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## MINUTES OF THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY (“APA”) COMMISSION (“Commission”) MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2022

**PRESENT:** Philip C. Bashaw, Vice Chairman  
Russ Jones, Commissioner (*attended virtually*)  
Kim Owens, Commissioner  
John Sullivan, Chairman  
Jim Sweeney, Commissioner (*attended virtually*)

**STAFF:** Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission  
Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director  
Gary Kern, Financial Administrator (*attended virtually*)  
Ben Norris, Attorney General’s Office (*attended virtually*)  
Sonseeahray Thayer, Senior Rate Analyst

**OTHER:** Ed Gerak, IEDA  
Elston Grubaugh, Wellton Mohawk  
Leslie James, CREDA  
Nicole Klinker  
Kristine McMinimy, AEPCO  
Doug Milligan, SRP  
Donovan Neese, Roosevelt Irrigation District  
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Meghan Scott, Wellton Mohawk  
John Scremin, Roosevelt Water Conservation District  
Dave Slick, KR Saline & Associates  
Russell Smolden, AMPUA  
Elizabeth Story  
Sheryl Sweeney, Clark-Hill  
Jeff Woner, KR Saline & Associates

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairman John Sullivan. Quorum was established.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan and Sweeney were present.

**CHAIRMAN REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY ANY COMMISSIONER:**

- Each Commissioner declared they had no conflict of interest on any matter as listed on the agenda for today's meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting held on June 21, 2022 was made by Vice Chairman Bashaw and seconded by Commissioner Owens.
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan & Sweeney approved the motion.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above and the written documents are entered into the Commission records.

**REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Sonseeahray Thayer, Senior Rate Analyst, provided the Expenditures & Financial Reports. Hoover Operations Fund Claims #13451 - #13550 and APA Fund Claim #656 for the period June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 were presented.

- **Motion:** To approve Hoover Operations Fund Claims #13451 - #13550 and APA Claim #656 as presented was made by Commissioner Owens and seconded by Vice Chairman Bashaw.
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan & Sweeney approved the motion.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above and the written documents are entered into the Commission records.

**REPORT ON POWER OPERATION MATTERS:** Sonseeahray Thayer, Senior Rate Analyst provided an update on power operation matters:

- Monthly Precipitation – June precipitation was higher than the same time last year.
- Water Year Precipitation – When we compare this water year to date to the same time period last year, overall, there has been more precipitation.
- Upper Colorado River System – Precipitation to Date in the upper Colorado river system is at 96% which is considerably higher than the same time last year.
- Lake Powell inflow is forecast to be at 53% of normal for the year.
- Total System Contents – (Upper and Lower basin) There was so little snow this past winter that there has not been an increase in the basins.
- Reservoir and System Capacity – Currently Lake Powell is at 26% and Lake Mead is at 27% of capacity

- Lake Mead Elevation – Lake Mead is currently below 1,075. By this time next year, we anticipate the elevation to be at the 1,018 mark.

The Climate Forecast from the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center for Arizona for the next 90 days is leaning to likely above normal temperatures with a 33-40% chance of above normal precipitation over the next 3 months.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director

- Hoover Waste Site/Landfill Mitigation Update – More information regarding the mitigation efforts at the waste site was provided to the contractors during a recent meeting. Many of the contractors are now working together to provide comments and ideas to Len Schilling and the Bureau of Reclamation.
- Legislative Update – the legislative session has been completed with the final budget coming in at \$15 billion. The Water Bill will receive \$1.2 billion and includes \$200 million for conservation efforts. The budget also included 10% raises for all state employees. Mr. Fuentes is working with ADOA & OSPB to determine how this will impact the APA since the APA does not receive an appropriation from the General Fund. More details to follow.
- Hoover Dam Update – On Tuesday, July 19 the A5 turbine had a transformer that caught fire but was immediately extinguished. There were no injuries. The turbine will be offline until repaired and there is no reason to believe this will affect generation or the power grid at this time.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Vice Chairman Bashaw thanked the Staff, Commissioners and Customers for attending the meeting in Flagstaff. He appreciates the APA joining with GCSECA for the conference and looks forward to more opportunities like this for the APA to participate.

**VISITORS' COMMENTS/CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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John F. Sullivan, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to the Commission