

**Meeting Minutes**  
**BOARD FOR FINANCING WATER PROJECTS**

**November 19, 2025**

**9:00 am**

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

Held virtually using Microsoft Teams:  
 Meeting ID: 711 661 079#

**Members present:**

Bruce Scott, Chair  
 Andrew Belanger  
 Jeremy Hutchins  
 Mike Workman  
 Abbe Yacoben  
 Andrea Seifert, ex-officio member

**Legal counsel present:**

Katie Armstrong, Deputy Attorney General

**Public present:**

Steffi Gavin, DOWL Engineering  
 Lon Dalley, Moapa Valley Water District  
 Joesph Davis, Moapa Valley Water District  
 George Dean, Hawthorne Utilities  
 Ana Conway, Hawthorne Utilities  
 John Flangsberg, City of Reno  
 Kayla Garcia, City of Reno  
 Amber Pike, Lincoln County Water District  
 Rich Easter, Las Vegas Valley Water District  
 Cody Black, Shaw Engineering  
 Nick O'Conner, Shaw Engineering  
 Brad Baeckel, Sun Valley GID

**NDEP staff present:**

Benjamin Miller  
 Sheryl Fontaine  
 Matt Livingston  
 Chris Flores  
 Hanna Bingham  
 Daniel Morgan  
 Ross Cooper  
 Brendon Grant  
 Chris Melton, Sun Valley GID  
 Ben Martinsen, Virgin Valley Water District  
 Jeffery Barker, City of Henderson  
 Mike Warnick, City of Henderson  
 Suzanna Trabia, City of Henderson  
 Aria Heraypur, City of Henderson  
 Siobhan Fox, City of Henderson  
 Jennifer Lee, City of Ely  
 Vern Maloy, Sunrise Engineering  
 Susan Dudley, Esmeralda County Rep  
 Joseph Dunn, Manager Esmeralda County  
 Latricia Lord, Washoe County Health District

## **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) 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 August 20, 2025, regular meeting**

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

### **5) Capital Improvements Grant Program Funding Update**

Benjamin Miller, with the NDEP gave an update on the Capital Improvements Grant Program. As of November 5, 2025, there is \$81,752.07 in current cash in the program. With \$22,004.61 reserved for administration, and \$ 39,906.12 committed to bonds not yet disbursed. Including \$3.03 in arbitrage.

The only outstanding project from the last bond issued, 2021B, is the ongoing Topaz Ranch Estates GID project. Staff are working with Topaz Ranch Estates GID 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. Mr. Miller stated that the official bond sale has been postponed until further notice. Chairman Scott asked about communication to entities about this information and Mr. Miller assured that Capital Improvement Grant recipients have been directly communicated with about this information.

### **6) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Update**

Mr. Miller stated as of November 4, 2025, the DWSRF has \$131,222,800 in the state's account, with \$6,069,283 set aside for bond debt service. \$61,464,929 in federal grant funds are available to draw. Thus \$186,618,446 is available for loans. \$149,297,775 is committed to projects but not yet disbursed, there is \$3,833,538 in commitments on today's agenda. Total committed is \$153,131,313, with an additional \$16,225,238 worth of projects in discussion with staff. Total committed and potential project loans are \$169,356,551.

Mr. Miller provided information on Emerging Contaminates subsidy 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. These funds must be spent through a split of 49% grant and 51% traditional loan.

Vice Chair, Andrew Belanger asked if the \$5 million project in Lead Service Lines can be funded by principal forgiveness if the money on the traditional loan side is not spent? Mr. Miller responded that the grant as a whole has a 49%/51% split. Unless other projects come forward

to where staff can spend the entirety of the 51% part of the loan, there will be no 100% principal forgiveness loans in lead service lines.

Vice Chair Belanger followed up by stating how conversations in the past about principal forgiveness had led to spending PF before spending any of the traditional loan money. Solved in the short term by offering the 1% interest rate. Should there be a push to allow a segment of that PF to be used for those systems that legitimately can't do a project without it being 100% funded. Also use that as a reserve for a more traditional split of traditional loan plus principal forgiveness for all remaining applicants.

