

COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION
December 12, 2008
Board of Directors' Meeting
2360 McCulloch Blvd., North, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403
Police Facility

ATTENDEES

Voting Membership Present

Mayor Jack Hakim	City of Bullhead City
Mayor Mark Nexsen	Lake Havasu City
Bill Cox	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
Andy Jones	Colorado River Sewage Systems (JV)
Tom Sockwell	Mohave County
Jim Nafsey	Metropolitan Water District
Scott Leedom	Southern Nevada Water Authority (by phone)
Cliff Edey	La Paz County Board of Supervisors
Charles Hull	City of Blythe (by phone)
William Way	City of Needles

Also Present

Terry Bracy	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone)
Susan Betts	Bullhead City
Bob Leuck	Bullhead City
Charlie Cassens	Lake Havasu City
Greg Froslic	Lake Havasu City
Doyle Wilson	Lake Havasu City

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nexsen called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there is a quorum.

1. Secretary's Report—Mark Nexsen

The November 12, 2008 minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries

2. Progress report on the CRRSCo priority project – Greg Froslic

Greg Froslic gave a presentation that was requested by the board to provide an opportunity for the members to review the report in the draft form before it's finalized and submitted at the end of the month. A draft report was issued via email last Friday, December 5, 2008. Some of the TAC committee members provided comments to the report which were incorporated into what you have today. The TAC committee has not had an opportunity to review this most recent update to the report and Mr. Murphy is here from PBS&J with a short presentation to facilitate a review. Looking at the calendar going forward I wanted to let you know that we are currently trying to schedule a TAC committee meeting for Monday, December 15, 2008. Greg Froslic indicated that at the November 27, 2008 Board meeting that the TAC committee was still committed to the December 19th as the last date for us to receive comments. We would like to

hold that date to provide you the rest of this week and all of next week to review the draft and formulate your comments. The original schedule submitted by PBS&J had a December 22nd submittal date for the final report. Mr. Murphy will be exploring the possibility of postponing that to what was stated in RFP which is December 31, 2008.

Kevin Murphy presented a powerpoint presentation and passed out information.

Bob Leuck commented that we need an updated list of our priorities. So that everyone can see exactly who is going to be first and why. The 1999 report, Burns & McDonnell established the priorities and during that time CRRSCo discussed how the prioritization matrix was going to be set up. A. Jones had mentioned that the 2004-2005 was slightly modified, but adopted a new priority list. A decision of whether or not small projects, big projects like Burns and McDonnell and Bureau of Reclamation would need to be suggested. A decision of whether or not to have them separated previously or just want to go by communities is something that needs to be decided before it can be adopted.

Chairman Nexsen asked the TAC Committee if the priority list should be done by them and then could they make a suggestion to the Board, and then could it be adopted? A. Jones commented that's what the TAC Committee was planning on doing. Andy also asked if there are any initial thoughts from any of the board that we can take to our meeting on Monday to kind of consider it and then I think when we're done we will hopefully have a priority list that maybe Lisa could email out to everyone telling the members that here is the draft and how they came up with it.

Terry Bracy reported that things are moving very quickly, one of the possibilities is that there might be a stimulus package and a big infrastructure piece for projects that are ready to go. He commented that there might be one list of projects just based on, but also commented that CRRSCo could have a second list of projects that were ready to be turned. The environmental work would need to be already done. He commented that there could be some funding there. What they are looking for are Public Works projects that are ready to go, which means environmental work must be complete.

Greg Froslic – The primary focus of Monday's TAC Meeting is to develop and issue the priority project list and needs listing.

3. Lobbyist report and update:

Terry Bracy reported the following:

- As this administration is going out the door getting all the agencies together that deal with our issue at the highest level possible of continuing people to be focused on it to get working groups going.
- Terry had a private meeting with the leaders of the Obama transition team on energy and the environment. It wasn't specifically a meeting that I asked for on our issue, but I did get an opportunity at the end of the meeting to bring this matter up and was invited to immediately email one of the leaders of the transition team some information on our issue which Mayor Nexsen and I worked on last night and it's already in their hands.
- So we are at work on the new government, obviously we've got our eye out on any funding opportunity at all including new things that are appearing.
- It's Terry's understanding that CAP Association has brought in new leadership beginning early next year and it's David Modeer who was for many years the director of Tucson Water and in that role was the person who got Tucson involved in CRRSCo, and was very much involved in the drafting of our original legislation.
- Chairman Nexsen asked if Terry knew whether or not the multi-agencies gave Ryan Smith an update.

