

COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION

February 15, 2007

Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Mayor Diane Vick

Tom Curry

San Herringa

Charles Hull

Andy Jones

Mark Nexsen

Richard Rowe

Tom Sockwell

Cliff Edey

Jim Nafsey

Herman York

Bill Cox

Bullhead City

Central Arizona Project

Town of Parker

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 10:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 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.

**LOBBYIST REPORT & UPDATE
PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION
DETERMINATION OF CRRSCo FUNDING PRIORITIES**

Terry Bracy discussed the following:

- Needing to have CRRSCo's selection of earmarked projects.
- Terry stated that with the new congress there has been an immediate attention to the Clean Water issues.
- With the help from Governor Napolitano and Senator Kyl the fifth draft of the Lower Colorado River Protection Act is ready to go. They are currently waiting for California to be ready as well.
- It was suggested that two CRRSCo board members meet with MWD.
- It was asked by Richard Rowe if Terry Bracy had contacted representatives of the Colorado River Water Board.
- Terry Bracy said that he hadn't contacted them.
- It was commented that there are 3 meetings that CRRSCo should send leadership group to. Those meeting would be with Congressman Franks, MVD and the Colorado River Water Board and perhaps Senator Feinstein.
- Mayor Vick suggested going back through the appropriation and the funding priorities.
- It was commented that a priority list had already been agreed upon by the board members and the Lake Havasu City was number one.
- It was decided that the Needles project should be in the priority list.

STAFF PRESENTATION & UPDATE -

Lake Havasu Sewer Construction Program - Greg Froslic

Mr. Froslic began by introducing himself and stating that LHC has dedicated a staff of 4 that work full time on the Wastewater System Expansion Program and are responsible for monitoring and administering the Program, and provided information on the City's WWSE consulting engineer AMEC. Mr. Froslic provided a historical background stating that LHC has always had sanitary sewers within the community however they were limited to the commercial and industrial areas of the city, which was the original Sanitary District and was served by two wastewater treatment plants. In the summer of 1994 several beaches in LHC were closed due to high bacteria counts. This received national media attention and as a result ADEQ conducted an intense investigation that involved drilling several monitoring wells along the shores of Lake Havasu. Sampling of these wells revealed high nitrate levels which caused LHC to commence with developing a comprehensive wastewater master plan that was ultimately adopted by city council in 1998. City staff then conducted

several public meetings seeking input from the community prior to moving forward with the bond election on November 6, 2001, which passed with a 78% vote.

Mr. Froslic provided an overview of the major components of the Program that will be installed when completed. They included 300 miles of gravity sewers, 9,700 manholes, 17 miles of force main and more than 25,000 septic tanks decommissioned. Mr. Froslic then described the administrative effort that needs to be accomplished prior to commencing with any construction project. He discussed the mass mailings, public meetings and the program web site, as well as the legal documents that must be executed by each property owner prior to the construction. Discussion continued regarding the construction installation milestones to date. They included 100 miles of gravity sewer main, 1,590 manholes, 8 miles of sewer force main, 7,350 septic tanks decommissioned, and 1.1million gallons per increase in sewer treatment capacity at the Mulberry Treatment Plant, and a list of projects completed to date was displayed. Mr. Froslic then displayed a list of projects currently under contract and noted that there are currently 9 construction projects underway making the current year the most aggressive so far.

Mr. Froslic explained that one of the most important lessons learned was to never underestimate the value of public awareness and involvement, and gave an overview of AMEC's efforts in this regard. Mentioned were the post card notification and newsletter that is mailed to each resident located in the upcoming construction project area that provides information on the project and contains dates for public meeting as well as transmits the legal documents that need to be executed. Also mentioned was the customer survey. This survey was mailed to each resident that was connected during the first four years of construction projects and asked the customer to rate the performance of the several aspects of the project. The results showed that of the respondents; 71% rated their conversion from septic to sewer as good to excellent.

Discussion continued with a brief overview of AMEC's responsibilities towards value engineering and reducing the cost of construction and the overall program. AMEC along with City staff are continuously evaluating ways to improve the design and construction of our projects in an effort to reduce costs. In fact AMEC is charged this year with performing a complete and comprehensive evaluation of our Sanitary Sewer Design Standards which will be completed later this year.

In closing Mr. Froslic noted that the bidding environment in LHC is very good and more contractors throughout the nation are showing interest in our projects. He further explained that we currently have contracts with contractors whose home

offices are located across Arizona and the nation including Oregon, Colorado and Minnesota. The City has experienced some success over the last few years with projects coming in below the budgeted amount, and with the current interest in our projects staff is optimistic that this type of success will continue into the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Secretary, CRRSCo.