

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET AND FUNDING
ALLOCATIONS FOR LAS VEGAS WASH LONG-TERM OPERATING PLAN ACTIONS**

This Interlocal Agreement Establishing the Budget and Funding Allocations for Las Vegas Wash Long-Term Operating Plan Actions (“Agreement”) is entered into by the City of Henderson; the City of Las Vegas; the City of North Las Vegas; Clark County; the Clark County Regional Flood Control District; the Clark County Water Reclamation District; and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (“Authority”) comprised of Authority “Purveyor Members” (City of Henderson, City of North Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Valley Water District), and the Authority “Wastewater Discharge Members” (City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas and the Clark County Water Reclamation District) this _____ day of _____, 2024. For convenience, the parties to this Agreement may be referred to individually as a “Party” or, collectively, as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lake Mead and the Colorado River are the primary source of water for over two million residents of the metropolitan Las Vegas Valley and Laughlin, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Lake Mead and the Colorado River are a significant source of water for millions of other residents in the lower Colorado River basin, including Arizona, California and Mexico, as well as members of several Native American Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Wash is comprised of highly treated wastewater flows, urban runoff, shallow groundwater, stormwater flows and other flows, all of which run through the single tributary from the urban Las Vegas Valley into Lake Mead; and

WHEREAS, concerns over erosion, water quality, the loss of wetlands, and other issues have made managing the Las Vegas Wash one of the highest environmental priorities for southern Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Parties – along with other local, state and federal entities – embarked on a water quality process in 1997 that included participation in the Lake Mead Water Quality Forum and the formation of a citizens advisory committee which studied various issues related to water quality in the Las Vegas Wash, Las Vegas Bay and Lake Mead; and

WHEREAS, the citizens advisory committee developed a series of recommendations for protecting and improving water quality, one of which was to develop a comprehensive adaptive management plan for the Las Vegas Wash; and

WHEREAS, following the presentation of the citizen recommendations to the Lake Mead Water Quality Forum and their acceptance by the Authority Board of Directors in 1998, the undersigned Parties participated in the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (“LVWCC”), a committee comprised of 28 local, state, federal, environmental and public representatives; and

WHEREAS, the LVWCC, over a 10-month period and with the support of over 100 staff from participating agencies, developed 44 recommended actions in nine study areas related to the Las Vegas Wash; and

WHEREAS, the LVWCC compiled the recommendations into the Las Vegas Wash

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Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan (“CAMP”), which was subsequently approved by the LVWCC in December 1999 and by the Authority Board of Directors in January 2000; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2002, the Parties to this Agreement entered into a cooperative agreement which recognized the CAMP and established a basic understanding of the Parties concerning implementation of the plan and their respective roles in that implementation through the Management Advisory Committee (“MAC”); and

WHEREAS, in November 2007, the Parties to this Agreement, along with the Clean Water Coalition, entered into an agreement that established the Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (“LVVWAC”). The LVVWAC assumed the responsibilities of the MAC and provided that the LVVWAC would continue implementation of the CAMP, along with establishing a cohesive direction and integrated approach to addressing water quality issues in the Las Vegas Valley and Lake Mead; and

WHEREAS, the Authority was designated as the lead agency to implement the CAMP and established a staff team to coordinate this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Authority implemented the recommendations in the CAMP from 2000 into 2022, stabilizing and enhancing the valuable environmental resources of the Las Vegas Wash with funding from 4% of a ¼ cent sales tax allocated to capital improvements and infrastructure needs in the Las Vegas Wash and local contributions from the MAC and LVVWAC; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the LVVWAC voted to approve the Las Vegas Wash Long-Term Operating Plan (“LTOP”), establishing an annual budget of \$2,392,189 in 2019 dollars to operate and maintain Las Vegas Wash assets and program attributes, with an annual increase of 2.5%; and

WHEREAS, all Parties to this Agreement desire to allocate monetary responsibility for contribution to the LTOP budget.

WHEREAS, all Parties to this Agreement desire to reduce the burden to their boards and councils by entering into this Agreement for a five-year term, beginning in fiscal year 2024/2025.

