

**COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION**  
**February 12, 2009**  
**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
Andy Jones	Colorado River Sewage Systems (JV) (by phone)
Tom Sockwell	Mohave County
Scott Leedom	Southern Nevada Water Authority (by phone)
Sandy Pierce	La Paz County Board of Supervisors
Lori Wedemeyer	Town of Parker
William Way	City of Needles
Rodney Glassman	City of Tucson

**Also Present**

Terry Bracy	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone)
Tracy Tucker	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone)
Susan Betts	Bullhead City
Bob Leuck	Bullhead City
Greg Froslic	Lake Havasu City
Doyle Wilson	Lake Havasu City
Kevin Murphy	PBS&J

***CALL TO ORDER***

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

1. Secretary's Report—Mark Nexsen

The December 10, 2008 minutes, and the February 12, 2009 minutes were presented for approval. Chairman Nexsen asked that minutes reflect Edgar's last name from the Metropolitan Water District on the February 12, 2009 minutes. Tom Sockwell made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Vice Chairman Hakim seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

2. Treasurer's Report – Chairman Mark Nexsen

The Treasurer's report was presented which reflects an available cash balance of \$124,153.89. Expenses have been primarily the PBS&J project prioritization report as well as the travel to Washington DC. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Tom Sockwell seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

### 3. Report on meetings with Senator McCain

Chairman Nexsen had the opportunity when he was visiting Lake Havasu City a few weeks ago to have lunch with him as well as some meetings afterwards. We went through the issues surrounding the Colorado River, the issues specifically regarding the sewer projects in both BHC and LHC. I think the emphasis that we were trying to make was that this isn't really about the nitrates, it's about a protection act all along the Colorado River and talked about nitrate issues, quagga mussels, chromium 6, pharmaceutical products, the various threats that we've been talking about for some time. I think he completely understood and I say that because when he went on the radio show shortly thereafter a lot of the things that we described to him he repeated as concerns that he had. We had a very good meeting with him. He was very supportive, his staff called me when he returned to Phoenix to let MN know that they wanted to take a proactive role in any legislation that was coming forward and I think Tracy received an email from his Washington D.C. staff basically saying the same thing. TT – Yes, I did. MN – Overall I thought the meeting I had with Senator McCain was very positive. JH – We also met with Senator McCain as well and I carried forth the same message that Mayor Nexsen with a little bit more passion. I was thrilled that 1) he was aware of our problems and 2) addressed the issue of pharmaceuticals in particular and also spoke up with regarding the quagga mussels which he seemed a bit surprised that it has reached this level on the Colorado River and in LHC. I think it was evident by the fact that when they were discussing with the confirmation hearings for Deputy Secretary David Hayes, he brought up several of those items that were discussed by Mayor Nexsen and myself, and that to me just showed that there were a lot of sincerity involved there. It's really a key that after all these years we finally have had a break through in this matter. If I'm not mistaken Mayor Nexsen, Senator Kyl is also involved in this. MN – Yes, Senator Kyl began to ask for names active I believe that they are going to be attending the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The other thing for those members who don't know, I did write a letter to President Obama as well. It was rather a lengthy letter explaining the situation both here and BHC as well as LHC and I sent to him a number of reports regarding the Colorado River and I included a section in the binder that had 2 dozen letters from citizens who were finding it financially difficult to be able to feed their children and afford our wonderful sewer system in LHC and sometimes greater than \$100.00 a month bill. It was interesting, I haven't heard anything from the President's office at this point, but I have received responses from the Governor and other's. The Governor's office called me to let me know that if legislation is presented that they would certainly like to take a look at it and would like to be able to offer their support for such legislation. Again, I think we are making progress by simply making everyone aware of the issue. TB – Commented that Mayors Hakim & Nexsen and others have demonstrated what can be accomplished if you just stick to it and work hard. When we introduced this issue in Washington, we got a lot of blank looks on people's faces, we encountered traditional bureaucracies that had no interest. Today the situation has profoundly changed. While we doubt that the outcome of that meeting will be dramatic we are convinced that it will begin a process. We also think that both Lake Havasu and BHC and others who have made these profound economic commitments. Obviously in our own self interest, but more importantly in the national interest are now being recognized by people who care. I think in some sense Senator McCain he is awed by the commitment and the leadership. We also see in congress with Congressman Grijalva with our 2 Senators

