MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MOHAVE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Mohave County Water Authority held a duly noticed meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The meeting was held at Laughlin Ranch, 1360 William Hardy Dr., Bullhead City, Arizona. Public notice of the meeting was given by a posting of a notice thereof pursuant to Arizona law, a copy of which notice is attached as "Exhibit A" to these minutes.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 11:52 a.m. by Chairman Mark Clark. In attendance were the following members: Mark Clark, City of Bullhead City; Cal Sheehy, Lake Havasu City; Chip Sherrill, Mohave Valley Irrigation & Drainage District, and Gary Watson, Mohave County Board of Supervisors. Others present included, Kelly Gary, Lake Havasu City; Jean Bishop, Mohave County; Tina Moline and Melissa Ellico, City of Kingman; Patrick Cunningham and Jeff Kros, HighGround Consulting; Jamie Kelley, General Counsel and Kelley Crenshaw.

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors was in attendance, thereby constituting a quorum for the transaction of business.

- II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were presented.
 A motion was made by Chip Sherrill to approve the minutes of the June 11,
 2019 meeting, seconded by Cal Sheehy and approved unanimously by the members present.
- III. Agenda Modifications. No action was taken.
- IV. Approval of Expenses. Tina Moline from City of Kingman presented the expenses for May 2019 through July 2019. Chip Sherrill made an inquiry regarding dues whether money going out and no money coming in was going to result in a dues increase. Mark Clark confirmed a due increase will be necessary and added had been needed for awhile. A motion was made by Chip Sherrill to approve the expenses as presented, seconded by Gary Watson and approved unanimously by the members present.
- V. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports. Tina Moline from City of Kingman presented the financial reports and provided a brief breakdown of the various accounts contained therein. A motion was made by Chip Sherrill to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Cal Sheehy. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

- VI. Review Lake Mead and Lake Powell Levels. Mark Clark presented the water levels for Lake Mead and Lake Powell. The 24 month study shows no shortage.
- VII. Discussion and Possible Action.
 - A. <u>Disburse Funds to Transfer Payment of Water by Bullhead City to Kingman</u>. Mark Clark advised the board Bullhead City had paid for its water and Kingman was entitled to receive its payment. A motion was made by Chip Sherrill to disburse funds for payment of water to Kingman. Gary Watson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.
 - B. Adopt Resolution Establishing Signors on the Bank Accounts. The Chairman informed the members of the need to remove Doyle Wilson, who retired, as a signor on the bank accounts and designate Cal Sheehy as an alternate signor. A motion was made by Chip Sherrill to adopt Resolution No. 19-002 removing Doyle Wilson and designating Cal Sheehy as an alternate signor on the bank accounts. Gary Watson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.
 - C. Retain High Ground Consultants as Lobbyist. The Chairman informed the members the contract for HighGround Public Affairs Consultants, as Lobbyist, was up for renewal. Patrick Cunningham made a presentation on HighGround Public Affairs Consultants and its services. Chip Sherrill questioned what other entities HighGround represents. Patrick Cunningham provided a list of other HighGround clients. A motion was made by Gary Watson to renew the contract with HighGround Public Affairs Consultants as Lobbyist. Cal Sheehy seconded the motion. Members Gary Watson, Cal Sheehy, and Mark Clark voted in favor of the motion and member Chip Sherrill voted against the motion.

VIII. <u>Updates and Discussion</u>.

A. <u>GSC - Queen Creek Request for Consultation</u>. Jamie Kelley informed the members that GSC Farms/Queen Creek had submitted a formal request for consultation. The public hearing process had not been scheduled yet.

- B. <u>Legislative Update</u>. Patrick Cunningham presented a Legislative Session Overview.
- C. MSCP. Jamie Kelley advised the members the West Basin Watch had filed a petition to classify the three corner milkvetch as an endangered plant. This petition should not impact MSCP as the plant is located exclusively in Clark County and northwestern Arizona. MSCP has been a successful program overall.
- D. <u>Recovery/CAWCD</u>. Jamie Kelley provided a Decision Tree flow chart regarding recovery methods which had been presented to the Recovery Planning Workgroup. Jamie Kelley also advised the Recovery Planning Workgroup was meeting in Phoenix, on September 10, 2019.
- E. <u>Arizona Water Bank Report</u>. Mark Clark informed the members the Arizona Water Bank approved the budget and approved funding to buy credits.
- F. <u>Drought Conditions</u>. Jamie Kelley informed the members Arizona will be in a Tier 0 year. The State of Arizona would contribute 192,000 acre feet to Lake Mead. Through all the hard work of Arizona contract holders, the target elevation was missed by about 50,000 acre feet.
- G. Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council.

 Jamie Kelley reported the subcommittees, which are numerous, are meeting.

 The Long Term Water Augmentation Committee will deliver its report to the Council this Thursday. Jamie also reported she is a co-chair of the Non-AMA Governor's Water Committee.
- H. <u>ADWR Update and Discussion</u>. Jamie Kelley presented an update provided by Veenetha Kartha via an email. The email is attached to these minutes.
- I. Water Transfers. Deferred to Executive Session.
- IX. <u>Call to the Public</u>. There was no public in attendance.
- X. Next regular meeting of the MCWA: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in Lake Havasu City. There were no items suggested for that meeting.

- XI. Possible action to convene in Executive Session of the Board pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431-03.A.3 to obtain legal advice from the Authority's attorney on any matter listed on the agenda. A motion was made by Gary Watson to convene in executive session. Cal Sheehy seconded the motion. Chip Sherrill recused himself from the executive session due to a conflict by MVIDD. Executive session was convened at approximately 1:20 p.m. and adjourned at 1:38 p.m.
- XII. Reconvene in Open Session. The open session was reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:43 p.m.

Dated: <u>December 10, 2019</u>

Secretary-Treasurer

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