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IEDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Draft May 16, 2023 – 12:30 PM

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona, Inc. (“IEDA”) was held on May 16, 2023.

The following IEDA Members were present:

Andrew Campbell- Roosevelt Water Conservation District (Virtual)
Mitch Basefsky – CAP
Dennis Delaney – KR Saline (Virtual)
Ed Gerak - IEDA Executive Director
Brian Fickett - Tohono O’odham Utility Authority
Jordy Fuentes - APA
Elston Grubaugh – Wellton-Mohawk, Vice-President (Virtual)
Daniel Herder – Clark-Hill
Shane Leonard – Roosevelt Water Conservation District, President
Mark Lewis – SRP (Virtual)
Doug Milligan – SRP (Virtual)
Joe Mease – Tohono O’odham Utility Authority (Virtual)
Jason Moyes – Moyes, Sellers, Hendricks (Virtual)
Jack Murray – WAPA Senior VP & DSW Regional Manager
Donovan Neese – RID, Treasurer
Paul Orme - Salmon Lewis & Weldon (Virtual)
Daniel Pritchard – KR Saline (Virtual)
Ken Saline - KR Saline
Scott Saline - KR Saline (Virtual)
Shane Sanders – AEPCO (Virtual)
Meghan Scott - Nobel Law Firm (Virtual)
John Scremin - Roosevelt Water Conservation District (Virtual)
Ryan Serote – Meguire Whitney (Virtual)
Ken Simer – KR Saline (Virtual)
Russell Smoldon - B3 Strategies
John Sullivan – Arizona Power Authority (Virtual)
Jim Swenney – Arizona Power Authority (Virtual)
Sheryl Sweeney – Clark-Hill (Virtual)
Bill Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)
Shelton Van Allen – ED6 (Virtual)
Robert VanHofwegen – ED8 (Virtual)
Glen Vortherms – MWD
Jeff Woner – KR Saline (Virtual)

Brian Yerges – ED3 (Virtual)

President Leonard called the meeting to order at 12:29 P.M.

Jack Murray, Western Area Power Authority Senior VP and DSW Regional Manager made a presentation regarding ongoing issues at WAPA DSW. Jack discussed the recent entry into the CAISO Energy Imbalance Market, the exploration of the evolving Markets+, the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, the pending Parker-Davis Contract renewal, the Boulder Canyon Project Rates and the One Transmission Rate. There was extensive questions and discussions stemming from Jack's presentation. President Leonard thanked Mr. Murray for his presentation.

Ryan Serote provided an overview of the ongoing debt limit discussions. Permitting reform continues to be a discussion point on the hill with Republicans looking to leverage their position on the debt ceiling and also budget cuts. Mr. Gerak asked about the Mountain Valley pipeline, EPA's introduction into the Clean Power Plan 2.0 and approval of the Alaskan Oil Permits.

Russell Smoldon provided a legislative update. Russell discussed the record breaking number of vetoes in the Hobbs' administration so far, as well as the passage and signing of a \$17.8 billion state budget. Russell reviewed several topline budget items including K-12 education, a deposit in to the Housing Trust Fund, the expansion of KidsCare, and an investment in the Santa Rosa Canal. Russell also provided an update on the appointment for two legislative vacancies, which Republican Julie Willoughby and Democrat Flavio Bravo were ultimately appointed to in time for the budget votes. Russell discussed the status of several bills that were being monitored by B3 for IEDA and finally discussed the Legislature's extended recess through mid-June.

Moving into water issues, Mr. Leonard asked Russell about who is leading the water policy in the state. Russell reviewed the three possible leads, but highlighted the engagement of the Governor and her vested interest in water for the state. Ultimately, it is the Governor who is leading the water initiative for Arizona. Ed highlighted that the updated hydrology and the planned releases from Glen Canyon Dam. The SEIS comment period is ongoing and comments are due by May 30th. IEDA is planning on coordinating with other Arizona entities and submitting a joint letter. The Alternatives 1 & 2 proposed go as extreme as a 4 MAF cut, but do to the hydrology, it is likely that we will remain in Tier 1 levels until 2026. That means that DOI won't need to complete that ESA review for MSCP as this falls within the work from the 2007 Interim Guidelines. Ed touched on a few of the WaterSmart grant awards that some IEDA members have received.

Regarding power issues, Ed highlighted the letter that was submitted in response to the DOE National Transmission Needs Study. CREDA is dealing with the April HFE that did not meet the sediment triggers but was approved anyway. This was estimated to cost power customers up to \$1.4 million. Smallmouth bass EA had planned for up to 5 months of by-pass flows. Thankfully, after 7,000 comments, DOI couldn't find a FONSI, but a EIS is likely in the future. Ed touched on the hydrogen hub submittal that SRP and others and suggested that Hank Courtright (SRP) might be a good guest speaker at one of the next meetings. Ed also touched on the recent decision from the 9th Circuit Court overruling the natural gas ban by the City of Berkely, CA, but also the statewide ban by New York regarding natural gas stoves. AEPCO held their annual meeting last week and spotlighted the new capacity that AEPCO is planning for their members. Also, Jim Pratt was announced as SRP's new CEO.

Moving into the Board Meeting, a motion was requested for approval of the minutes for the March 16th, 2023 board meeting. Glen Vortherms made a motion to approve the minutes from

March 16th, 2023 board meeting. Donovan Neese seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Ed Gerak discussed the pending legal memo from Clark-Hill regarding PACs. Ed requested that the board approve the Executive Committee to explore assuming the PAC as an affiliated PAC but not an IEDA PAC due to membership and fund-raising limitations. Jason Moyes made a motion to that effect. Glen Vortherms seconded the motion. A vote was called for and the motion passed.

Ed discussed the BMT NDA that was in the packet, but recommended that IEDA not engage in this. It was suggested that IEDA send this over to SPPA, as they are more involved in transmission issues.

Ed updated the board on the Leadership Program, but also discussed the idea of IEDA helping coordinate an Internship Program. There were some questions regarding logistics, but also some interest in the development of something for increasing the workforce pipeline.

The next meeting will be on June 13th, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM.