

# **COLORADO RIVER REGIONAL SEWER COALITION**

July 24, 2008

**Board of Directors' Meeting  
10:00 a.m., to be held at  
Gene Camp, Metropolitan Water District  
158000 MVD Ranch Road, Parker Dam, CA 922967**

## ***ATTENDEES***

### **Voting Membership Present**

Mayor Jack Hakim	City of Bullhead City (by phone)
Mayor Mark Nexsen	Lake Havasu City
Bill Cox	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe (by phone)
Andy Jones	Colorado River Sewage Systems (JV)
Tom Sockwell	Mohave County
Cliff Edey	La Paz County (by phone)
Jim Nafsey	Metropolitan Water District
Scott Leedom	Southern Nevada Water Authority (by phone)
Lori Wedemeyer	Town of Parker (by phone)
William Way	City of Needles (by phone)
Charles Hull	City of Blythe

### **Also Present**

Maureen R. George	Attorney
Tracy Tucker	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano
Terry Bracy	Bracy, Tucker, Brown & Valanzano
Susan Betts	Bullhead City
Bob Leuck	Bullhead City
Pawan Agrawal	Bullhead City
Charlie Cassens	Lake Havasu City
Greg Froslic	Lake Havasu City
Doyle Wilson	Lake Havasu City
Becky Blasius	Bureau of Reclamation
Mickey Chaudhuri	Metropolitan Water District

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

Chairman Nexsen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there is a quorum.

1. Secretary's Report—Mark Nexsen
  - A. Consider approval of the minutes of the May 29, 2008 meeting.

The minutes were presented for approval. Andy Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Charles Hull seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

2. Treasurer's Report—William Way

The Treasurer's report was presented which reflects an available cash balance of \$99,874.41. The operations fund has a balance of \$162,350.62, while the legislative advocacy fund has a negative balance of \$62,476.21. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was presented. Andy Jones seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

3. Consider approval of amended CRRSCo Bylaws—Mark Nexsen

A motion to adopt the by-laws by resolution as amended and restated was presented by Andy Jones. Charles Hull seconded the motion. A verbal roll call vote was taken on the motion with Bill Cox, Butch Hull, Jack Hakim, Mark Nexsen, Cliff Edey, Scott Leedom, Jim Nafsey, Tom Sockwell, Andy Jones, and Lori Wedemeyer all in favor. Motion carries

4. Discussion and possible action to update the CRRSCo priority project list – Mark Nexsen, Tracy Tucker

Chairman Nexsen asked if everyone had a chance to look that the priority project list. He commented that from Lake Havasu City's standpoint they are still in the process of updating the actual projects on the list. Susan Betts suggested hiring a consultant to update the list. Bob Lueck commented that the consultant could take the Bureau of Reclamations 2005 data and update it by interviewing all the entities and then reprioritizing the list based on what they came up with. Andy Jones commented that any changes would still leave Lake Havasu City at #1 unless CRRSCo is not going to recognize the previous decisions made over the last 10 years. He would still support them being #1 because they have been the major supporter of CRRSCo. Bob Leuck suggested putting out a request for qualifications (RFQ). He suggested having companies submit a 3-4 page letter of interest with a page or two of their relative experience. After that is done it could be submitted to the board and then possibly the board could pick a committee to conduct an interview.

Charles Hull made a motion to solicit proposals and then select a consultant to update the prioritization list. Andy Jones seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken on the motion with all in favor. Motion carries.

5. Lobbyist report and update—Terry Bracy

a. Report of June 25-26, 2008 advocacy meetings in Washington D.C.

Chairman Nexsen thought that the meetings in Washington D.C. were successful. Tracy Tucker had informed him that Senator Kyl's office called indicating that he is now putting together a meeting with all the aids and congressional aids that we met with along with the Department of Interior in order to come up with a legislative solution for CRRSCo. Chairman Nexsen commented that they had met with a number of different individuals. He commented that everyone seemed to offer alternatives to the Title XVI solution instead of saying they could not help. Congressman Grijalva has already called for congressional hearings regarding the

Colorado River water and the quagga mussel. Chairman Nexsen commented that he thought Senator Feinstein was impressed by the effort that CRRSCo is taking towards a proactive approach not a reactive approach. Terry Bracy commented that Brad Hiltcher of the Metropolitan Water District's Washington office was particularly helpful and effective in backing up CRRSCo. Chairman Nexsen agreed and commented that Mr. Hiltcher did a great job and attended several meetings. Vice Chairman Hakim thanked Terry Bracy and Tracy Tucker for putting together a good meeting situation. Chairman Nexsen commented that the next steps are to stay in touch with everyone they met. Terry Bracy and Tracy Tucker will follow-up on the hearings that hopefully will take place.

- b. Proposed federal legislation
- c. Other advocacy efforts
- d. Other related issues

Dr. Doyle Wilson reported that there has been some developments in Lake Havasu City regarding quagga mussels. He also reported that quagga mussels have been found at the golf course as well as the percolation ponds on the island where there is a waste water treatment plant. Vice Chairman Hakim asked is there has been any infestation in Lake Pleasant. Dr. Wilson replied that there is.

6. Presentation by representatives of the Lower Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation concerning services and cost-sharing

Becky Blasius from the Bureau of Reclamation made a presentation (attached) concerning services and cost-sharing of reclamation projects. She discussed what the next steps could be should CRRSCo be interested in partnering on any projects. She commented when they put the original report together that it was difficult to pull the data when there wasn't a central data base. Currently Becky Blasius is the program manager of the Colorado River Water Quality Improvement program and the data collected is from Lake Mead to the border of Mexico. She commented that they have asked for \$150,000 for FY09 and that could be a cost shared with CRRSCo. Chairman Nexsen asked what type of in kind services could be provided. It was commented that in kind services could be labor or equipment hours. Bob Leuck had asked if any thought had been given to a ground water well monitoring program.

The Board expressed interest in the services offered by BOR and suggested that Ms. Blasius formulate the details of a potential partnership for the Board's consideration. Member agencies were asked to gather information on actual well construction (depth,diameter, groundwater level, pumping rate, etc.) that could be provided to the BOR should a partnership for monitoring water quality and building a central water quality database be formed. With concerns for CRRSCo's financial status, the in kind services are of interest to the Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at the Lake Havasu City Council Chambers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

