

MINUTES OF THE LAKE POWELL PIPELINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a public meeting of the Lake Powell Pipeline (LPP) Management Committee held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 East Waterworks Drive, St. George, Utah 84770.

Committee Members present:

Candice Hasenyager (Utah Division of Water Resources - UDWR), Jim Lemmon (Utah Board of Water Resources - UBWR), and Zach Renstrom (Washington County Water Conservancy District - WCWCD).

Also present:

Jane Whalen (Conserve Southwest Utah); Joel Williams (UDWR), Eric Dixon (UDWR), Michael Sanchez (UDWR); Martin Bushman (Utah Attorney General Office), Wendy Crowther (Utah Attorney General Office); Josh Cowden (Stantec); Clint Rogers (Stantec); Brock Belnap (WCWCD), Morgan Drake (WCWCD), Jenny Maxwell (WCWCD), Karry Rathje (WCWCD), David Clark (WCWCD); Kasey Chesnut (Horrocks Engineers).

Welcome and Introductions

Candice Hasenyager conducted the meeting, welcomed those present, and introductions were made.

Changes to Management Committee Representatives

As the new Director of the Division of Water Resources, Candice Hasenyager is replacing Todd Adams as the Committee Chair. Kane County Water Conservancy District is not currently a project participant so it no longer has a representative on the Committee.

Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes

Candice Hasenyager stated that the Committee has received and reviewed the draft minutes of the September 10, 2020, meeting and asked if there are any changes that need to be made. Since none, Zach Renstrom made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Jim Lemmon.

Project Progress

Josh Cowden noted that in June 2020 the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the LPP project, which was followed by a public comment period. Included in the public comments, the other Colorado River Basin States (Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Nevada) submitted a letter to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior requesting additional study. Since then, there have been ongoing discussions with the Basin States, UDWR, Utah Attorney General's Office, and the Colorado River Authority of Utah to address outstanding questions. Reclamation has also been working with UDWR and WCWCD to address comments received from various entities, including municipalities, public agencies, NGOs, and citizens. Reclamation plans to issue a

Supplemental DEIS (SDEIS) that will address comments received on the DEIS. The timeline for publishing the SDEIS will be determined and announced by Reclamation.

A decision is expected from the Utah Division of Water Rights following a hearing held in October 2020 on a Change Application to facilitate development of the LPP.

Financial Report

Eric Dixon presented the following report of Amendment No. 10 (current Stantec contract):

Contract Amount	\$2,920,000.00
Contingency	\$1,105,225.20
Invoiced through February 2022	\$1,310,051.97
Remaining through December 2022	\$2,715,173.23
% Time Spent	58.3%
% Budget Spent	32.5%

Eric Dixon informed that another amendment will be created in the summer or early fall since Amendment No. 10 is only for the work through the end of 2022. The plan is to present the new amendment at the September 2022 UBWR Meeting.

Other Items

Candice Hasenyager discussed changing the Management Committee meeting structure. Since the Lake Powell Pipeline Development Act requires the Committee to consult with the UBWR, future Committee meetings will be held annually directly before or after the March UBWR Meeting. The frequency of the Management Committee meetings will be re-evaluated prior to the Final Design and Construction phase of the project. This plan was accepted by Zach Renstrom and Jim Lemmon.

Public Comment

Jane Whalen from Conserve Southwest Utah is seeking clarification on Utah's Colorado River water right and asked if water was still available for the LPP. She inquired specifically about the water right for the project and its priority date. Zach Renstrom mentioned that the Colorado River Authority of Utah is looking at Utah's Colorado River water supply under different river hydrologies and that more information on that topic is forthcoming.

As there were no more comments, Candice Hasenyager concluded the meeting.

Adjournment

Jim Lemmon made a motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned.