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MINUTES OF THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY (“APA”) COMMISSION (“Commission”) MEETING HELD JULY 15, 2025

PRESENT: James Sweeney, Chairman (*Virtual*)
Phil Bashaw, Commissioner
Kim Owens, Vice Chairman
John Sullivan, Commissioner

STAFF: Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission
Jordy Fuentes, Executive Director
Dena Benjamin, Legal Counsel
John Schutter, Chief Financial Analyst
Sonseeahray Thayer, Financial Administrator

OTHER: Michael Curtis, Cortaro Marana
Sheri Farag, SRP
Ed Gerak, IEDA
Josh Grier, SRP
Elston Grubaugh, Wellton Mohawk
Daniel Herderer, Clark Hill
Taylor Howerter, Roosevelt Irrigation District
Leslie James, CREDA
DeWayne Justice, ED #7
John Kai, Avra Valley
Jimmy Kendrick, WAPA
Adam McAnally, SRP
Kristine McMinimy, AEPCO

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Meghan Scott, Wellton Mohawk
Sheryl Sweeney, Clark Hill
Lori Taitano, SRP
Kelly Urbine, Current Insights
Robert VanHofwegen, Electrical District #8

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman James Sweeney. Quorum was established.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Bashaw, Owens, Sullivan & 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 & Executive Session held on June 17, 2025 was made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Bashaw
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, 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, Financial Administrator, provided the Expenditures & Financial Reports. Hoover Operations Fund Claims #15487 - #15520 & APA Claims #691- #692 for the period July 1 – July 31, 2025 were presented.

- **Motion:** To approve Hoover Operations Fund Claims #15487 - #15520 APA Claims #691- #692 as presented was made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Owens.
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, 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: John Schutter, Chief Financial Analyst reported on the following:

- Monthly precipitation – There has been about the same amount of precipitation this June compared to the same time last year.
- Water Year Precipitation – When comparing Water Year 2025 to Water Year 2024, overall there has been much less precipitation.
- Upper Colorado River System – Precipitation to Date in the Upper Colorado River System is currently at 86%, which is lower than the prior 3 years.
- Lake Powell inflow - Lake Powell inflow is forecast to be at 52% of normal for the year.
- Total System Contents – (Upper and Lower Basin) Total system contents for the current water year is slowly decreasing but is still higher than in OY 2022.
- Reservoir and System Capacity – Lake Powell is currently at 33% capacity, Lake Mead is at 31% capacity, and the total system capacity is at 39%.

- Lake Mead Elevation – By May of 2027, it is anticipated that the elevation at Lake Mead will be at the 1,041 mark.
- Glen Release – The Glen release for Water Year 25 is comparable to prior years.
- Hoover Release – and the Hoover release for Water Year 25 is comparable to prior years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Pinal Solar Project – Update – The project is moving forward with an in-service date of the end of 2027. There are incentives for the Developer to complete the project ahead of schedule.
- Markets Discussion – Update – Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project & Tucson Electric Power have indicated that they may be interested in SPP Markets Plus in 2027. SPPA, CAP, WAPA and the Co-ops in Arizona understand the benefits of EDAM and it makes sense to move into that market. To fully understand the complexities of the Markets, the Commission asked APA Staff to invite Market Experts to attend an upcoming Commission meeting to present on the Energy Markets in the West.
- Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) – Update – the APA has received preliminary REC numbers for the 2nd Qtr and will move forward once the numbers are confirmed.

Non-Hoover REC Program – Update – The GPCPs have been amended and approved and CRSP Customers will begin work receive their contract amendments. Moving forward CRSP & Parker & Davis Customers will have the ability to market their RECs either on their own or through the APA Non-Hoover REC Program.

- Colorado River Updates – Discussions are still taking place with conversations around the “natural Flow” vs. “Contents of the Reservoirs”. The Administration want something in place by November 2025. as a note, the Arizona State Legislature will need to approve any agreement brought forth.

With regard to the upper basin, “common sense” is starting to enter the Bypass conversation. Trigger Mile 61 has been moved to Mile 30. Leslie James, CREDA, shared that a decision was made on July 9 to implement a cool-mix experiment although the population data/growth does not support justification of the option. WAPA opposed the experiment and will once again stay off peak hours and be careful when scheduling.

- San Carlos Irrigation Project – Update – SCIP is continuing to have issues, storms took out 35-40 poles and they continue to have power outages. Pinal County is intimately involved due to the public health and safety issues.
- Help Hoover Dam Act – The legislative efforts are not working. CRC Nevada is looking into an Administrative fix and the possibility of hiring a Solicitor.
- Arizona Changes @ State Legislature – Grant Hannah has been named Chief of Staff at the House. The Senate Policy Advisor is yet to be named.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Discussion and Possible Approval** for the APA to partner with AEPCO to engage the services of 1898 & Co.SM, a part of Burns & McDonnell, (“1898”), for the purpose of conducting a structured

market benefit study for the California Independent System Operator Extended Day Ahead Market (“EDAM Study”) and to enter into an agreement to allocate the total costs for the 1898 Consulting Services and General Consulting Services incurred by AEPCO on behalf of and for the benefit of the Parties, and that WAPA, SPPA, APA, and CAWCD will reimburse AEPCO for their respective shares of such costs pursuant to the cost-sharing provisions.

Mr. Fuentes shared that all parties have agreed to the terms of the proposal from 1898 & Co.SM, a part of Burns & McDonnell. The study is strictly focused on the cost benefit of joining CAISO. The parties will take the results of the study, compare and determine how these results will lead the way. The APA will contribute up to \$18,000 to cover APA customers other than SRP & CAP.

- **Motion:** The APA to partner with AEPCO to engage the services of 1898 & Co.SM, a part of Burns & McDonnell, (“1898”), for the purpose of conducting a structured market benefit study for the California Independent System Operator Extended Day Ahead Market (“EDAM Study”) and to enter into an agreement to allocate the total costs for the 1898 Consulting Services and General Consulting Services incurred by AEPCO on behalf of and for the benefit of the Parties, and that WAPA, SPPA, APA, and CAWCD will reimburse AEPCO for their respective shares of such costs pursuant to the cost-sharing provisions. was made by Commissioner Sullivan and seconded by Commissioner Bashaw.
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Owens, Sullivan & Sweeney approved the motion.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above and the written documents are entered into the Commission records.

VISITORS’ COMMENTS/CALL TO THE PUBLIC: John Kai shared thoughts/comments from a recent meeting and his concern regarding drought conditions and the idea of recharging the water. He feels we all need to become more knowledgeable in hydrology.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Jim Sweeney, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather J. Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission