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**MINUTES OF THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY (“APA”) COMMISSION
 (“Commission”) MEETING HELD @ HOOVER DAM, DECEMBER 13, 2021**

PRESENT: Philip C. Bashaw, Vice Chairman
Russ Jones, Commissioner
Kim Owens, Commissioner
John Sullivan, Chairman
Jim Sweeney, Commissioner
(All Commissioners Attended In Person)

STAFF: Heather Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission
Ben Norris, Attorney General’s Office
Sonseeahray Thayer, Senior Accountant
(All APA Staff Attended In Person)

OTHER: *Ed Gerak, Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association (IEDA)
Dan Jones
*Jason Moyes, Moyes Sellers & Hendricks
*Sheryl Sweeney, Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite
Jeff Woner, K.R. Saline & Associates
Brian Yerges, Electrical District #3
*(All Guests Attended Virtually Unless Indicated *)*

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m. by Chairman John Sullivan. Quorum was established.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan and Sweeney were present.

CHAIRMAN REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY ANY COMMISSIONER:

➤ Each Commissioner declared they had no conflict of interest on any matter as listed on the agenda for today’s meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the Regular Commission Meeting held on November 16, 2021 was made by Vice Chairman Bashaw and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney.
 - **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan & Sweeney approved the motion.
 - **Resolved:** Approved as stated above and the written documents are entered into the Commission records.
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- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the Executive Session, held on November 16, 2021 was made by Vice Chairman Bashaw and seconded by Commissioner Owens.
 - **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan & Sweeney approved the motion.
 - **Resolved:** Approved as stated above and the written documents are entered into the Commission records.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF

CLAIMS: Sonseeahray Thayer, Sr. Accountant, provided the Expenditures & Financial Reports. Hoover Operations Fund Claims #131169 - #13226 for the period November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 were presented. \$192,851.00 in Transitional Costs & Repayable Advances was returned to the Customers. There were no APA Fund Claims during this time period.

- **Motion:** To approve Hoover Operations Fund Claims #13169 - #13226 as presented was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Sweeney.
- **Vote:** Commissioners Bashaw, Jones, Owens, Sullivan and Sweeney approved the motion.
- **Resolved:** Approved as stated above and the written documents are entered into the Commission records.

Mr. Gerak asked if the Rate Check has been adjusted for the additional 500,000 acre feet being left in Lake Mead. The Rate Check presented this month does not account for the additional water.

REPORT ON POWER OPERATION MATTERS: Sonseeahray Thayer, Sr. Accountant, reported the following:

- Monthly precipitation – Monthly, we continue to be in a drought situation, having significantly less rain this November compared to the same time last year.
- Seasonal precipitation – Seasonally however, we are slightly higher than we were last year.
- Upper Colorado River System – Water Precipitation to Date in the upper Colorado river system is at 82% which is slightly higher than the same time last year.
- Lake Powell inflow is forecast to be 58% of normal for the year.
- Total System Contents – (Upper and lower basin) There was so little snow this past year that we are not seeing an increase in the basins for the year. We do not expect to see this getting much better in the coming months.
- Reservoir and System Capacity – Currently Lake Powell is at 28% and Lake Mead is at 34% of capacity
- Lake Mead Elevation – Lake Mead is currently just below 1,075. By this time next year it is anticipated that the elevation to be at the 1,039 mark.
- Climate Forecast from Colorado Basin River Forecast Center website for Arizona continues to be dry with a 33%-60% chance of below average precipitation over the next 3 months.

CHAIRMAN REPORT: Chairman Sullivan welcomed the Guests from the Bureau of Reclamation:

- Mr. Len Schilling, Area Manager
- Mr. Mark Cook, Dam Manager
- Mr. Dave Arend, Deputy Regional Director
- Ms. Terri Saumier, Facility Services

Chairman Sullivan shared that the Executive Leadership search is in process with preliminary questions/conversations being held at the end of January with the top candidates. Following these conversations, the Commission will have a list of final candidates to interview prior to the end of February.

Commission Jones asked a question regarding the APA statute which refers to having a Professional Engineer (PE) on staff. Chairman Sullivan responded that a majority of the applications received were not engineers. The job description posted stated that being a PE was desired, not required. There is legal opinion that there are other ways for the APA to remain in compliance. The Executive Director would not have to be a PE, that could be a contracted position.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The Commission thanked the Mr. Schilling & Mr. Cook for the opportunity to take a tour of the dam and visit the waste site.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CALL TO THE PUBLIC: N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m. PST

John F. Sullivan, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather J. Cole, Executive Secretary to Commission