



**CENTRAL ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 7, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Central Arizona Project ("CAWCD" or "CAP") Board of Directors was called to order by President Lisa A. Atkins on January 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held virtually and broadcast for the public via livestream.

Board Members present were: President Lisa A. Atkins, Maricopa County; Vice President Terry Goddard, Maricopa County; Secretary Heather A. Macre, Maricopa County; Alexandra Arboleda, Maricopa County; Jennifer Brown, Maricopa County; Karen Cesare, Pima County; Benjamin W. Graff, Maricopa County; Jim Holway, Maricopa County; Pat Jacobs, Pima County; Mark Lewis, Maricopa County; Jennifer Martin, Maricopa County; Stephen Miller, Pinal County; Marie Pearthree, Pima County; April Pinger-Tornquist, Maricopa County; Mark Taylor, Pima County.

Staff members present were Ted Cooke, General Manager; Robert Moody, Assistant General Manager; Jay Johnson, General Counsel; Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Director of Public Affairs; Patrick Dent, Director of Water Policy; Darrin Francom, Director of Operations, Power and Engineering; Brian Buzard, Director of Centralized Maintenance; Laura Grignano, Manager, CAGR; Doug Dunlap, Manager, Finance and Accounting; Ken Seasholes, Manager, Resource Planning and Analysis; Chuck Cullom, Manager, Colorado River Programs; Jeff Gray, Manager, Legislative Affairs; Don Crandall, Water Control Manager; Greg Adams, Senior Attorney; Mohammed Mahmoud, Senior Policy Analyst; Deanna Ikeya, Senior Policy Analyst; Megan Casey, Public Affairs Management Analyst; and Jennifer Miller, Board Support Specialist.

Bridget Schwartz-Manock, Director of Public Affairs, performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present. President Atkins reviewed the details of the virtual meetings, noting that she and a small number of staff were at CAP Headquarters, the rest of the Board Members and staff were on WebEx, and the meeting was livestreamed for the public.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SAFETY MINUTE - TAYLOR**

Board Member Taylor led the Board Members and public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence, and gave a safety minute on situational awareness.

**2. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**On a motion (Secretary Macre) and a second (Board Member Taylor), approved the minutes of the December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting.** Motion passed.

*Voting yes: Lisa A. Atkins, Terry Goddard, Heather A. Macre, Alexandra Arboleda, Jennifer Brown, Karen Cesare, Benjamin W. Graff, Jim Holway, Pat Jacobs, Jennifer Martin, Stephen Miller, Marie Pearthree, April Pinger-Tornquist, Mark Taylor*

*Not voting: Mark Lewis*

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**3. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO APPROVE ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

**4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.a. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE - CESARE**

Board Member Cesare gave a report on the January 7, 2021 Public Policy Committee meeting, including an update on state issues and the legislative session. She also reported on federal issues, with information on the transition of administrations and federal legislation.

**4.b. FINANCE, AUDIT AND POWER COMMITTEE - GODDARD**

Vice President Goddard reported that the FAP Committee did not meet in December, and reviewed upcoming agenda items for the January 21, 2021 meeting.

**4.c. CAGRD AND UNDERGROUND STORAGE COMMITTEE - MACRE**

Secretary Macre reported that the CAGRD Committee did not meet in December, and that the January 21 meeting has been cancelled. She reviewed agenda items planned for the February meeting.

**5. REPORT ON CAP ASSET MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE HEALTH - BUZARD**

Brian Buzard, Director of Centralized Maintenance, reported on the asset reliability process, including the Strategic Asset Management Plan, physical asset lifecycle, equipment maintenance plans, maintenance management, asset health and the annual maintenance plan. In response to a question from Board Member Pinger-Tornquist, Mr. Buzard noted that most maintenance is scheduled on a calendar basis.

**6. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT LETTER AGREEMENT FOR THE SALT RIVER PROJECT TO CAP INTERCONNECT FEASIBILITY STUDY - DENT**

Patrick Dent, Director of Water Policy, reported that CAP and the Salt River Project (SRP) are in discussions to expand the interconnection capabilities between the two systems. He reviewed the current configuration and deliveries. He also provided an overview of the proposed SRP to CAP Interconnection Facility (SCIF), reviewing the benefits and connection to the Salt River Siphon. Mr. Dent reviewed the SCIF engineering study scope and cost, noting he will seek Board approval for the study next month.

Mr. Dent answered questions about water quality and deliveries from Board Member Taylor and questions about the potential capacity of the SCIF from Board Member Pearthree.

**7. REPORT ON COLORADO RIVER CONDITIONS - MAHMOUD**

Mohammed Mahmoud, Senior Policy Analyst, gave an update on the status of the reservoirs and snow accumulation in the Colorado River System. He also provided information on the elevations projected for Lake Mead for 2021.

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**8. REPORT ON BINATIONAL DESALINATION EFFORTS WITH IMPLICATION TO YUMA AREA WATER MANAGEMENT AND SALINITY - CULLOM**

After introductory remarks from President Atkins, Chuck Cullom, Colorado River Programs Manager, gave a presentation on the efforts between the United States and Mexico with regard to improving water and salinity management in the lower Colorado River. He reviewed CAP's interests in the Yuma area and binational desalination and provided background on the Binational Study of Water Desalination Opportunities in the Sea of Cortez (Study).

