

**The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was held at
1:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Clark County Government Center,
Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman
Vice Chairwoman
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

Puoy K. Premsrirut
Kara J. Kelley
Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Dan H. Stewart
Steve Walton
Cody Winterton

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Commissioner

Allen J. Puliz

DEPUTY ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL

Special Counsel, Attorney General
Special Counsel, Attorney General

Michelle D. Briggs
David W. Newton

COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Director
Senior Assistant Director
Chief of Finance and Administration
Assistant Director, Energy Information Systems
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations
Assistant Director, Hydropower
Assistant Director, Natural Resources
Chief Accountant
Senior Energy Accountant
Senior Energy Accountant
Power Systems Operations Manager
Power Systems Project Manager
Power Systems Electrical Engineer
Power Facility Communication Technician
Senior Power Facilities Electrician
Senior Power Facilities Electrician
Assistant Hydropower Manager
Hydropower Analyst
Energy Management Data Analyst
Executive Assistant Manager
System Coordinator
Applications Specialist
Administrative Assistant IV
Administrative Assistant IV
Administrative Assistant III
Administrative Assistant II

Eric Witkoski
Sara Price
Douglas N. Beatty
Kaleb Hall
Joseph Stubitz
Gail Bates
Warren Turkett, Ph.D.
Gail L. Benton
Hyelim Hong
Ruidong Luo
Walter Shupe
William Bruninga
Patrick Davis
Lawrence Yurek
Cameron Auhoon
Timmy Nededog
Matthew Alinsod
Elissa Emery
Rebecca Suafoa
Gina L. Goodman
Chris Smith
John Sagmani
Elsa Nava
Marissa Russell
Tamisha Randolph
Joshua Cleveland

Administrative Assistant II
Administrative Assistant II

Bobbie Hickman
Thyandra Lewis

OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING

Clark County Water Reclamation District
Clark County Water Reclamation District
College of Southern Nevada
Las Vegas Valley Water District
NV Energy
Self
Self
Southern Nevada Water Authority
Valley Electric Association, Inc.

Peter Beaulieu
Shawn Mollus
Tina Dobbs
Brian Orion
Paulina Douangpanya
CJB
Rar13
Annalise Porter
Gabe De Guzman

COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Puoy Premsrirut at 1:31 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.

Eric Witkoski, Executive Director, confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

B. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comments until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

C. *For Possible Action: Approval of minutes of February 10, 2026, meeting.*

Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick moved for approval the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kara Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

D. *For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. CRCMH-05 between the successful bidder, Electrical Power Products, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3768 for one fully equipped prefabricated control enclosure for Monthill Substation in the amount of \$976,739.*

Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item D.

Joseph Stubitz, Assistant Director of Engineering and Operations, explained that the control enclosure will support the planned Monthill Substation as part of Phase 2 reliability upgrades and will house relay controls and batteries. He reported that Electrical Power Products, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder based on price, warranty, and equipment specifications. In response to questions from Chairwoman Premsrirut, Mr. Stubitz stated that two proposals were received and evaluated.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to approve Contract No. CRCMH-05 between Electrical Power Products, Inc. and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada in the amount of \$976,739. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Kelley and approved

E. *For Possible Action: Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. SA-18-02 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Peak Substation Services, LLC, for Materials Purchasing Services, to extend the contract term from August 31, 2026, to August 31, 2030.*

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item E for possible action.

Mr. Stubitx explained that the Power Delivery Group uses Peak Substation Services (Peak) to procure various items needed for operation and maintenance activities. He noted that the Commission has an existing agreement with Peak, but is set to expire on August 31, 2026. The intention is to extend the contract while staff prepare a Request for Proposal for an additional supplier—preferably one that is more local and able to meet the Commission’s needs, providing competitive options alongside Peak. At this time, the requested four-year extension would allow staff to continue essential operation and maintenance (O&M) activities for customers without interruption.

Chairwoman Premsrirut remarked that there is no fiscal impact associated with this item, as it is solely an extension of the contract term.

Mr. Stubitx confirmed this.

Chairwoman Premsrirut then asked how staff considered a four-year extension, rather than a two- or six-year term.

Mr. Stubitx responded that the four-year extension aligns with the duration used in the previous amendment. Because the original contract was executed in 2018, continuing with the same standard term length was appropriate.

Commissioner Dan Stewart moved for approval. The motion was second by Commissioner Steve Walton and approved by unanimous vote.

F. <i>For Possible Action:</i> Presentation and acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2024; and update on ACFR for Fiscal Year 2025.

Mr. Doug Beatty, Chief of Finance and Administration, provided a brief presentation on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2024, and provided an update on the audit for Fiscal Year 2025.

Mr. Beatty explained that the ACFR for Fiscal Year 2024 was completed after the Commission received the final statewide financial components from the State of Nevada Controller’s Office in December of 2025. Once that information was received, staff made the necessary adjustments, allowing the auditors to finalize the audit and issue the completed report. The Independent Auditors’ Report can be found on page 10, and the report on internal controls and compliance appears on page 66.

He noted that the audit contract was transferred to Baker Tilly following the merger of Moss Adams and Baker Tilly in the summer of 2025. Despite the merger, the audit team and their overall approach remained consistent, and the working relationship has continued to be professional and supportive. The auditors assisted staff with implementing new accounting standards and were patient in accommodating delays caused by late statewide financial information, making themselves available as soon as the required data was received.

Regarding the ACFR for 2025, Mr. Beatty reported that Baker Tilly commenced the review and audit for Fiscal Year 2025 in the fall of 2025. They examined all internal documentation and accounts related to the Commission's activities, and no questions or concerns resulted from their review. The Commission is currently waiting for the remaining statewide financial information from the Controller's Office needed to complete the FY 2025 report.

Chairwoman Premsrirut acknowledged the delays in receiving statewide financial information and expressed appreciation to Mr. Beatty and the Audit Subcommittee for their patience and continued diligence. She expressed hope that the process will move more smoothly, going forward, allowing the Commission to receive information in a timelier manner.

Commissioner Kelley moved for acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2024. The motion was second by Commissioner Kirkpatrick and approved by unanimous vote.

G. <i>For Information Only: Presentation for comment and guidance on proposed budget for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029.</i>
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Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item G regarding the budget recommendations for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029. He noted, the presentation was being made today for review and comments, and it would be brought back in August for approval.

Mr. Beatty provided a detailed overview of the proposed budget, explaining the purpose and structure of the Commission's various funds, including the administrative fund, the Multi-Species Conservation Program fund, the Power Delivery Project fund, and the Power Marketing fund. He described how each fund is allocated and utilized within the Commission's financial system.

Mr. Beatty also outlined the budget development process, that included a contractor meeting held on May 19, 2026, where the budget was presented to contractors during a well-attended online meeting. He noted there were few questions on the budget from the contractors.

Mr. Beatty also discussed specific budgetary changes and anticipated needs based on prior trends and projected future costs.

Commissioner Walton asked Mr. Beatty to clarify the factors contributing to the significant increase in projected market-power costs, specifically whether the rise reflected anything unusual or unexpected in market-power rates.

Mr. Beatty responded that the increase was not unusually high but represented the typical year-to-year adjustments based on forward market curves. He noted that this was simply one component of the approximately \$8 million increase reflected in the budget.

Commissioner Walton asked whether an exponential jump in rates was expected.

Mr. Beatty replied that if any such impact existed, it would be minimal.

Commissioner Walton thanked him for the clarification.

H. *For Information Only: Update on pending legal matters, including filings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filings and federal legislation, and related matters.*

Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item H for information only, providing an update on pending legal matters including filings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filings in federal legislation. Currently, there are no updates.

I. *For Information Only: Status update from Staff on the hydrological conditions, drought, and climate of the Colorado River Basin, Nevada's consumptive use of Colorado River water, basin negotiations, impacts on hydropower generation, electrical construction activities, and other developments on the Colorado River.*

Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item N for information only.

Warren Turkett, Assistant Director of Natural Resources, reported on current hydrological conditions, noting precipitation at 72 percent of average in May and 79 percent for the water year to date. Despite not being exceptionally dry, persistently warm temperatures have caused a significant snow drought. Upper Basin snowpack is extremely poor, with the majority of snow already melted. A March heat wave accelerated runoff three to four weeks early, resulting in a peak of about 60 percent of median and reduced water supply efficiency.

Gail Bates, Assistant Director of Hydropower, updated the Commission on conditions at Hoover Dam. She explained that elevation 1035 feet is a critical threshold where most generating capacity may be lost, with only four wide-head units capable of operating near that level. The Bureau of Reclamation plans to operate all units with strict inspection protocols, rotating units offline to check for cavitation damage and avoid failure. Inspection frequency will increase as lake levels decline.

