

COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION
December 17, 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)
Peggy Roefer	Southern Nevada Water Authority (by phone)
Lori Wedemeyer	Town of Parker (by phone)
Edgar Dymally	Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal. (by phone)
William Way	City of Needles
Bill Cox	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

Also Present

Terry Bracy	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone)
Tracy Tucker	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone)
Michael Bracy	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano (by phone)
Rob LaFontaine	Bullhead City
Bob Leuck	Bullhead City
Mark Clark	Lake Havasu City
Doyle Wilson	Lake Havasu City
Charlie Cassens	Lake Havasu City
Becky Blasius	Bureau of Reclamation

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nexsen called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there is a quorum.

1. Secretary's Report—Mark Nexsen

The September 24, 2009 minutes were presented for approval. Andy Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Vice Chairman Hakim seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

2. Treasurer's Report – William Way

Mr. Way reported that our beginning balance was \$52,654.97. All revenues are \$139,435.41. There were expenses for Bracy Tucker Brown and Valanzano in the amount of \$30,590.00 leaving us with an ending balance as of December 17, 2009 of \$161,500.38.

Andy Jones made a motion to approve the treasurer's as written. Bill Cox seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

3. Discussion of Legislative Advocacy Activities – Terry Bracy, Tracy Tucker, Michael Bracy

Tracy Tucker discussed the following:

- Short and long term solutions for CRRSCo communities are faced with identifying and finding water infrastructure funding.
- A short term solution is that the House has a New Jobs Bill that includes \$2B of additional funds for water infrastructure projects. \$1B will go to the clean water revolving loan fund and another \$1B will go to the safe water drinking revolving loan fund.
- The bill still needs to get through the Senate in January and if it's passed it will likely be put into law by February or March.
- Currently discussions with congressional staff and EPA are taking place to make sure that CRRSCo communities are able to access these funds and all to access them in a way that really helps the communities.
- Another major development related to the Lower Colorado River Protection Act is that the water communities of CA, AZ and NV have come to the position of putting forward their issues with the Lower Colorado River Protection Act so they can support the bill.
- It's important for all of CRRSCo to rally behind Congressman Grijalva's measure which creates management conference for the Lower Colorado River.

Terry Bracy discussed the following:

- Our understanding in the report that they received for the Central Arizona Project is that a decision has been taken and that there was some concern that the water authorities might oppose the legislation for various reasons unless changes are made. That said, once the water authorities are satisfied with the bill, co-sponsors will come and action will follow. The water authorities are extremely powerful and have tremendous clout in Washington. I just want to emphasize that I have not spoken directly nor has Tracy to NV or CA, but we have gotten a pretty thorough report from the leadership of the CAP.

Tracy Tucker discussed the following:

- Tracy commented that they are still working with the AZ delegation and members of the CA delegation to get co-sponsors for the development on the Lower Colorado River Protection Act. The biggest issues is that EPA is studying a series of emerging contaminants including pharmaceuticals and including some drugs on a candidate list of contaminants that they would regulate. They are moving in that direction on pharmaceuticals, there are going to be some action in the near future probably mid 2010 on how EPA will address perchlorate, so a lot of the issues that we've been talking about as a coalition we will see some action from EPA in 2010 and we will keep you updated on those as well and what impact it will have on CRRSCo.

4. Discussion of possible action to establish CRRSCo priority projects for the Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations Bill – Chairman Mark Nexsen

Mark Nexsen reported that currently there are two projects requests and that Needles is working on a third. There is a request from Bullhead City regarding a lift station rehabilitation and reconstruction project. It's a \$4M total cost and a \$2M grant is what they are requesting. Lake Havasu City is requesting \$1.5M for an effluent injection disposal. Mr. Way commented that Needles is looking at a major development at the north end of the city which is going to require a new small sewer package plant. The overall price is approximately \$3.6M and Needles would be looking at funding 50%. Tracy Tucker commented that all the projects that are submitted have a 45% local match requirement that you have to be able to outline and justify in advance when the project is submitted.

5. Update concerning the water quality database project – Andy Jones, CRRSCO representative and Becky Blasius-Wert, BOR Representative

Andy Jones discussed the following:

The TAC meeting met at the Southern Nevada Water Authorities water treatment facility on October 22, 2009. The TAC members met with Becky Blasius, Susan Holmes and Peggy Roefer. They described to us and showed us their water quality database. It's a very thorough program that they are operating and it will be a great tool for us to have access to. We discussed the priorities of our pollutants that we would like to monitor and identify and work with the SNWA's database in order for us as members of CRRSCo and as our staff can work with outside agencies and develop a more thorough quality database from Lake Mead all the way down to the Southern End of the Colorado River. We discussed everything pertaining to parameters and came to the conclusion that once the contract is signed by CRRSCo, at that point we could start being reimbursed for the hours our staff and our members doing this database work.

Becky Blasius wanted to reiterate that at the last meeting in September there was some discussion on the plan of study at the time and that there were some questions about verbage. Maureen George was tasked at taking a look at that and making some changes to the plan of study and she did that. We've submitted that back to the TAC members.

Chairman Nexsen commented that the contracts were brought in today and will be signed.

6. Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in Bullhead 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 11:40 p.m.