Mr. Miller responded, the way that principal forgiveness funding is split up within the grant requirements is that the largest portion is set aside specifically for disadvantaged communities or projects. Along with additional subsidization that can be used for any projects as a loan incentive or PER reimbursement. Staff audits disadvantage systems and use traditional loans when they are appropriate.

Mr. Miller continued that reminders have been communicated to systems by staff that principal forgiveness is tied to the federally issued grants only through federal fiscal year 2026. Thus, there may be a time when the Nevada SRF has zero principal forgiveness to issue. Staff encourage systems to move forward on their projects.

## 7) Nevada Drinking Water Priority List – Effective November 2025

Mr. Miller gave a presentation outlining the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Priority List - Effective November 2025 ranking criteria. The ranking reflects the policies and goals of NDEP regarding the use of the DWSRF.

Mr. Miller began by discussing how projects are ranked:

- **Class 1:** Address demonstrated illnesses that are attributed to a public water system. These projects are for significant non-compliance, such as court-ordered compliance issues and acute health risks as defined by NDEP and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- **Class 2:** Address systems with chronic contaminants.
- **Class 3:** Address rehabilitation of a deteriorated system.
- **Class 4:** Address systems that need refinancing. These projects incurred debt after July 1, 1993, and followed federal requirements.

The priority list currently has 191 projects with 5 new projects and 13 being removed as completed. 155 projects are disadvantaged with 159 considered small systems.

Chairman Scott asked what the definition of disadvantage is, as a Las Vegas project is on the list.

Mr. Miller responded that the project for Las Vegas itself is considered disadvantaged, not the system itself. Per Nevada Administrative Code “a disadvantaged community is an area in which as compared to other communities in the state, residents disproportionately experience economic environmental or health issues including without limitation higher rates of poverty and unemployment.” All emerging contaminant projects are classified as disadvantaged because of the nature of the project.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve the Nevada Drinking Water Priority List - Effective November 2025. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

### **8) Las Vegas Valley Water District– UV-LED Well Treatment Upgrades Design**

Vice Chair Belanger abstained from participating in the discussion and voting due to being employed by Las Vegas Valley Water District.

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$ 1,532,523 project loan commitment to the Las Vegas Valley Water District for their UV-LED Well Treatment Upgrades Design. Matthew Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Chris Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation. The estimated project cost is \$ 1,532,523, of which will be an emerging contaminant principal forgiveness loan from the DWSRF.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution D08-1125 Las Vegas Valley Water District for their UV-LED Well Treatment Upgrades Design Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Yacoben. The motion carried unanimously.

### **9) Esmeralda County-Goldfield – Arsenic Treatment Improvement**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$1,612,512.00 project loan commitment to Esmeralda County-Goldfield for their Arsenic Treatment Improvement project. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation. The estimated project cost is \$1,612,512.00, which will be a principal forgiveness loan from the DWSRF.

Joseph Dunn, manager for Esmeralda County and Cody Black with Shaw Engineering represented Esmeralda County-Goldfield.

Chairman Scott asked the two gentlemen how old the system is. Mr. Black responded that the system came online during the Arsenic mandate in 2007.

Board Member Yacoben motioned to approve Resolution D09-1125 Esmeralda County-Goldfield Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

### **10)Hawthorne Utilities – Mina Take Rehab**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$35,463.12 DWSRF Principal Forgiveness and \$151,184.88 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Hawthorne Utilities for their Mina Tank Rehabilitation project. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Hawthorne Utilities Director George Dean and Office Manager Anna Conway sat as representatives.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G10-1125, D10-1125 Hawthorne Utilities project Grant and Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

### **11)Hawthorne Utilities – Hawthorne Tank Rehab**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$149,622.00 DWSRF Principal Forgiveness and \$303,778.00 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Hawthorne Utilities for their Hawthorne Tank Rehabilitation project. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation

Board Member Jeremy Hutchins addressed Ms. Conway and Mr. Dean about what environmental report is needed.

Steffi Gavin with DOWL Engineering spoke on behalf of the Hawthorne representatives stating that the Environmental report is on track to be done in January and limited in terms of the scope on the project.

Daniel Morgan with NDEP staff added that the environmental report is standard procedure of the SRF program.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution G11-1125, D11-1125 Hawthorne Utilities project Grant and Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

### **12)Moapa Valley Water District – Warm Springs Tank**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$1,699,360.00 DWSRF Principal Forgiveness and \$2,252,640.00 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Moapa Valley Water District for their Warm Springs Tank project. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation

Moapa Valley Water District representative Joesph Davis stated this project has been standing since 2016 and the district is very appreciative to be considered for funding.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G12-1125, D12-1125 Moapa Valley Water Districts project Grant and Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Yacoben. The motion carried unanimously.

### **13)Moapa Valley Water District – Water System Capital Improvement Plan**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$26,838.00 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Moapa Valley Water District for their Water System Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation

Again Mr. Davis expressed his thanks to staff for moving this project forward.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution G13-1125 Moapa Valley Water Districts project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

### **14)Moapa Valley Water District – Asterra Satellite Leak Detection Subscription**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$50,859.90 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Moapa Valley Water District for their Asterra Satellite Leak Detection Subscription. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Board Member Workman opened a question to Mr. Davis and/or staff asking if the meters aren't accurate why aren't meters being addressed in this proposal?

Mr. Davis responded that Moapa Valley has been actively replacing meters, however with a 26-mile-long system the district is confined to meter inaccuracies and the satellite subscription use could mitigate leaks that go undetected.

Ex-officio member Andrea Seifert asked Mr. Davis about the water systems timeline for the use of the subscription.

Mr. Davis responded that the use would depend on its viability. Other utilities the district has spoken to in the Midwest have had great experience in using the program and a 1-year program would allow a starting point. The satellite would take three passes to cover the whole area; the district will then evaluate that information and determine how to move forward.

Chairman Scott stated about the cost of the project and have asked staff to follow up to report of the success of the program in this environment.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G14-1125 Moapa Valley Water Districts project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Yacoben. The motion carried unanimously.

### **15) Lincoln County Water District – Pioche Public Utilities Meter Replacement**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$182,038.80 DWSRF Principal Forgiveness and \$197,208.70 Capital Improvement Grant commitment to Lincoln County Water District for Pioche Public Utilities Meter Replacement. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Board Member Workman addressed General Manager of Lincoln County Water District Wade Poulsen asking if the meters being purchased are used meters.

Mr. Poulsen responded that about 2000 meters are a mixture of new and used. With the oldest being 5 years with 2-3 years being in the ground.

Board Member Workman followed asking if the transponders are of similar age?

Mr. Poulsen responded saying the transponder, and meters are replaced at the same time thus all the same date and age. When they're connected, they should stay connected to have a long battery life. Right now, there are 660 active.

Board Member Yacoben asked if the technical experts on this board have any difficulty with the pre-owned meters?

Ms. Seifert responded by reiterating that the oldest meter is 5 years old therefore does meet the current lead requirements and are NFS approved.

Mr. Poulsen added that the district spent about \$20,000 purchasing a radio read system thus keeping the costs down for the grant because they are usable meters.

Board Member Workman asked why did the other utility take those meters out?

Mr. Poulsen replied it is a larger utility moving into a different radio read system and what they had was not compatible. Continually Mr. Poulsen let the board know of a public hearing in

December to propose a 5-year rate increase rolling plan not to burden the community with a sudden increase.

Ms. Seifert followed up asking if the backflow preventors will be replacing existing ones, bringing those areas up to code as well as implementing the cross-connection control program.