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to NRS 277.180.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Authority, City of Henderson, Clark County Water Reclamation District, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, Clark County and the Clark County Regional Flood Control District agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Section 1: LTOP Budget

The Parties agree that the total annual operating budget for the Authority’s LTOP activities is estimated to be \$2,706,542 (Attachment A) and that this amount, and consequently the Parties’ financial contributions, may increase by 2.5% each fiscal year. The budget will be presented to the Parties and approved by the LVVWAC annually. Clark County Regional Flood Control District will pay 50% of the

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\$1,357,281 allocated for Erosion & Stormwater actions (Attachment A), for a total contribution of \$678,641. This will leave \$2,027,901 of the total operating budget to be provided by the remaining Parties (referred to herein as the “local share”). Additionally, it is anticipated that the Authority’s Purveyor Members will contribute \$892,277 or 44% of the local share; however, the Purveyor Members’ contribution is not governed by this Agreement. The Parties hereto agree, therefore, that \$1,135,624 or 56% of the local share of the total operating budget must be paid by the Parties hereto. Contained in Attachment A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is the budget outlining the anticipated costs for implementing LTOP actions.

Annual Funding of Local Share: It is hereby agreed by the Parties that the following allocation ratios and funding sources are established as binding for the purpose of funding the local share or \$2,027,901 of the total operating budget for LTOP actions:

- A. Authority Purveyor Members acknowledge that the Authority shall pay 44% (\$892,277) of the local share using revenues derived from the water wholesale delivery charges paid to the Authority by the Authority Purveyor Members.
- B. Authority Wastewater Discharge Members shall pay 43% (\$871,997) of the local share, with contribution percentages based on the two-year running average reported by the Sewage and Wastewater Advisory Committee to the state in June of the prior calendar year. For fiscal year 2024/2025 this is as follows:
 - a. The City of Henderson will be responsible for payment of 12.9% or \$112,487;
 - b. The Clark County Water Reclamation District will be responsible for 54.6% or \$476,111;
 - c. The City of Las Vegas will be responsible for 23.0% or \$200,559; and
 - d. The City of North Las Vegas will be responsible for 9.5% or \$82,840.
- C. Clark County will pay 13% of the local share or \$263,627.
- D. The Authority applies for grant funding to help offset costs of LTOP activities. The amount of grant funds received varies annually. Grant funds received for regular programs reduce the Parties’ contributions. Grants received for special projects are outside the scope of this Agreement. In fiscal year 2024/2025, it is anticipated that there will be federal grant funding from the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$255,000 and grants from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$34,750 available to offset the Parties’ contributions, leaving \$2,416,792 to be funded by the Parties. Consequently, Clark County Regional Flood Control District’s allocation, outlined in paragraph 1 of this section, is reduced by approximately 25%, corresponding to their percentage of the total budget, for a total contribution not to exceed \$605,988 in fiscal year 2024/2025. This will leave \$1,810,804 of the total operating budget as the local share. With grant offsets, it is anticipated that the Authority’s Purveyor Members will contribute \$796,754 or 44% of the local share in fiscal year 2024/2025; however, as described in paragraph 1 of this section, the Purveyor Members’ contribution is not governed by this Agreement. The Parties hereto agree, therefore, that \$1,014,050 or 56% of the local share in fiscal year 2024/2025 must be paid

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by the Parties hereto.

Funding of Local Share with Grant Offsets for Fiscal Year 2024/2025: It is hereby agreed by the Parties that the following allocation ratios and funding sources are established as binding for the purpose of funding the local share or \$1,810,804 of the total operating budget for LTOP actions in fiscal year 2024/2025:

- a. Authority Purveyor Members acknowledge that the Authority shall pay 44% (\$796,754) of the local share in fiscal year 2024/2025 using revenues derived from the water wholesale delivery charges paid to the Authority by the Authority Purveyor Members.
- b. Authority Wastewater Discharge Members shall pay 43% (\$778,646) of the local share in fiscal year 2024/2025, with contribution percentages as established in item B of this section:
 - i. The City of Henderson will be responsible for payment of 12.9% or \$100,445;
 - ii. The Clark County Water Reclamation District will be responsible for 54.6% or \$425,141;
 - iii. The City of Las Vegas will be responsible for 23.0% or \$179,089; and
 - iv. The City of North Las Vegas will be responsible for 9.5% or \$73,971.
- c. Clark County will pay 13% of the local share or \$235,404.

