### COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION

#### July 8, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting 2360 McCulloch Blvd., North, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86403 Police Facility

## ATTENDEES

#### **Voting Membership Present**

Mayor Jack Hakim Mayor Mark Nexsen Andy Jones Tom Sockwell Ronald Zegers Sandy Pierce Lori Wedemeyer Bill Cox Gary Hansen Jim Nafsey/Edgar Dynally

# **Also Present**

Terry Bracy Tracy Tucker Michael Bracy Brandon Avila Susan Betts Bob Leuck Mark Clark Doyle Wilson Charlie Cassens Kevin Murphy City of Bullhead City Lake Havasu City Colorado River Sewage Systems (JV) Mohave County Southern Nevada Water Authority (by phone) La Paz County Board of Supervisors Town of Parker Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Buckskin Sanitary District Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal.

Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone) Bullhead City Bullhead City Lake Havasu City Lake Havasu City Lake Havasu City 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 April 3, 2009 minutes were presented for approval. Tom Sockwell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Sandy Pierce 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 will be deferred until the next meeting.

3. Legislative report and update

Terry Bracy reported on the following:

- The meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Hoover Dam brought together for the first time all the federal partners and agencies who could possibly be involved in the water quality issues on the Colorado River
- T. Bracy felt that the discussion during the meeting made things pretty clear to the agencies that there were a lot of things on the table to be done.
- T. Bracy discussed that the meeting was historic. Because of this meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> congressional hearing on this subject was allowed to happen by a group which was a total unknown in terms of the institutions around water management. Chairman Nexsen of CRRSCo gave testimony.

Chairman Nexsen commented on the following:

- Chairman Nexsen overall thought the hearing went well.
- He felt that there was a lot of support for the protection of the river as a whole.
- He hopes that there will be another hearing or that the legislation will move forward quickly.

Tracy Tucker presented the following:

- T. Tucker reported that she's been hearing a lot of positive feedback in Washington regarding the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting
- She reiterated that Congressman Grijalva's office is in the process of pulling together a measure with the Committee not only to address the nitrate issues, but the larger issues on the river.
- T. Tucker highlighted on some other items that are moving in Congress that will have an impact on CRRSCo.
- As mentioned in the last board meeting, congress is working on a water quality legislation to increase the amount of money for the grant fund. The bill is still pending. Congress recognizes that there is a very large gap in funding for communities across the countries that need sewer infrastructure fund. They are doing whatever they can to increase the amount of money that is available. One way they are doing that is by increasing the money available for the clean water state revolving loan fund program the other way is to create a clean water trust fund. On July 15, 2009 the house transportation infrastructure committee is going to hold on a hearing on this proposal for the clean water trust fund. Tracy noted that some measures dealing with pharmaceuticals in the water are moving forward.

- 4. Presentation by Bob Doss, Principal Engineer for Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Attached is the presentation made by Bob Doss.
- 5. Discussion and direction regarding a proposal for a cooperative water quality database program involving CRRSCo and the Bureau of Reclamation of the Lower Colorado Region
  - Bob Leuck reported that the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) had approached him at a CRRSCo meeting that was held in July 2008 proposing a cooperative program to develop a database and to monitor the ground water along the Colorado River. Bob explained that currently there is nothing that exists in any one place where someone could get water quality information. Becky Blasius from the BOR has contacted the Southern Nevada Water Authority who has a good database of their information. There is a possibility that CRRSCo could utilize that particular database and expand it with additional new information. Bob commented that the next step would be to develop an agreement between CRRSCo and the BOR regarding the cost sharing. Once that's approved CRRSCo could start working on it.
  - Chairman Nexsen noted that he had a general agreement to try and move forward. Bob Leuck commented that they would start working with the Bureau and will bring back a draft agreement to the next meeting.
- 6. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 24, 2009 in Lake Havasu City at 11:00 a.m.

# 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 11:42 a.m.