- Terry replied that they did this week, but that he hadn't spoken with Ryan yet.

Chairman Nexsen's update on Washington trip:

- He thought they had a very good two days.
- We did have the multi-agency task force meeting which was really what they wanted. One of the things that he believed he heard toward the end was that when they began talking about that this is more than a nitrate issue, this is about protection of the Colorado River as a whole and that we believed that there needed to be comprehensive legislation for such.
- Deputy Secretary Scarlett did say that she had misunderstood what CRRSCo had been talking about over the last couple of months and this kind of issue does fall under the responsibility of the Department of Interior.
- Chairman Nexsen thinks there was a real commitment on their part to try and put together an internal task force that will continue to focus on the issue and keep the new transition team updated so that this doesn't just fall by the wayside and therefore we don't have to start all over, so in other words it sounded like they were going to try and make as smooth a transition as possible to the new administration.
- Mayors Hakim and Nexsen did meet with several other offices including Congressman Mitchell of Arizona. He thought they had a good meeting with him, he understood the issues being a former Mayor. He seemed surprised that we had not yet had congressional hearings. He had indicated that he would be supportive of any congressional hearings.
- Other things that have occurred is that Mayor Hakim and Mayor Nexsen have an opportunity to see Senator Kyl. This was on November 12, 2008. It was a couple of days after our last CRRSCo meeting.
- Senator Kyl spent well over an hour with the Mayor's and we continued to explain the issues that we were dealing with and what he had indicated because he had his Washington staff on the video conference that he would try to move this issue forward. He had asked that Mayor Nexsen encourage the delegations from the other states being CA and NV to become actively involved in working with his office which he has done. In fact, a letter will be mailed today that is signed by the city of Needles, Blythe and Chemhuevi Indian Tribe asking Senator Boxer and Feinstein to work with Senator Kyl's office.
- Scott Leedom has been working with trying to make contact with Senator Reid's office. Mayor Nexsen has also been in touch with one of our former state Senator's Linda Binder and who happens to know Senator Kyl personally. She offered to make contact with him which she did. She contacted him on Sunday and with that resulted in him asking that Mayor Nexsen write a letter formally requesting him to take a leadership role in this endeavor and that went out yesterday.
- Mayor Nexsen has been asked by the Colorado River Board of California to do a presentation in Ontario, California regarding the CRRSCo. activities on January 15, 2009. He put together a powerpoint presentation. He followed up with the Mayor of Albuquerque, Mayor Martin Chavez. He's the co-chairman of the US conference of Mayors water council. He gave him an update of what CRRSCo was doing and he indicated that he thought it might be a good idea that we do a presentation either in their January meeting or the June meeting whichever one he could get it agendized. Mayor Chavez indicated that typically the water council would then pass a resolution in support of the CRRSCo efforts
- Mayor Hakim asked Terry if the upcoming water meeting in Las Vegas was in December.
- Terry commented that he has not heard anything further.

- Mayor Nexsen replied that Maureen George will be attending that meeting. He alerted her to the possibility that his comments would include comments about what the CRRSCo efforts were and to let Mayor Nexsen know whether or not that occurred.
- Mayor Hakim wanted to make a comment that Mayor Nexsen has done an outstanding job on behalf of CRRSCo and has taken the lead in making contact with Mayor Chavez and also setting up the meetings in California. He also wanted to thank Terry and Tracy for what they did an outstanding job setting up the meetings. Mayor Hakim feels that they were received quite well from the offices and staff that we had met with and I'm really optimistic that we're going to proceed at a faster pace in the future.
- Andy Jones thanked Cliff Edey for all of his work with CRRSCo. I know Cliff has been on this board 10 years. He's a past Chairman and nothing that we do today or tomorrow could really have been achieved without Cliff's efforts that he's put in many countless hours in CRRSCo's efforts.

9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made and the motion was seconded. A vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Chairman Nexsen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.