

MCWA Board Meeting Via Zoom (Due to COVID-19 Concerns)
December 8th, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.
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1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call

Roll was taken by general counsel, Jamie Kelley. Present were Chairman Mark Clark, Vice-chairman Chip Sherrill, Board member Cal Sheehy, Board member Gary Watson, Board member Mary Wall and Board member Jen Miles. A quorum was established.

2. 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, and in particular Agenda items 9.b. and c.

A motion was made by Vice-chairman Sherrill, and seconded by Board member Jen Miles to convene in executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session at approximately 11:20 a.m.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 8th, 2020 and September 15, 2020

A motion was made by Vice-chair Chip Sherrill and seconded by Board member Sheehy to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 and September 15, 2020 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Modifications

There were no modifications to the agenda.

6. Approval of Expenses

The expenses were presented by Tina Moline. A motion was made by Vice-chair Chip Sherrill and seconded by Board member Watson to approve the expenses as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports

The financial reports were presented by Tina Moline. A motion was made by Vice-chair Chip Sherrill and seconded by Board member Watson to approve the expenses as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Review Lake Mead and Lake Powell Levels

The chairman revised the conditions of Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to:

a. Adopt a resolution designating signors on the bank account

Chairman Clark advised the board a new resolution was required due to changes in elected leadership at the City of Kingman. Kenneth Watkins was the new Vice-Mayor of Kingman as former Kingman Vice-Mayor Travis Lingenfelter was elected to succeed retiring Mohave County Supervisor Gary Watson. A motion was by Board member Sheehy, and seconded by Board member Watson, to designate Jen Miles, Kenneth Watkins, Mark R. Clark and Charles B. Sherrill, Jr. as signors on the account. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Retain High Ground as a lobbyist for the upcoming legislative session
General counsel.

Jamie Kelley presented this item to the board with a recommendation to retain Highground as a lobbyist. She stated Mohave County needed to continue to speak with one voice. MCWA members will need to explore all options, even those that do not seem viable, to develop water redundancy for times of shortage in particular. Retaining Highground will allow MCWA to benefit from Highground's network of clients. Following discussion, a motion was made by Board member Watson and seconded by Board member Miles to retain Highground on the same terms as the expired contract. The motion passed unanimously.

c. File a comment in the Arizona Department of Water's review of proposed federal legislation and companion agreements to allow Colorado River Indian Tribes to use water within the State of Arizona off the CRIT reservation

General Counsel Kelley presented this matter to the board for its consideration as to whether it desired to provide comments or testimony in the public hearing to be held by Arizona Department of Water Resources. After lengthy discussion, the board took no action.

10. Updates and Discussion

a. Legislative Update

Chairman Clark spoke about the No Transfer of P4 water legislation to be introduced by Representative Cobb. Jamie Kelley spoke about the Representative Cobb's INA and RMA legislation. Both Chairman Clark and Jamie Kelley spoke about the . Forum for Vetting Water Issues co-hosted by and AMWUA and Arizona Agribusiness Council.

b. Transfers of Colorado River Water

General counsel Kelley presented an update in the process, advising the federal process had not yet begun.

c. MVIDD ICS Program

Vice-chairman Sherrill presented a summary of MVIDD's ICS program. Vice-chairman Sherrill suggested MCWA restart discussions with MVIDD regarding possible fallow plans.

d. MSCP

Jamie Kelley reported no significant changes in the MSCP. It is a program that continues to be successful. Ongoing discussions continue regarding the attainability of stated goals for fish stocking numbers of razor back and chub continue.

e. Recovery/CAWCD

Jamie Kelley advised the RPAG was scheduled to the next week. Approximately six chapters of the recovery plan have been updated. The biggest change is the ability for CAP sub-contractors to recover water independent of CAP.

f. Arizona Water Bank

Chairman Clark, a member of the Arizona Water Bank, reported on the water bank's activity.

g. Arizona Agribusiness and Water Council

Chairman Clark, the representative to the Arizona Agribusiness and Water Council reported on the group's co-hosting activity for the Forum for Vetting Water. He also advised the legislative committee would start evaluation proposed legislation in January.

h. Drought Conditions

The Chairman reported on drought conditions, advising the Governor's Drought Council had issued a declaration of drought.

I. Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council

Jamie Kelley reported on the GWAICC and its sub-committees, most of which had received presentations only.

J. ADWR Update and Discussion

No representative from ADWR attended the meeting.


11. Call to the Public

No public attended the meeting.

12. Next Meeting: March 8th, 2020 in Kingman, Arizona if possible; discuss agenda items for that meeting.

13. Adjourn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-chairman Sherrill and seconded by Board member Watson. The motion passed unanimously.


Approved at March 9, 2021 MCWA Board Meeting