

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

The Board of Directors of the Mohave County Water Authority held a duly noticed meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. The meeting was held at Makai Café, 1425 McCulloch Blvd. N., Lake Havasu 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.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 11:43 a.m. by Chairman Mark Clark. In attendance were the following members: Mark Clark, City of Bullhead City; Cal Sheehy, Lake Havasu City; Tina D. Moline, Kingman, and Gary Watson, Mohave County Board of Supervisors. Others present included, Jess Knudson, Kelly Gary, and Briana Morgan, Lake Havasu City; Jean Bishop, Mohave County; Melissa Ellico, City of Kingman; Vineetha Kartha and Doug MacEachern, Arizona Department of Water Resources; 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 September 10, 2019 meeting were presented. **A motion was made by Cal Sheehy to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting, seconded by Gary Watson 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 August 2019 through October 2019. **A motion was made by Gary Watson to approve the expenses as presented, seconded by Cal Sheehy 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. Tina Moline advised the City of Bullhead City and Mohave Water Conservation District had paid their contracts in full. Tina also advised it had recently been discovered HighGround invoices had not been submitted for payment and therefore were not reflected on the reports but will be on the next meeting reports. Jamie Kelley advised that HighGround was not under contract during the last quarter and resulted in no invoices to submit. **A motion**

was made by Cal Sheehy to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Gary Watson. 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. Vineetha Kartha reported with the recent rainfall less water orders have been received and Lake Mead should close at 1087 at year end.
- VII. Discussion and Possible Action.
- A. Accept Fiscal Year 19 Audit. Tina Moline presented the audit was a clean, simple, unqualified opinion. Discussion was had regarding posting the audit on the website. **A motion was made by Gary Watson to approve the Fiscal Year 19 Audit. Cal Sheehy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.**
- B. Renew Directors and Officers Insurance. Jamie Kelley informed the Board she would like to change the insurance company for the Directors and Officers Insurance. Jamie advised the current company was difficult to work with and she would like to change to Powers-Levitt. Mark Clark advised his dealings with Powers-Levitt were good. Cal Sheehy and Gary Watson concurred the change of insurance company. No action was taken.
- C. Discuss Dues Schedule for Ensuing Fiscal Year. The Chairman informed the members a 10% increase in dues for next year was needed to ensure the Authority has enough revenue to continue. The Authority is limited in its sources to collect revenue and depends on dues to remain self sufficient. Cal Sheehy believes a 10% increase is aggressive and a 5% increase may be better received. No action was taken.
- D. Adopt Updated Resolution Opposing GSC-Queen Creek Transfer. Jamie Kelley presented an updated resolution opposing the GSC-Queen Creek Transfer for approval and execution by the Authority. Jamie also reported Patrick Cunningham had collected similar resolutions from the City of Bullhead City, City of Kingman, Mohave County and La Paz County. Cal Sheehy indicated he did not think a resolution from every community was necessary. Gary Watson stated he believes it is very important for every community to submit a resolution. **A motion was made by Gary Watson to approve and adopt the updated Resolution opposing the GSC-Queen**

Creek transfer. Cal Sheehy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

VIII. Updates and Discussion.

- A. Legislative Update. Mark Clark advised the members of the need to try to push legislation regarding the 164.625 a.f. of 4th priority water to protect the entitlements. Mark advised the Authority is restricted when it comes to legislature, a change in statute is not likely to occur and the Authority needs to look at its mission to protect the water entitlements.
- B. MSCP. Vineetha Kartha informed the members no major actions had been taken, that the program was proceeding as anticipated.
- C. Recovery/CAWCD. Jamie Kelley advised she had not been at the last 3 meetings due to conflicts with ADWR meetings. Vineetha Kartha reported RPAG is updating the recovery plan in sections.
- D. Arizona Water Bank Report. Mark Clark summarized the Colorado River Basin Update and Status presented to ABWA for the members. Mark further advised the members the annual plan of operation had been adopted.
- E. Drought Conditions. Vineetha Kartha reported the drought conditions. Jamie Kelley provided the one page Short Term Drought Conditions Monthly Drought Status Summary for November 2019.
- F. Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation and Conservation Council. Jamie Kelley reported the numerous subcommittees continue to meet and discuss issues.
- G. ADWR Update and Discussion. Vineetha Kartha reported ISC Exhibit reviews had been completed by the lower basin states but the upper basin states were still reviewing them.
- H. Water Transfers.
 - 1. GSC-Queen Creek Request for Consultation. Vineetha Kartha reported the GSC-Queen Creek request ends December 16, 2019 and the comments should be posted December 17, 2019

2. Other - Western Water. Vineeta Kartha reported BOR is evaluating Western Water LLC's proposed transfer of 85 a.f to Ehrenberg RV Park. This transfer is mainstem user to mainstem user.

IX. Call to the Public. There was no public in attendance.

X. Next regular meeting of the MCWA: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in Kingman. 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. There was no executive session.

XII. Reconvene in Open Session. There was no executive session.

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Dated: _____

Secretary-Treasurer
MOHAVE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY