

Meeting Minutes
BOARD FOR FINANCING WATER PROJECTS
August 20, 2025

9:00 am.

Bonnie Conference Room
 901 South Stewart Street, 1st floor
 Carson City, NV 89701

Held virtually using Microsoft Teams:

Meeting ID: 227 045 914 33

Members present:

Bruce Scott, Chair
 Jeremy Hutchins
 Mike Workman

John Flangsberg, City of Remo
 Amber Pike, Lincoln County Water District
 Wade Poulsen, Lincoln County Water District
 Harrison Holdsworth, Lincoln County Water District

Legal counsel present:

Katie Armstrong, Deputy Attorney General

Nick O'Conner, Shaw Engineering

NDEP staff present:

Benjamin Miller
 Sheryl Fontaine
 Matt Livingston
 Chris Flores
 Hanna Bingham
 Daniel Morgan
 Ross Cooper
 Brenden Grant

Brad Baeckel, Sun Valley GID
 Jennifer Merrit, Sun Valley GID
 Ben Martinsen, Virgin Valley Water District
 Brittany Darnell, Virgin Valley Water District
 Jeffery Barker, City of Henderson
 Mike Warnick, City of Henderson
 Stacy DiNicola, City of Henderson
 Kayla Garcia, City of Reno
 Mike Hare, Sunrise Engineering
 BJ Almberg, City of Ely
 Jennifer Lee, City of Ely
 Mike Cracraft, City of Ely
 Richard Braithwait, City of Carlin
 Sly Walker, RCAC
 Steffi Gavin, DOWL Engineering

Public present:

Lon Dalley, Moapa Valley Water District
 Joesph Davis, Moapa Valley Water District
 Geroge Dean, Hawthorne Utilities
 Ana Conway, Hawthorne Utilities

1) Board for Financing Water Projects regular meeting

1) Call to order

Chairman Bruce Scott opened the meeting and invited introductions from board members and the public.

2) Introduction/establish quorum

Chairman Scott established a quorum as the required number of board members were present.

3) Public comment

There was no public comment.

4) Approval of minutes from May 21, 2025, regular meeting

Board Member Mike Workman motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jeremy Hutchings. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Advisor to the Board Update

Bureau of Administrative Services Chief Sheryl Fontaine provided an update on Jason Cooper, Advisor to the Board of Financing Water Projects. Ms. Fontaine stated that Mr. Cooper has officially resigned from state service, with his last day being August 29, 2025.

Ms. Fontaine continued that Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has decided to reclassify the position and therefore recruitment timeline for the replacement of the position shall be determined.

Chairman Scott responded with sentiments for Mr. Cooper as well as reiterating how NDEP and SRF Staff are critical in extensive expertise for benefitting and improving areas for safer drinking water systems.

6) Capital Improvements Grant Program Funding Update

Benjamin Miller, with the NDEP gave an update on the Capital Improvements Grant Program. As of August 8, 2025, there is \$79,557.50 in current cash in the program. Staff is still waiting for last quarter of fiscal year 2025 interest from the Treasures Office. With \$22,320.32 reserved for administration, and \$57,237.18 committed to bonds not yet disbursed. No new projects for consideration with \$2,087.09 of uncommitted funds that will go to a project once posted.

The only outstanding project from the last bond issued, 2021B, is the ongoing Topaz Ranch Estates project. Staff is working with Topaz to submit their final draw. Continually, a project open with the City of Henderson has been held to spend the rest of the bond to close out prior to the issuance of the next series of bonds later in 2025.

Chairman Scott asked Mr. Miller about communication with the Treasurer's Office on an arbitrage situation. Mr. Miller responded that no updates have been made, and Staff is awaiting on what calculations is going to look like, yet no timeframe has been established.

7) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Update

Mr. Miller stated as of August 8, 2025, the DWSRF has \$129,840,067 in the state account. Available in federal cash to be loaned the DWSRF has \$39,112,435. \$37,121,000 are pending federal grants that should be awarded next month. Thus \$200,004,219 for loans. With just under 6.1 million aside for bond debt services. \$169,803,342 are total committed and potential project loans with \$485,250 on the board's agenda for approval.

Mr. Miller provided information on Emerging Contaminates totaling \$29,689,860 with \$6,000,000 as total funds being committed and \$10,000,000 for projects currently in discussion with the SRF. Continually, there is a potential \$5,000,000 in projects for Lead Service Lines in discussion. None are moving forward based on initial inventory information submitted by water systems, Nevada has no known Lead Service Lines.

Including projects being brought to the board there is \$29,822,482 in authority for principal forgiveness, not including the 2025 grants to be awarded next month. Staff is actively working through the priority list having conversations with projects to move forward that are in acute and chronic categories. Rehabilitation projects are to follow.

Chairman Scott asked about EPA Region 9's position on lead service lines with respect to lead main lines as such in Virginia City including joined main lines? Mr. Miller responded that there have been no changes to the lead service line definition and that is a nationwide decision. Replacement of lines comprise from the main to the home itself.

