aspects of the budget or were knowledgeable; Commission staff replied “we are putting together our budget for adding positions or other things that

we are doing, adjusting rates and more. The Commission has been getting the feedback from the customers who pay those bills. And I wanted to compliment them for their continued efforts at doing that and make sure that I put on the record that it was acknowledged by the legislature. Thank you.”

Chairwoman Premsrirut commented the slide presentation that was contained in our packets is excellent. I think it succinctly describes the Commission such as new members coming on, whether its an employee position or a Commission member. These slides should be included in orientations.

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

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item N for information. Currently there are no updates.

**O. 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 O for information.

Warren Turkett, Assistant Director, Natural Resources provided a brief update on hydrology, including precipitation, temperature, snowpack, the March 2025 24-month study of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, and water use in Southern Nevada.

**P. 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.

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

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments or questions from any Commission members.

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

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on May 13, 2025, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

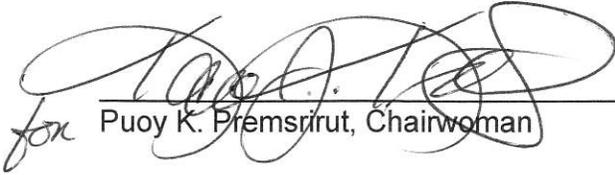
**S. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.



Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:



for Puoy K. Premsirut, Chairwoman