**8.a. REPORT ON BINATIONAL STUDY OF WATER DESALINATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SEA OF CORTEZ - CULLOM/LELA PERKINS, JACOBS**

Lela Perkins, Jacobs Engineering, reviewed the parameters of the Study, the analysis of the water supply availability and demand, and desalination technologies. She reviewed potential desalination opportunities in the Study region, the cost estimate and next steps recommended in the Study.

Ms. Perkins answered questions from Board Members Brown, Taylor, Cesare and Goddard regarding cost, capacity of the plants, seawater pump storage, and right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Cullom answered questions from Board Members Taylor, Martin, and Arboleda regarding demand, exchange opportunity, flow reduction, and the timeline for the Study.

**The Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:10 p.m.**

Ms. Schwartz-Manock performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

**9. REPORT ON ICS CREATION AND SYSTEM CONSERVATION FOR 2020 AND 2021 - IKEYA**

Deanna Ikeya, Senior Policy Analyst, gave an update on Lower Basin water use, types of Intentionally-Created Surplus (ICS), and total ICS accumulation for Lower Basin entities. She reviewed ICS accumulation limits and Arizona's ICS accumulation for the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for 2020 and 2021. She also reviewed the benefits of conservation programs to the Lower Basin.

In response to questions from Board Members Pearthree, Arboleda, Taylor, and Jacobs, Ms. Ikeya and Mr. Cullom provided information on evacuated capacity, conservation programs, release of water during Tier One shortage, ICS credits, and mitigation.

**10. REPORT ON 2020 WATER OPERATIONS UPDATE AND 2021 ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN - CRANDALL**

Don Crandall, Water Control Manager, gave a report on 2020 water operations, including Colorado River diversions, customer deliveries and Lake Pleasant elevations. He also provided a summary of the 2021 Annual Operating Plan deliveries and diversions. In response to a question from Board Member Pinger-Tornquist, Mr. Crandall provided clarification on the Lake Pleasant operating forecast.

**11. REPORT ON LEGAL MATTERS (PUBLIC TRUST, PARTNERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP^)- JOHNSON**

None.

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**12. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ATKINS**

President Atkins appointed Board Member Brown as Chair and Board Members Holway and Jacobs as members of the Nominating Committee. She requested that members interested in running for a Board Officer or Executive Committee position to contact Chair Brown prior to the Committee meeting on January 21. She gave an brief overview of the elections that will take place at the February Board Meeting.

**13. DIRECTORS' REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

Secretary Macre and Board Members Brown, Cesare, Graff, Miller, Pearthree, Pinger-Tornquist and Taylor shared updates on recent CAP activities.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Board Member Jacobs requested an update on recharge capacity. Board Member Martin requested information on the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of reducing flow through desalination exchanges. Board Member Arboleda, echoed by Vice President Goddard, requested a presentation on the Arizona Water Banking Authority and firming as a follow-up to the presentation last month.

**15. PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS - ATKINS**

President Atkins reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

**16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS - COOKE**

General Manager Ted Cooke reviewed the construction contract for HVAC replacement at Mark Wilmer Pumping Plant, which will be on next month's consent agenda. He also provided several other updates, including a report that CAP has once again been awarded the Government Finance Offers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, information on the recent cyber attack to Solar Winds' Orion software, a report on the Colorado River Indian Tribes recent election, an update on the Bureau of Reclamation 7.D Report, information on Tier One shortage preparation, and an update on the 242 Well Field agreement.

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**18. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §§38-431.03.A.1 TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GOALS, PERFORMANCE AND CONTRACT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER; AND PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3 TO OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEYS ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**On a motion (Board Member Brown) and a second (Board Member Taylor), convened in Executive Session at 1:23 p.m. for the purposes listed on the agenda. Motion passed.**

*Voting yes: Lisa A. Atkins, Terry Goddard, Heather A. Macre, Alexandra Arboleda, Jennifer Brown, Karen Cesare, Benjamin W. Graff, Jim Holway, Pat Jacobs, Jennifer Martin, Stephen Miller, Marie Pearthree, April Pinger-Tornquist, Mark Taylor*

*Not voting: Mark Lewis*

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**19. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:45 p.m.

Ms. Schwartz-Manock performed a roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

**20. CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

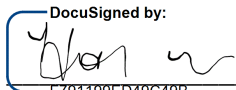
**On a motion (Board Member Jacobs) and a second (Board Member Martin), amended the General Manager's contract as discussed in executive session. Motion passed.**

*Voting yes: Lisa A. Atkins, Terry Goddard, Heather A. Macre, Alexandra Arboleda, Jennifer Brown, Karen Cesare, Jim Holway, Pat Jacobs, Jennifer Martin, Marie Pearthree, April Pinger-Tornquist, Mark Taylor*

*Not voting: Benjamin W. Graff, Mark Lewis, Stephen Miller*

**21. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

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Heather A. Macre  
Board Secretary