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IEDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - **Draft**

May 17th, 2022 – 11:30 AM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEDA”) was held on May 17th, 2022.

The following IEDA Members were present:

Alex Arboleda – TSL Law Group, ED4/CAIDD
Mitch Basefsky-CAP (Virtual)
Phil Bashaw – Arizona Power Authority/Arizona Farm Bureau
Noel Carter – Buckeye Water Conservation & Drainage District
Central Arizona Project (Phone #, Attendees Unidentified)
Michael Curtis – Dentons Law Group
Dennis Delaney-KR Saline
Ben Engelby – AEPCO (Virtual)
Sheri Farag-SRP
Ed Gerak-IEDA Executive Director
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk, Vice-President (Virtual)
Leslie James – CREDA
Dawn Jurgensmeier – Salt River Project
DeWayne Justice – ED7
Mark Lewis – SRP (Virtual)
Jason Moyes-Moyes, Sellers & Hendricks (Virtual)
Donovan Neese-Roosevelt Irrigation District
Paul Orme – Salmon, Lewis & Weldon (Virtual)
Bill Plummer – ABWC
Emily Rice, B3 Strategies
Ken Saline-KR Saline (Virtual)
Scott Saline- KR Saline (Virtual)
Shane Sanders – AEPCO
Meghan Scott-Nobel Law Firm (Virtual)
John Scremin – Roosevelt Water Conservation District
Ryan Serote – Meguire Whitney (Virtual)
Dave Slick – KR Saline (Virtual)
Russell Smoldon-B3 Strategies
John Sullivan – Arizona Power Authority
Jim Sweeney – Arizona Power Authority

Sheryl Sweeney- Clark Hill
Bill Van Allen—ED6 (Virtual)
Shelton Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)
Robert Van Hofwegen – ED8 (Virtual)
Glen Vortherms—Maricopa Water District
Jeff Woner—KR Saline

Executive Director Gerak called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

Dawn Jurgensmeier, Manager of Distribution Performance with Salt River Project, made a presentation to IEDA regarding how SRP is planning for electric vehicles will impact their system. Dawn shared with the group SRP's scale (1 million customers, 2,900 sq. mi. & peak load of 7,300 MW), an anticipated support of 500K EVs with 90% managed charging by 2035. SRP is focused on the increased capacity demand and locational impacts (clustering). There are currently 30,000 EVs on SRP's system. Current EV peak load is 1 AM, but anticipate that this will change. There is also concerns with transformer issues given increased usage in specific locations, as well as that transformers may not be able to cool off like current charging in the summer. The adaption of EVs may require modifications to SRP's pricing programs. Dawn fielded questions from the group and also discussed the future issues SRP plans to explore using predictive analytics.

Russel Smoldon provided an update on state legislative issues. It is the 128th day of the session. To date, there have been 1,572 bills introduced and 229 bills signed by the Governor. There are still 226 active bills and 6 bills sitting on the Governor's desk. Of the 136 elections bills introduced, 26 are still active. We have been able to be excluded from all of them except the JAA Parker bill, but that doesn't have traction in the Senate. Russell discussed the budget situation, the Arizona Water Authority and reliability/capacity concerns in the state, especially as they relate to the Arizona Corporation Commission. There was also discussion regarding the CAP rate actions with regards to the AMWUA cities and discussion with regards to the SRP Coolidge Plant expansion.

Ryan Serote updated the Board regarding the current issues in Washington, DC. Ryan provided an update on the NWRA Legislative Issues Conference and Hill visits. Ed & Ryan were able to meet with staffers from the offices of Schweikert, Sinema, Kirkpatrick, O'Halleran. Senator Kelly hosted a roundtable with members from Arizona that were in town for the NWRA conference. Ed & Ryan were also to attend the Arizona State Society Cinco de Mayo event and Ed attended a meeting with BOR on Thursday with RWCD. Ryan provided an update within the Beltway, with continued concern about Ukraine and Russia issues, the shootings in Buffalo, gas prices, WRDA, the Hydropower Licensing Reform hearing, Roe vs. Wade and the Hualapai Water Settlement Legislation. CAP and ADWR were back in DC at the same time providing a presentation to the Arizona delegation.

Noel Carter provided an update on the ABWC meeting that occurred on May 13th. The majority of the meeting focused on the NWRA event and discussion on the Arizona Water Authority legislation.

Leslie James provided an update on CREDA, including Rodney Bailey being named the CRSP Manager. AMWG is meeting on May 18th, with a focus on the tentatively approved bugflows. The WAPA-199 rate case meeting is next week, and the CREDA Summer Meeting is on June 20th-21st. Leslie also discussed the situation of the Kelly bill that has been introduced to help alleviate hydropower costs when no power is available. Sheryl Sweeney asked about the Hoover

Rate Case and IEDA's position. Ken Saline expressed the concerns with WAPA's filing as it relates to the RECs.

Mr. Gerak highlighted issues from the Board Report prior to addressing the business items. PFAs may be a bigger concern in the US than realized, with an estimated 200M acres possibly contaminated due to its inclusion in a prevalent fertilizer. Utah declared a drought, and the Colorado River Dam is still struggling, but the SRP system continues to sit at roughly 72%. Water is also an issue in Oregon. Nebraska is taking a creative approach to pushback against the 30x30 Plan. California is restricting watering to once a week in Los Angeles area, and have estimates on conservation, storm water capture and reuse. There is funding to prop up aged nuclear plants, but despite the funding, PG&E is still planning on closing Diablo Canyon, further increasing a resource adequacy issue in the West. There are a lot of activities in the environmental space from the administration lately. Planned interest rate increases may raise rates 1% in June & July. A focus on hydropower and pumped storage was highlighted due to the hydropower licensing reform hearing.

Moving into the Board Meeting, Mr. Gerak asked for a motion for approval of the minutes for the April 19^h, 2022 board meeting. Glen Vortherms made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19th, 2022 board meeting. Noel Carter seconded the motion. Mr. Gerak called for a vote and the motion passed.

Mr. Gerak informed the board about the progress being made with regards to the Unification Project. AMPUA has established a working committee of Tyler Carlson, Elston Grubaugh and Ken Robbins. Envisioning a comparable board, Mr. Gerak requested three volunteers, with specifically one being Elston Grubaugh because he sits on both boards. Donovan Neese and DeWayne Justice also volunteered. With the slate proposed, Mr. Gerak requested a motion to advance the slate of committee members for IEDA for the Unification Project. Noel Carter made a motion to approve the slate. Donovan Neese seconded the motion. Mr. Gerak called for a vote and the motion passed.

Given the recent loss of Mick James, Mr. Gerak requested permission to make a \$500 donation to an entity of Mick's choice. Donovan Neese made a motion to support the request. Noel Carter seconded the motion. Mr. Gerak called for a vote and the motion passed.

The Board exited executive session and the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 P.M.