

MCWA Board Hybrid Meeting**
September 14, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.
Lake Havasu City Council Chambers
2360 McCulloch Blvd., Lake Havasu City, AZ
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:40 a.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Clark lead the pledge of allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Jamie Kelley took roll. Present in person were Chairman Clark and Board Member Sheehy. Present via web were Board Members Sherrill, Miles, and Lingenfelter.

II. Presentations

A. Director's Shortage Sharing Agreement by MAWG member Ken Seasholes, Resource Planning and Analysis Manager, CAWCD

B. Recognition of Doyle Wilson

Chairman Clark presented Doyle Wilson with a plaque in recognition of his years of service to MCWA as the Lake Havasu Board Member.

III. Waiver of Reading and Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2021, meeting

Board member Sherrill moved to waive the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Board member Sheehy. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Agenda Modifications

There were no modifications to the agenda.

V. Approval of Expenses

Tina Moline presented the expenses for the quarter ending June 30, 2021. Upon motion made by Board member Sherrill and seconded by Board member Sheehy, the expenses were approved.

VI. Review and Acceptance of Financial Reports

Tina Moline presented the financial statements to the board and responded to questions from Board member Sherrill. Upon motion made by Board member Sherrill and seconded by Board member Miles, the financial reports were accepted.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action to:

A. Ratify Supplement to Non-disclosure Agreement for Strategy Team

Jamie Kelley explained that this supplement to the Non-Disclosure Agreement for the Strategy Team was required to cover negotiations pertaining to the mandatory consultations under the Drought Contingency Plan and requested the board approve it.

Upon motion made by Board member Sherrill and seconded by Board member Miles, the Supplement to Non-disclosure Agreement for Strategy Team was unanimously approved.

B. Approve filing of comments in BoR Environmental Assessment process on the GSC Farms to Queen Creek Transfer

Jamie Kelley reported on the status of the processing of the GSC Farms, LLC/Queen Creek Transfer advising the board members the Bureau of Reclamation had a webpage on the process, the link to which had been provided to Board members. Jamie Kelley requested authorization from the board to file comments to the scoping process for the Environmental Assessment to be prepared for the process and authorization for Chairman Clark to sign the letter. Board member Sherrill inquired about the length of the process.

Upon motion made by Board member Sheehy and seconded Board member Miles, the board authorized the filing of a comment to the scoping process for the Environmental Assessment and authorized Chairman Clark to sign the letter.

C. Renewal of Agribusiness & Water Council membership

No action was taken.

D. Approve CRWUA attendance by board members and counsel

Chairman Clark reported the dates of CRWUA of December 14-18, 2021, at Caesar's Palace. He recommended all members that could attend, attend as the event is very informative. The registration fee is \$505.

Upon motion made by Board member Sherrill and seconded by Board member Miles, it was approved the Authority pay for board members and counsel to attend CRWUA.

VIII. Updates and Discussion

A. Legislative

Mayor Sheehy reported on the Rural Water Users Association, an informal alliance by which participants support one another on water issues. Jeff Kros, Highground Consulting, presented information to the board on Representative Cobb's contemplated legislation for the ensuing water year. Board Member Sherrill made several inquiries on the proposed RMA legislation, inquired if MCWA had taken a position on the legislation and objected to the County attempting to control irrigation districts.

B. MSCP

Jamie Kelley reported on the last meeting in which the Steering Committee adopted its budget, approved its Fund Implementation Report, 2022 Work Plan and 2020 Accomplishment Report.

C. Recovery Planning for Banked Water.

Jamie Kelley reported there is a lot of planning activity in the metropolitan areas regarding the locations for the recovery and delivery of water. Issues arise as the water is not necessarily stored in the location it will be used. An exchange process will likely develop to ease the process and expense of recovery.

D. Arizona Water Bank

Chairman Clark, an Arizona Water Bank Commissioner, reported water bank staff has been focusing on recovery issues. The next meeting is tomorrow.

E. Colorado River Basin Conditions

1. Lake Mead and Lake Powell Levels
2. August 24 Month Study-Operating Conditions for 2022
3. Drought Contingency Plan

Reports were presented by Chairman Clark and Jamie Kelley on the very poor conditions on the river.

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

Jamie Kelley summarized progress of the meetings of the various sub-committees. Most sub-committees have been receiving educational presentations by ADWR staff.

X. Arizona Reconsultation Committee/Modeling Advisory Work Group

The committee has not met since the last report in June.

XI. Next Meeting: December 7, 2022, in Bullhead City, Arizona AT 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid.

Call to the Public

No comments from the public.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.

These Minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting were approved at the December 7, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer
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