

COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION
September 12, 2007
Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

Mayor Jack Hakim	Bullhead City
Tom Curry	Central Arizona Project
Lori Wedemeyer	Town of Parker
Charles Hull	City of Blythe
Andy Jones	Colorado River Sewage System JV
Mark Nexsen	Lake Havasu City
Richard Rowe	City of Needles
Tom Sockwell	Mohave County
Cliff Edey	La Paz County
Jim Nafsey	Metropolitan Water District
Herman York	Town of Quartzsite
Bill Cox	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

Bold signifies Voting Membership present

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Mark Nexsen called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion was made to elect Mark Nexsen as Chairperson and Secretary was unanimously approved. Motion carries. A motion was made to elect Jack Hakim as Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer was unanimously approved. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February & September 2007 minutes will be brought to the February 2008 meeting for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Richard Rowe was absent.

**LOBBYIST REPORT & UPDATE/
PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION
LOWER COLORADO RIVER PROTECTION ACT**

Terry Bracy discussed the following:

- With the workload anticipated to increase this year Brandon Avila has joined the legislative advocacy. Brandon is from Los Angeles and has extensive experience working with the California delegation.
- He discussed that currently we are waiting for the letter to be signed off by the Metropolitan Water District.
- He discussed that on a positive note that the 1.4M earmark has been released to Lake Havasu City and that there is a pending earmark in the interior appropriations for Arizona.
- He commented that they are looking for additional program for other funding opportunities. The EPA and Agriculture are also possible entities to acquire additional funding
- He discussed the importance of the meeting that took place at the Metropolitan Water District office in Los Angeles. Representatives from CRRSCo and Herb Guenther representing Governor Napolitano and Chairman Brick of MWD reached agreement.

Tracy Tucker discussed the outline of the letter:

- The letter is outlining to the California and Arizona delegations that the three organizations met being CRRSCo., Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Metropolitan Water District and that there was an agreement addressing the water quality issues on the Colorado river.
- Further detail outlines some of the highlights from the two technical reports that were developed on the Colorado River issues. The technical reports being the Bureau of Reclamation and the Governor's report.
- Outlined were some of the issues dealing with the high nitrate levels and metals such as chromium.
- Outlined were also details of what a resolution for this problem would cost and citing the Bureau of Reclamation study for the cost being at least \$2.1B between now and 2025.
- Local communities have put out a significant amount of money to address these issues and that the local communities being the CRRSCo members do not have additional funds to resolve the issue.

DISCUSSION: "WASTEWATER TREATMENT NEEDS ALONG THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER" FINAL REPORT

Terry Bracy reported:

- You can't get federal money without a federal study.
- There was tremendous resistance on the part of BOR to do the report.
- Terry Bracy brought then Mayor Whelan and number of CRRSCo. board members into see Mr. Keyes at the Interior Department in Washington.
- Mr. Keyes thought the BOR's job was to move water and that the quality of the water wasn't their business.
- Terry Bracy pointed out to Mr. Keyes that not withstanding the truth of the matter is that the BOR constructed the entire Colorado River and how in the world can you turn this over to someone else now.
- Terry Bracy went around Mr. Keyes to Capital Hill where they talked to the Chairman of the Appropriations committee and a number of other people who understood the Colorado River and pointed out the problem
- The study was then earmarked. It was approximately \$200,000-300, 000 to have this study done.
- Congress mandated that the study be done. The BOR just moved ahead and did it.
- When BOR started the study they understood that CRRSCo. had done an extraordinary amount of studying itself and that when they looked at our engineering studies they said that it had most of the answers.
- Congress will never appropriate money based on a private study which is why it had to come from BOR. Many of our members of CRRSCo's technical staff had input on what the bureau did. The bureau laid heavily on our engineering staff.

MEMBER PROFILE - Herman York, Town of Quartzsite

- Sewer Plant pumps 450,000 gallons a day.
- Sewer goes to over 90% of the town.
- They are working on expanding the plant on the south side of I-10. They are suggesting that they do new motors and drying beds to bring it up to another 100,000 gallons.
- Currently at the 450,000 mark they are 50% capacity in the summer and in the winter it's stretching it.

- Proposed projects: two motels and a new motel. Restaurant, bank and health provisions.

Councilmember York commented that Quartzsite is still a member of CRRSCo. even though they are low on the ranking. The Quartzsite council believes that their vote is important.

Set next meeting date

It was suggested that the next meeting be held in January 2008.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Secretary, CRRSCo.