

COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION

October 18, 2006

Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Mayor Diane Vick

Tom Curry

Charles Hull

Andy Jones

Harvey Jackson

Richard Rowe

Tom Sockwell

Cliff Edey

Jim Nafsey

Herman York

Bill Cox

Bullhead City

Central Arizona Project

City of Blythe

Colorado River Sewage System JV

Lake Havasu City

City of Needles

Mohave County

La Paz County (participated by phone)

Metropolitan Water District

Town of Quartzsite

Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

Bold signifies Voting Membership present

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Diane Vick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 2006 minutes were presented for approval and were unanimously approved. Motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Richard Rowe provided the current financial status report to the committee for approval and was unanimously approved. Motion carries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to elect Mark Nexsen as Vice Chair and Secretary was unanimously approved. Motion carries.

Lobbyist Report and Update

Terry Bracy:

Terry reported that we've been working with Sen. Kyl's office to get through all of the various water interests and get their input into the legislative draft. The last thing pending is to incorporate some of Governor Napolitano's recommendations. We are a lot closer to having a bill in the senate that members can support and introduce.

Harvey Jackson - reported that he has not seen the Governors recommendations.

Terry Bracy - Doesn't think it varies from her report. He hasn't seen the recommendations. If she has any sharp objections to anything in the draft it has been made clear to him. Terry expressed that he knows where the Governor is on this issue already, which is supportive. What is anticipated is an introduction of a bill early in the next year to get going on the next congress. There are no major diversions from what the plan has been in the beginning which had both AZ and CA delegation sponsorship. Depending upon the outcome of the election, Congressman Franks has offered to be the lead sponsor in the house. If the house goes democratic then we are going to have to redouble our efforts to bring Congressman Grijalva into this. Both because he has the Yuma area and because he will be sitting on the resources committee and the majority of that should happen. Cong. Franks would be in the minority. November will be an important month protecting the \$1M earmark that we got this year plus as Mayor Jackson knows we're going through the paces on behalf of the City of LH to get EPA to send the \$1.5M that has already been appropriated. We are working with the staff closely mostly Tracey Tucker our partner has spent a lot of time on this with the Havasu staff. There are some issues that EPA has on environmental clearances and whatnot.

Harvey Jackson - Do we have any back-up for two possibilities, one that Senator Kyl doesn't get elected or two the democrats do take the senate and another question would be is has Harry Reed from NV said anything on this. I know a year ago he was sort of gee this sounds like a good idea, but I haven't heard anything recently.

Terry Bracy - We've focused on the two senate members who generally guide water legislation for the lower basin states and those are Sen. Feinstein in CA who is an awesomely influential player in these decisions and also sits on the appropriations committee and Sen. Kyl who has since he's been in the senate and prior to that in the house has always been viewed as AZ leader on water issues. The entire delegation tends to defer to his leadership on these issues and he's been very successful on water issues. We haven't speculated beyond anything, but if there is change in the

senate, if the change obviously includes Sen. Kyl then we have new people to brief although Sen. McCain knows exactly what this is all about. No way to speculate beyond that date. We've cast a fairly, fairly broad educational net in the congress although staff people could stage, members changed, it's a constant struggle. I expect Sen. Reed to play a constructive role in this. I think that everybody around the river, his staff has been briefed at length, numerous times. Nevada as you know has a set of water issues having to do with water supply which are very complicated in the lower basin. They have this population explosion going on up there and they are struggling both with instate, downstate water issues and it's not clear that the other states in the lower basin and it's not particularly not clear that the upper basin states most especially Colorado are very happy about it. We're hopeful that we can skirt around those issues and get everyone to agree that notwithstanding disagreements on supply issues which will come and go all the time on the Colorado. It doesn't matter how much water we have if it's spoiled. I guess it matters, but I certainly have a huge impact, water quality is a big issue. We have seen briefed both Sen. Reed and Enson on this and their staff numerous times.

Diane Vick - Terry, I'm thinking and hoping at the same time, but I really don't think that this is going to become a partisan issue. I think it's going to be more a territorial issues of who gets what and how much.

Terry Bracy - We have fought and I still have resisted every attempt to make this a partisan issue. It's a regional and national issue and I treat this the way of how we handled the CAP many years ago. We had a delegation that was $\frac{1}{2}$ liberal and $\frac{1}{2}$ conservative, but when it came to CAP and state issues they stuck together.

Member Profile - Tom Curry

Central AZ. Project - Handed out their 2005 report with CD.

Website - Cap-az.com

CAP is the federal name of the project which was built several years ago at the cost of several billion dollars that Terry mentioned earlier in his presentation. We are the operating entity established by the legislature to operate and maintain that project. Most of our operation is in ensuring that we get the 1.5M acre feet off the river that the CAP predominately has direction over as well as any water that is left over from Arizona's 2.8M acre feet where we can prevent CA from getting anymore of Arizona's water. We've been working now for several years at water quantity issues and we are also interested in water quality issues. That has been his jurisdiction for some time. He is the supervisor over environmental compliance for the district, however, it's not a compliance issue that is looked at when we're talking about customer satisfaction. Our customer satisfaction deals mostly with water quality. I'm sure all of you

municipalities that use surface water verses ground water recognize some of the issues pursuant to the Colorado River water. Some of those issues are just the taste and odor issues that occur seasonally. The nitrate issues which is a big component of what CRRSCo. is focusing on. Some of the invasive species like Sylvia, some of the zebra mussel issues which luckily haven't impacted the Colorado at this juncture. We're looking also at arsenic. We just like to stay abreast of the various water quality issues and that is our predominant issue in the CRRSCo. activities.

Pawan Agrawal from Bullhead City gave a presentation and update on their Sewer Construction Program.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Secretary, CRRSCo.