Ms. Bates reported that \$52 million in stranded customer funds have been released. Approximately \$19 million will fund two new wide-head turbines and repair of an existing unit, with the first turbine expected online in late 2028 and others in 2029. The remaining \$33 million may be used for additional turbines or to offset operations and maintenance costs to stabilize rates. She noted that staff have kept customers informed so they can secure alternative resources as needed.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick said she had reviewed information on the \$52 million but was unclear on timing and whether the funds function as reimbursement or are readily accessible, emphasizing the importance of timing for project execution.

Ms. Bates clarified that the funds are already available in a dedicated sub-account within the Hoover Dam Fund.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked whether the account is controlled by the Commission or the federal government.

Ms. Bates responded that the Bureau of Reclamation manages the account but confirmed the funds are fully available.

Mr. Witkoski added context, explaining that release of the funds required significant effort, including federal legislation supported by Senator Cortez Masto and Congresswoman Lee, approval through the federal budget process, and resolution of legal issues with assistance from a contract previously approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked when the Commission would begin to feel impacts of anticipated challenges around 2028 and when procurement would begin.

Ms. Bates stated that procurement documents were currently being developed and expected to be released in June, with plans to sole-source turbines to expedite the process.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked who is responsible for monitoring progress.

Ms. Bates replied that she serves on the Hoover Engineering and Operations Committee and is the primary staff member tracking progress, noting regular coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick suggested updates approximately every six months to maintain visibility and support communication with the congressional delegation.

Chairwoman Premisrirt thanked Commissioner Kirkpatrick for her comments.

Commissioner Walton asked for clarification on the purpose of the stranded customer funds and whether they were intended for specific basin users or to support hydropower customers.

Mr. Witkoski explained that the funds originated in the late 1990's when Congress directed Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to collect money for post-retirement benefits, creating a dispute with the Bureau of Reclamation. The funds accumulated in the Colorado River Dam Fund, and efforts to return them stalled until recent legislative actions made them available.

Commissioner Walton asked whether Southern Nevada contractors could access more than the initial \$19 million and whether additional turbines could be ordered sooner.

Ms. Bates said the remaining \$33 million is currently under discussion and may be used either for additional turbines or for O&M costs to stabilize rates, depending on hydrology and contractor priorities.

Commissioner Walton asked whether the funds could be used for non-infrastructure purposes such as water banking.

Ms. Bates clarified that the funds are restricted to Hoover Dam infrastructure, including turbines, capital improvements, and O&M.

Commissioner Walton thanked staff for the clarification.

Chairwoman Premsrirut stated that regardless of how the funds are used, they are intended to benefit contractors during challenging hydrological conditions. She commended Mr. Witkoski for his persistence in securing the funds, along with support from Senator Cortez Masto and Congresswoman Susie Lee, emphasizing the importance of the outcome.

Sara Price, Senior Assistant Director, emphasized the significance of the effort, noting that the issue had been unresolved for years and likely would have remained so without Mr. Witkoski's initiative during the COVID-19 period. She highlighted broader basin benefits, including impacts on hydropower-supported programs.

Mr. Witkoski then invited Ms. Price to provide an update on basin negotiations.

Ms. Price reported that seven-state negotiations remain stalled, though federal feedback on the Lower Basin proposal offers some near-term optimism. She noted that additional issues remain unresolved and that long-term agreements will take time. She highlighted a new Memorandum of Understanding involving several major agencies to explore interstate water exchanges, enabled by surplus supplies in San Diego, California.

Ms. Price added that a final Environmental Impact Statement is expected by the end of July and noted that confirmation of a new Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner may provide leadership stability.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked when the next major update is expected.

Ms. Price said the Environmental Impact Statement will likely be the next significant development unless negotiations advance sooner. She added that future agreements will require Commission approval and emphasized a shared goal of avoiding litigation.

Chairwoman Premsrirut thanked Ms. Price and invited any additional questions or comments on the item. There were none.

J. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from any member of the public present in the Chamber or any member of the public participating remotely that wish to address the Commission. There were none.

K. Comments and questions from the Commission members.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments or questions from any Commission members. There were none.

L. Selection of the next possible meeting date.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on July 14, 2026, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

M. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.



Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:



Puoy K. Premisrut, Chairwoman