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MINUTES OF THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY (“APA”) COMMISSION (“Commission”) MEETING HELD September 22, 2022

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

STAFF: Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission
Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director
Ben Norris, Attorney General’s Office
Sonseeahray Thayer, Senior Rate Analyst

OTHER: Andrew Campbell, RWCD
Dennis Delaney, KR Saline & Associates
Sheri Farag, Salt River Project
Ed Gerak, IEDA
Elston Grubaugh, Wellton Mohawk
Taylor Howerter, Roosevelt Irrigation District
DeWayne Justice, Electrical District #7
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Carolyn Ronning, Bureau of Reclamation
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Elizabeth Story

Sheryl Sweeney, Clark Hill
Robert Van Hofwegen, Electrical District #8
Glen Vortherms, Maricopa Water District
Brain Yerges, Electrical District #3

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Chairman John Sullivan. Quorum was established.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, 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.

- Commissioner Owens joined the meeting at 10:20am

LOWER COLORADO RIVER - MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION PROGRAM PRESENTATION – Carolyn Ronning, Wildlife Group Manager, Bureau of Reclamation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting held on August 16, 2022 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Vice Chairman Bashaw.
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Sullivan & Sweeney approved the motion. Commissioner Owens abstained since she was not present at the August Commission Meeting.
- **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 #13591 - #13628 for the period September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 were presented. There were no APA claims in September

- **Motion:** To approve Hoover Operations Fund Claims #13591 - #13628 as presented was made by Commissioner Jones 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.

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

- Monthly precipitation – August precipitation was higher than the same time last year.

- Water Year Precipitation –Additionally, when we compare this water year to date to the same time period last year, overall, we have had more precipitation.
- Upper Colorado River System – Precipitation to Date in the upper Colorado river system is at 99% which is considerably higher than the same time last year.
- Lake Powell inflow is forecast to be at 56% of normal for the year.
- Total System Contents – (Upper and lower basin) Total system contents continue to decrease.
- Reservoir and System Capacity – Currently Lake Powell is at 24% and Lake Mead is at 28% of capacity.
- Lake Mead Elevation – By August of 2024 we anticipate the elevation at lake Mead to be at the 1,013 mark.

The Climate Forecast from the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center for Arizona is 40%-60% above normal temperatures with a 33%-50% chance of below normal precipitation over the next 3 months.

CUSTOMER SERVICE: Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission

- Upcoming Commission Meetings
 - October Commission Meeting – 10.18.22 – AED & CPR Training
 - November Commission Meeting – Cancelled
 - December Commission Meeting & Tour – 12.13.22 @ Hoover Dam - 11:00am

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director

- Legislative Update: Senator Kelly’s bill S.4232 – looking for an opportunity with a vehicle bill. The Arizona State elections may completely reshape the make-up of the legislature. An Ad-Hoc Committee on Energy will be meeting soon and will include a presentation from the APA.
- Discussions are continuing on Drought Mitigation through many different means. Executive Director Fuentes recently attended the following meetings:
 - CREDA Mtg – there were discussions regarding CRSP & the SPP. The SPP Resolution did not move forward. Conversations were held regarding the Basin Fund & how important it is to have a clear and concise message regarding the importance of hydropower.
 - Hoover Ad-Hoc Work Group – this group will continue to meet to ask questions and provide input to the Bureau regarding budgets, rates, operations and other matters affecting Hoover.
 - Technical Review Committee (TRC) – the presentations revolved around the operations at Hoover and controlling costs is a top priority
- FERC Intervention – the APA intervention will be filed this week.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Chairman Sullivan announced the passing of Mr. Thomas Hine. Chairman Sullivan asked the staff to prepare a Resolution of Memorial & Appreciation of the contributions Mr. Hine made to the Water & Power Community.

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 11: a.m.

John F. Sullivan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to the Commission

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