Mr. Poulson responded the backflow preventors will bring those locations up to code and believes that the district will be in compliance with the cross-connection back flow plan currently.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G15-1125, D15-1125 Lincoln County Water District project Grant and Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

### **16) Lincoln County Water District – Pioche Public Utilities Back Up Generators**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$154,542.00 DWSRF Principal Forgiveness and \$ 167,420.50 Capital Improvement Grant commitment to Lincoln County Water District for Pioche Public Utilities Back Up Generators. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution D16-1125, G16-1125 Lincoln County Water District project Grant and Loan Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Yacoben. The motion carried unanimously.

### **17) City of Carlin – Arthur Springs Main Waterline Replacement**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$874,478.68 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to City of Carlin for their Arthur Springs Main Waterline Replacement. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Board Member Workman asked about how many feet of pipe needs to be replaced.

Mr. Miller stated that staff will look into that answer on behalf of the City of Carlin.

Chairman Scott stated that there should be an effort to create a metering plan for Carlin as well as improving the financial side of this entity.

Mr. Miller added that staff will review the priority list to see if there is a current project for meters and or encourage them to get on the list coming this Spring.

Board Member Workman added that the Board does appreciate the robust local match but does agree about the strong encouragement to help modernize the system with a metering component.

Board Member Yacoben motioned to approve Resolution G17-1125 City of Carlin project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

### **18) Clark County Water Reclamation District – Septic to Sewer Consolidation**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$2,106,000.00 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Clark County Water Reclamation District for Septic to Sewer

Consolidation. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Vice Chair Belanger addressed staff and the board about previous conversations about requiring a match for the Capital Improvement Grant Program. Continually expressing concern requiring a match when there is no explicit legislation direction. However, we agree that every applicant should be required to have a match. Continually, Vice Chair Belanger stated to be on record that the board has the authority to require local matches on projects that aren't specifically articulated in the statute as requiring a match.

Mr. Miller reiterated that when the statute was initially written for the capital for the grant program it was only for public water systems that fall under drinking water, and the eligible recipient category was added after the fact. With the board having authority over the program to be able to have that requirement.

Chairman Scott in agreement with Jennifer Lee of Clark County Reclamation that the project will move ahead for review with the understanding that there may be some further discussion, and it is appreciated the commitment that's been made based on the staff report and if adjustments need to be made going forward

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G18-1125 Clark County Water Reclamation Districts project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

### **19) City of Ely – Morley Avenue Water Upgrade**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$2,106,000 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to City of Ely for their Morley Avenue Water Upgrade. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Chairman Scott addressed staff with a question about defining the community development block grant. And stated a concern with Ely's lack of metering

Mr. Miller responded that it's grant funding that's issued through the Governor 's Office of Economic Development. Continually the City of Ely is on the priority list for metering.

Ms. Seifert addressed City of Elko asking what the current pressures are in context of the staff report provided.

Jennifer Lee as representative responded over TEAMS chat that pressures are at 40psi.

Ms. Seifert followed up that they are at the very low end of the regulatory requirements and therefore are not meeting the minimum pressure requirements. This is an upgrade to very much help this system.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution G19-1125 City of Ely project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

### **20) City of Henderson – Transmission and Storage Improvement Design**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$2,191,595.56 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to City of Henderson for their Transmission and Storage Improvement

Design. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Ms. Seifert asked Mike Warnick to describe which laterals from SNWA are feeding into these 2 projects.

Mr. Warnick responded that it is a combination of both plants, River Mountain and Alfred Merritt.

Board Member Hutchins followed up confirming that this project is a final design rather than just a PER.

Mr. Warnick confirmed that it is all stages of the design.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G20-1125 City of Henderson project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

## **21) City of Reno – Rivermount Neighborhood Septic to Sewer**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$3,095,137.50 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to City of Reno for their Rivermount Neighborhood Septic to Sewer. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

John Flansburg City of Reno was in attendance and expressed his appreciation in getting this project considered as well as the need for this conversion while doing major street rehabilitation projects at the least cost.

Vice Chair Belanger asked if there is a requirement for the sewer connection as part of the street maintenance repair program? Is everyone who's along the line required to connect pursuant to the statute voluntarily?

