

# MEETING MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MOHAVE VALLEY IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Approved:  
06-04-2019

Held May 07, 2019  
Public Meeting 4:00PM  
Mohave Valley Irrigation & Drainage District  
1460 E. Commercial Street, Mohave Valley, AZ 86440

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District and to the general public that the Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District will hold a meeting open to the public on Tuesday, May 07, 2019 at 4:00pm at 1460 E. Commercial Street, Mohave Valley, AZ 86440

If the public wishes to address the Board regarding Regular Agenda Items, they may fill out the Request to Speak Form located in the back of the room. The form should then be given to the General Manager of the Board prior to the meeting. The time limit rule of 3 minutes maximum will be enforced.

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman, Charles B. Sherrill, Jr., called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

## 1. ROLL CALL.

Present: Charles B. Sherrill, Jr., Chairman/Director Division III  
Vince Vasquez, Director Division II  
Clay Vanderslice, Director at Large  
Perry Muscelli, Treasurer/Director at Large  
John Kai, Jr., Director Division I  
Kerri Hatz, General Manager  
Michael J. Pearce, District Counsel

Absent: None

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Perry Muscelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. WAIVER MOTION.** Motion to waive the reading of full minutes and resolutions presented for approval or adoption. Perry Muscelli mad a motion to waive the reading of the full minutes and or resolutions presented for approval or adoption, John Kai, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai – Y; Muscelli – Y; Vanderslice – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

**4. AGENDA MODIFICATION.** Possible action to withdraw from, or move, any item on the Agenda, including the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda. No action

**5. CONSENT AGENDA.** Approve Executive Meeting minutes from February, March, and April 2019. Vince Vasquez made a motion to approve the executive meeting minutes from February, March, and April, John Kai, Jr., seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai – Y; Muscelli – Y; Vanderslice – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

## 6. REPORTS.

### Water:

- a. Staff report on District water use. Staff reported the District water use to date ending March 2019.
- b. Bureau of Reclamation Lower Colorado Water Supply Report. Staff reported the current levels of Lake Mead and Lake Powell.
- c. 24 Month Study from BOR. Staff reported the results from the BOR 24 Month Study from April 2019. Staff read a newspaper article about the 24 month study from the local newspaper – See exhibit A. The board members made comments about water levels and shortage tiers levels.
- d. Report from Counsel on MCWA request for Accounting Correction. Chip stated we are not reporting on this because we are still working with MCWA on this as of this morning and we don't believe there is an account reporting issue and are getting the reports to Jaime Kelley to further discuss it. We believe we reported the water correctly and she does not. We will put this on another agenda after more discussion with Jaime Kelley.
- e. Report from Counsel on DCP. Michael Pearce, District Counsel, gave an update to the board on the DCP and our exhibit for the seven basin states forbearance agreement. There is opportunity if there is interest. Vince Vasquez would like to see it on the June agenda. Chip stated we could have a special executive meeting before then to start a discussion with counsel on this. There was discussion back and forth between the board and members of the public about water issues and weather changes.

### Finances: Staff summarized the financial reports to the board.

- a. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual year to date July 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019.
- b. Profit & Loss Statement for March 2019.
- c. Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2019.

## 7. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. **Approve the April 02, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from last month's meeting. Vince Vasquez made a motion to approve the April 02, 2019 meeting minutes, John Kai, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai – Y; Muscelli – Y; Vanderslice – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- B. **Ratify payment of Expenses for April 2019.** Discussion and possible action to ratify the payment of expenses for last month. Staff reported no items out of the ordinary on the expenses. John Kai, Jr. made a motion to ratify the payment of expenses for April, Vince Vasquez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Kai – Y; Muscelli – Y; Vanderslice – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