Chairman Scott followed up asking about the committed funds not yet received and anything other communication out of Region 9 that could be a concern? Mr. Miller stated that per the last conversation with region 9 that the SRF grants are not subject to some of the federal oversight that has been implemented this year. Thus the 2025 grants will be issued. The 2026 grant issuance is determined by Congress's ability to pass its funding package with potential to 50% cuts across the nation.

Staff is actively monitoring communication with EPA and will provide board updates as needed. Conversations with systems about principal forgiveness funding of what may be available in the next couple of years and to plan accordingly for funding their projects.

8) Nye County School District – Amargosa Elementary Arsenic Treatment

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$276,250 project loan commitment to the Nye County School District – Amargosa Elementary for their Arsenic Treatment project. Matthew Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Chris Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation and Mr. Miller presented the staff's loan condition recommendations. The estimated project cost is \$276,250, of which will be a principal forgiveness loan from the DWSRF.

Board Member Workman asked about a potential timeline for the project as this is a significant need for the school district. Mr. Miller responded that the timeline is specified in the staff report and communication with Nye County has resulted in readiness to proceed as soon as a loan agreement is in place.

Chairman Scott disclosed how his firm has done work for Nye County School District with water rights in the past, not in the Amargosa area. However, there is no conflict of interest. Continually, Chairman Scott asked if there is a meter on the well that supplies the system, essentially being one customer.

Ms. Flores stated that a follow up will be conducted for the board regarding a well meter.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution D08-0825 Nye County School District – Amargosa Elementary Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jeremy Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously.

9) McGill Ruth Consolidated GID – Well Rehabilitation

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$209,000 project loan commitment to the McGill Ruth Consolidated General Improvement District for their Well Rehabilitation project. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation and Mr. Miller presented the staff's loan condition recommendations. The estimated project cost is \$209,000, which will be a principal forgiveness loan from the DWSRF.

Chairman Scott expressed how he encourages Staff to look into tightening up the security of the system for there are long term consideration for upgrading and maintenance.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution D09-0825 McGill Ruth Consolidated General Improvement District Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously.

Capital Improvement Grant Letters of Intent:

- 10) City of Carlin:** Arthur Springs Main Waterline
- 11) Clark County Water Reclamation District:** Septic to Sewer Consolidation
- 12) City of Ely:** Morley Avenue Water Upgrade
- 13) Hawthorne Utilities:** Hawthorne Tank Rehabilitation, Mina Tank #2 Rehabilitation
- 14) City of Henderson:** Transmission and Storage Improvement Design
- 15) Moapa Valley Water District:** Warm Springs Tank, Water System Capital Improvement Plan, Asterra Satellite Leak Detection Subscription
- 16) Lincoln County Water District:** Pioche Public Utilities Meter Replacement, Pioche Public Utilities Back Up Generators
- 17) City of Reno:** Rivermount Neighborhood Septic to Sewer
- 18) Silver Springs GID:** Wastewater Treatment Plant Recycled Water Filter Rehabilitation
- 19) Sun Valley GID:** Water System Improvements
- 20) Virgin Valley Water District:** Freeway Tank Crossing Construction, Falcon Ridge Master Meters Design

Chairman Scott suggested to the Board and public to consider a blanket board action to authorize to move forward with these projects with the understanding that the actual details of the proposed plan, design, engineering and construction would come back at a future meeting.

Board Member Workman agreed that since the projects are Letters of Intent requests and to be able to take them as a block would be ideal.

Board Member Hutchins agreed with approving the Letters of Intent as a block.

Deputy Attorney General Katie Armstrong confirmed that Chairman Scott has the ultimate decision.

Ms. Flores commented that Staff did receive the asset management plan for Moapa Valley. Their awarded percentage for the Warm Springs project will go from 51% to 57% and for the other 2 projects they will go from 36% to 42% in lieu of the next board meeting.

Mr. Miller stated Nevada Administrative Code 34945 for the approval of the letter of intent specifics that the board will approve a letter of intent in a motion or resolution. Upon approval the applicants must file an application for the proposed improvement cost within one year after the date of the approval or by a date specified by the board.

Staff have discussed with all systems that these projects will move forward for grant approval at the next board meeting in November. To stay within necessary timelines of arbitrage requirements and of the bonds to be issued.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve to accept as a group the entire list of Capital Improvement Grant Program Letters of Intent for consideration outlined in agenda items 10-20. With intention that Staff will make sure to work with applicants that all paperwork is submitted is within the appropriate timeline. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously.

21) Board comments

Chairman Scott stated how there are several applicants that have not metered or only metered a portion of their system. Staff is encouraged to work on future financial support requests to have fully metered systems as it is a goal of the board for water systems to all be metered properly.

In addition, Chairman Scott expressed gratitude that headway is being made on sewer tank conversion issue projects. As well as distaste for executive order 2021 regarding limitations on staff reports and asked if Staff would distribute a copy of that executive order among the board.

Mr. Miller provided a comment on upcoming board meetings listed in the presentation, still quarterly, typically being the 3rd week of that month.

22) Public comment

23) Adjourn the Board for Financing Water Projects meeting

The board meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.

2) ATTACHMENTS