Mr. Flansburg responded that there is no requirement and City of Reno is working with Northern Nevada Public Health because of some failures in the area. Along with in the past extending the line thus setting up for this project to be done along with the street rehabilitation work.

Vice Chair Belanger followed up in asking if most people are willing to connect/is there a requirement?

Mr. Flansburg responded that 25% of individuals are willing to connect however this area that will be extended into has had more failures than seen before.

Vice Chair Belanger added for the record if there are any changes associated with this based upon the match for Clark County Water Reclamation District, the same should apply for this Reno project. Both systems doing conversions should be done the same way.

Board Member Workman echoed concern for higher connection rates.

Mr. Flansburg responded that there is no requirement unless it directly impacts their septic system unless there is a health department issue. In Phase 2 of the project there will be an incentive to connect once the line gets out.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution G21-1125 City of Reno project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

## **22) Silver Springs GID – Wastewater Treatment Plant Recycled Water Filter Rehabilitation**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$592,920.00 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Silver Springs GID for their Wastewater Treatment Plant Recycled Water Filter Rehabilitation. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Sean Sinclair and Kishora Panda were in attendance online to represent Silver Springs.

Chairman Scott asked if the proposal includes engineering procurement and all the other aspects of the replacement?

Mr. Panda responded the project is a replacement in kind, no engineering just procurement from the same manufacturer that supplied the original system.

Board Member Workman motioned to approve Resolution G22-1125 Silver Springs GID project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

## **23) Sun Valley GID – Water System Improvements**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$5,201,135.73 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Sun Valley GID for their Water System Improvements. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Chairman Scott prompted staff with a question asking where the \$4,000,000 of unrestricted cash is coming from?

Ms. Flores responded Sun Valleys capital replacement reserve account currently has a balance of \$13,786,000.

Board Member Workman asked the Sun Valley representatives about their transmission line upgrade.

Chris Melton, representative of Sun Valley, responded that the line that currently comes of the street is a 4-inch line, thus looking to increase the length of that line and loop the system.

Chairman Scott proceeded to ask for an explanation on a consecutive connection.

Mr. Melton responded that they currently have two wholesale connections that feed into the main pump station with 100% supply from Truckee Meadow Water Authority.

Ms. Seifert asked if there will be generators installed as backup for any portion of the project.

Nick O' Conner with Shaw Engineering responded that the main booster pump station will have backup generator installed including all their other facilities, there are backup generators included in that cost analysis.

Board Member Yacoben motioned to approve Resolution G23-1125 Sun Valley GID project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Belanger. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **24)Virgin Valley Water District – Freeway Tank Crossing Construction**

NDEP staff recommended the board approve a \$5,201,135.73 Capital Improvement Grant project commitment to Virgin Valley Water District for their Freeway Tank Crossing Construction. Mr. Livingston presented the staff's technical recommendation; Ms. Flores presented the staff's financial recommendation.

Ben Martinsen, in attendance online for Virgin Valley, expressed his appreciation and gratitude to staff as a first-time applicant of the ease of this process.

Vice Chair Belanger motioned to approve Resolution G24-1125 City of Henderson project Grant Commitment. The motion was seconded by Board Member Workman. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Seifert asked a final question of Virgin Valleys plan for consideration about how services to customers will be maintained during construction.

Mr. Martinsen responded that there are booster stations and other lines that go to the south side of Mesquite with resiliency in the system.

#### **25)Board comments**

Chairman Scott asked Ms. Seifert about providing some context about sanitary surveys.

Ms. Seifert responded that sanitary surveys are on schedule and have been maintainable every 3 years for community water systems and every 5 years for non and 3 years for water service.

Ms. Seifert also made a statement that this is her last board meeting as she is retiring in 2026.

The board and staff expressed their thanks and admiration for Ms. Seifert's work on the board.

#### **26)Public comments**

There was no public comment.

#### **27)Adjourn the Board for Financing Water Projects meeting**

The board meeting adjourned at 11:43 am.

### **Attachments**