- C. **Calendar Year 2020 Water Order.** Discussion and possible action to approve the 2020 Water Order prepared for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Vince Vasquez made a motion to table this item until June's board meeting, Perry Muscelli seconded the motion. Item C tabled to June's board meeting. Kai – Y; Muscelli – Y; Vanderslice – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.
- D. **Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.** Discussion and comments on the proposed budget. Staff reported the budget is pretty consistent with last year's budget but does include the discharge pipe grant, reimbursement from BOR and the well meter reimbursement program through the district and this is only for discussion today and will be on June's agenda for approval. Other changes include the fees for Amenity and Industrial contracts go from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per acre foot of water and Interim Water ABU Fee would go from \$100.00 to \$125.00 per acre foot, this is all in line with their contracts and the EL RIO settlement agreement. The Comprehensive Fee Schedule has been changed to reflect the above and the payment rules have stayed the same. No action.
- E. **2019 Water Conservation Plan.** Discussion and comments on the proposed 2019 Water Conservation Plan for the District. Staff reported this is due August 1, 2019 and needs to be done every 5 years. Staff has updated the charts and water usage since the last Water Conservation Plan and staff would like assistance and feedback from the board with upcoming goals. Vince Vasquez requested that staff send a word document to the board members to review and help update the Water Conservation Plan. No action.
- F. **Install Water Flow Meters and Discharge Pipes.** Discussion only on progress of the grant from BOR for the replacement of the discharge pipes and the progress of the installation on the water flow meters. Staff reported that staff is still working with the BOR and we have a quote for 28 well sites for discharge pipe replacement. Staff is working with BOR on the grant budget but may have more information at June meeting. No action.
8. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC.** *Those wishing to address the Board at the Call to the Public regarding matters not on the Board agenda must fill out and submit to the Administrative Assistant a Call to the Public – Request to Speak Form located in the back of the room prior to the meeting. Action Taken as a result of public comments will be limited to responding to criticism, referral to staff, or placing a matter on a future Agenda. Comments are restricted to items **NOT** on the Regular Agenda, and must relate to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. No members of the public signed up to speak.*
9. **ADJOURNMENT.** Perry Muscelli made a motion to adjourn, Vince Vasquez second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. Kai – Y; Muscelli – Y;

Vanderslice – Y; Vasquez – Y; Sherrill – Y.

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Items on Agenda marked with an asterisk (\*) will be discussed in executive session with District counsel in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)(4) & (7).

\*\*Voted: Y = Yes; N = No; A = Abstained



Exhibit "A"

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[http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/bureau-of-reclamation-projects-lake-mead-to-stay-above-shortage/article\\_b3f1bc36-6fb7-11e9-b0c5-3b78ec229a32.html](http://www.mohavedailynews.com/news/bureau-of-reclamation-projects-lake-mead-to-stay-above-shortage/article_b3f1bc36-6fb7-11e9-b0c5-3b78ec229a32.html)

## Bureau of Reclamation projects Lake Mead to stay above shortage trigger

SAUL A. FLORES, News West 7 hrs ago

BULLHEAD CITY — The Bureau of Reclamation has updated its 24-month study projections for the reservoirs throughout the Colorado River Basin which includes Lake Powell and Hoover Dam-Lake Mead.

According to the BOR, the snowpack in the Upper Basin is nearly 140% above average as of April 15 and it forecasts that seasonal inflow to Lake Powell will be at 128% of average.

“We are pleased to see the above average snowpack conditions in the Upper Basin and the improvement in the inflow forecast for Lake Powell,” said Brent Rhees, BOR’s Upper Colorado regional director. “Significant risks and uncertainty persist and storage at Lake Powell remains essential to the overall well being of the basin.”

The BOR, based on April’s 24-month study, projected Lake Powell to release up to 9 million acre-feet in water year 2019. Lake Powell’s elevation at the end of the calendar year is projected to be 3,607.49 feet above sea level.

“These developments may lessen the chance of shortage in 2020,” Terry Fulp, BOR’s Lower Colorado regional director, said in a prepared statement. “However, one near or even above average year will not end the ongoing extended drought experienced in the Colorado River Basin and does not substantially reduce the risks facing the basin.”

In the same 24-month study, the BOR stated that Lake Mead’s elevation at the end of the 2019 calendar year is projected to be at 1,084.72 feet above sea level, nearly 10 feet above the shortage determination trigger of 1,075 feet.

The BOR said that operating tiers for Lake Powell in the water year 2020 and operating condition for Lake Mead in the calendar year 2020 will be determined based on the projected conditions on Jan. 1, 2020, as reported in this coming August’s 24-month study.