Section 2: Payments

Payments will be made annually by the respective Parties hereto as specified in Section 1 into a fund established specifically for LTOP actions. For fiscal year 2024/2025, payments will be made within 30 days of approval of the Agreement by all governmental bodies. In subsequent years, payments will be made by July 1.

Section 3: Effective Date

This Agreement becomes effective when the duplicate originals are executed and dated by all Parties, realizing that each entity, by necessity, must approve and execute the subject document at different places and on different dates.

Section 4: Severability

Should any part of this Agreement be rendered void, invalid, or unenforceable by any court of law for any reason, such determination shall not render void, invalid or unenforceable under any other part of this Agreement.

Section 5: Governing Law

The laws of the State of Nevada will govern as to the interpretation, validity and effect of this

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Agreement.

Section 6: Third Party Beneficiaries

This Agreement is intended only to benefit the Parties hereto and does not create any rights, benefits or causes of action for any other person, entity or member of the general public.

Section 7: One Time Agreement

It is specifically recognized and agreed by all Parties hereto, that this Agreement is not to be interpreted or constructed as establishing a precedent for any further agreement, covenant or commitment on the part of any Party hereto and should be considered a stand-alone document without establishing any future obligations, other than as described herein, on the part of any Party hereto.

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SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair

Approved as to form:

Approved on _____, by the Board of
Directors for the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Steven C. Anderson, Deputy Counsel

Attest:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

LuAnn D. Holmes, MMC,
City Clerk

Carolyn G. Goodman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Approved on _____, by the City Council for the
City of Las Vegas.

John S. Ridilla,
Chief Deputy City Attorney

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Attest:

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS

Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk

Pamela A. Goynes-Brown, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Approved on _____, by the City Council for the City of North Las Vegas.



Andy Moore, Acting City Attorney

CLARK COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

Tick Segerblom, Chairman

Approved as to form:

Approved on _____, by the Board of Trustees for the Clark County Water Reclamation District.

David J. Stoft, District General Counsel

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Attest:

CLARK COUNTY

Lynn Goya, County Clerk

Tick Segerblom, Chair

Approved as to form:

Approved on _____, by the Board of County
Commissioners for Clark County (Parks & Recreation)

Lisa Logsdon, County Counsel

Attest:

**CLARK COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD
CONTROL DISTRICT**

Deanna M. Hughes,
Secretary to the Board

Justin Jones, Chair

Approved as to form:

Approved on _____, by the Board of
Directors for the Clark County Regional Flood Control
District.

Christopher D. Figgins, Clark County
RFCD Attorney

**Attachment A
LTOP Budget**

On March 10, 2020, when first approved by the LVVWAC, the annual cost of implementing the LTOP's 36 actions was \$2,392,189 in 2019 dollars. As agreed, an increase of 2.5 percent has been applied for each fiscal year to address cost of living adjustments and inflation, resulting in a total cost of \$2,706,542 in 2024 dollars. Labor costs include fringe benefits and 19% to cover overhead costs such as office lease and supplies.

Core Element	Action No.	Labor	Other	Total
Erosion & Stormwater	1–8	\$315,254	\$1,042,027	\$1,357,281
Jurisdictional & Regulatory	9–14	\$91,083	\$973	\$92,056
Public Outreach	15–21	\$319,629	\$66,301	\$385,930
Funding	22–23	\$82,344	\$0	\$82,344
Shallow Groundwater	24–26	\$29,997	\$40,731	\$70,728
Environmental Resources	27–36	\$398,015	\$320,188	\$718,203
Totals		\$1,236,322	\$1,470,220	\$2,706,542