and a growing list people who now have become highly aware of the situation and know that we need to act. MN – Talk about upcoming meeting on 4/24. The general approach to that meeting. I would like to start by indicating that I have extended an invitation via email to Pat Mulroy as well as Jeff Kitlinger at MWD and I would also like to invite any board member who would like to join us for that meeting to are welcome to do so. Terry, you had indicated that we ought to get a hold of Brad Udall, but I don't know how to reach him. TB – I talked with him, I took the liberty of talking to him after we consulted. He is probably the most recognized expert on climate change and the river and he's always looked to be the principal speaker at these things. He is very interested and plans to attend the meeting. Mayor if you would send an invitation to the others if you would write to Brad. He told me that he's planning on attending. MN – I have a call into Mr. Modeer. TB – It's his understanding that Mr. Modeer is planning on attending. JH – Is he planning on having dinner with us? TB – Yes, he'd like to have dinner with you. MN – Tracy, did you want me to contact Senator McCain and Kyl's office? TT – She's contacted all of their staff. MN – TB or TT could you lead a discussion about the approach we should be taking at this meeting. TT – Overall, the point of the meeting is what came out of our November meeting that Mayor's Nexsen and Hakim had in Washington, DC with the outgoing administration and involved in that meeting in November was the Department of Interior, EPA, USDA and Army Corp. of Engineers. They committed to doing a follow-up on a regional level to make sure that the stakeholders in the region were very aware and familiar with CRRSCo's issues so that we could move forward in the transition between the two administrations. We are now in the midst of that transition with new appointees being assigned or nominees being assigned top positions within Interior, EPA and all these different agencies and we are now scheduled to have this meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Boulder City, Nevada. The overall purpose of it is to bring together the Federal stakeholders, the state water agencies and CRRSCo members and congressional staff for more of an education but also comments of understanding outdoor water quality issues on the river and for our organization for CRRSCo to be able to make that case around nitrate issues as well as the other issues that are affecting the river because as Mayor Nexsen stated earlier in the meeting it all is integrated that it works so well together you can't just talk about nitrates and not talk about prechloride or chromium 6 or quagga mussels. The goal behind this is to be able to get everyone on the same page and ultimately have us, CRRSCo and local governments be a big major player and part of these discussions that are happening on this Federal and State level, but have not up until now really involved local and regional governments in water entities. In terms of our approach we've identified thus far to make a presentation on the need for not only short term solutions be that economic stimulus funding or additional funding that might be available out there, but long term big picture solution of seeking Federal legislations to protect the Colorado River. To build stronger relationships with all of these various federal agencies, again EPA, BOR, Army Corp of Engineers will be in attendance at this meeting so it's a wonderful opportunity to educate them on CRRSCo's issues and needs. TB – One footnote, Mayor Hakim and Nexsen will recall in the meeting we had with the Interior Department, the representative of the EPA was a fellow named Ben Grumbles, Ben is now the new head of ADEQ. Perhaps we out to reach out and Mayor he ought to be invited. MN – I can do that. JH – Tracy, that was a big kick for us here with his appointment by Governor Brewer and I recall he was extremely interested in our meeting. MN – I'll call. Right now the folks that I do believe will be attending is Jack

and I, staff people from Sen. McCain's office, Sen. Kyl's office, EPA, BOR, USDA, Army Corp. of Engineers, hopefully we'll have David Modeer, Brad Udall of course Terry will be there and with any luck we'll also have Pat Mulroy or a representative as well as Jeff Kitlinger or a representative from MWD. We should have a pretty good group there. Anyone who would like to attend is more than welcome too. JH – Terry, you know we can't thank your office enough for all the help that you went through in getting this meeting organized. It is a huge breakthrough. The mere fact that we're meeting with these federal agencies and also having the congressional staff attend as well, it's like it's now or never to really make our point. It's really exciting and we're very appreciative. TB – Thank you mayor, we have put our heart and soul into this effort and this is only the beginning of what it's going to be successful. TS – Mr. Chairman, we haven't talked about this, I just want to throw it out. There is some talk and concern about the ??? how invasive it is and the amount of water that this plant consumes. I know there's been some talk about how this might be controlled. I don't know if this is time to bring that up or not. TB – I think the issue of the ??? is very much on the table. There is no money in the Obama budget at this point to reopen that plant. We're facing a terrible dilemma which is that we're in a long term drought perhaps caused by Global Warming, we don't know. What we have done through the years is followed the old rule that the solution to pollution is ??????. With our reservoirs down and our inability to dump \$100,000 or more a year into the river to reduce the silk content to meet the terms of the Mexican water treaty everyone is scratching their heads on looking for the best solution to this. One of those has been to reopen the ???, but that is far from certain. MN – I think what Tom was stressing probably was the ??? plant. JH – Tracy, Supervisor Sockwell brings up an excellent point with the trees and I know for a fact that a number of residents living along the river take it upon themselves to cut those trees down. They soak up so much water. We need just about every drop. I think that how should we lay off of that now until or is this a subject that can just be brought forth in conversation? TT – Suggested that either someone from Mayor Hakim or Nexsen's staff give her a one page brief on the issues and that it's a threat to the river so that we're all on the same page.

3. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. The meeting will take place in Lake Havasu City.

***ADJOURNMENT***

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