

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM  
3.4  
(ID # 5135)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

**FROM :** SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES:

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR KEVIN JEFFRIES: Riverside County Opposition to Renewal of LEAPS Application before FERC [1st District]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office and our federal lobbyists to draft a letter of opposition to the renewal of the LEAPS application currently being considered by FERC.

**ACTION:** Policy

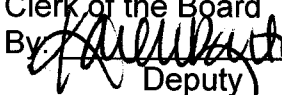
  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries 8/15/2017

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Tavaglione  
Date: August 29, 2017  
xc: First District, E.O.

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 17/18</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumping System (LEAPS) was originally proposed as far back as 1988 by the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD), who later joined with Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. as the financial and development partner. This partnership has since been dissolved, and EVMWD recently brought to the 1<sup>st</sup> District's attention that Nevada Hydro Company has now unilaterally re-filed an application for the two-pronged LEAPS project without their support:

1) The advanced pumping station, for which a dam would be built in the mountains above Lake Elsinore. At night, when energy costs are low, up to 10% of the volume of the lake would be pumped up the hill and into the reservoir, and during the day, when energy prices are high, the water would be released through a hydro-electric facility, generating power on its way back into the lake. That power would then be sold on the open market.

2) 32 miles of 500 kV transmission lines and 170 high-voltage steel towers, running from San Diego County across the Cleveland National Forest, into Temescal Valley, and through the RCA's Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Areas.

After significant local opposition to the project and concerns about the inadequacy of the environmental studies produced by Nevada Hydro Company, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) dismissed their application in 2011.

On May 31, 2017, the Nevada Hydro Company ("Nevada Hydro") filed a Notification of Intent to File License Application ("NOI") with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") for its proposed Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage ("LEAPS") Project, FERC Project No. 14227.

In resubmitting their application, Nevada Hydro Company is no longer associated in any way with EVMWD, and has no other local partners. They have not reached out to any planning staff in Riverside County or the 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisorial Office, and have thus far refused to respond to multiple inquiries from our office and a request to attend MAC meetings in the areas impacted by this project.

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They have specifically asked FERC not to require them to do new scoping meetings and to allow their never-approved EIR from 2009 to stand as is, despite the many changes in development through the 15 corridor, the increased fire dangers in the Cleveland National Forest, and the application now before the California Public Utilities Commission by Southern California Edison for transmission lines that would overlap with the LEAPS lines through portions of the Temescal Valley.

For these reasons, it is requested that the Executive Office work with our federal lobbyists and express to FERC and our Congressional and US Senate delegation the opposition of Riverside County to the renewal of the LEAPS application, and should FERC choose to allow the application to move forward, that they require a full new environmental study, scoping meetings, and cooperation with Riverside County throughout the application process.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Approval of the LEAPS project could lead to major public impacts, including lake water quality, dam safety issues, wildfire dangers, visual and public safety impacts from transmission lines, and disturbance of sensitive habitat areas.

**Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak**

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Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),  
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject  
to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Ruthie Goldson

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 8-29-17 **Agenda #:** 3.4

**PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:**

**Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Support**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Oppose**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Neutral**

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed  
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on  
the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Support**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Oppose**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Neutral**

**I give my 3 minutes to:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **BOARD RULES**

### **Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:**

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

### **Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

### **Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:**

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

### **Individual Speaker Limits:**

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. **Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.**

### **Group/Organized Presentations:**

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Date: 08/29/2017 Agenda #: 3.4

SPEAKER'S NAME: Paul O'Neal  
(Print Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only required if follow-up mail response is requested)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM:

- The Applicant  A Neighbor
- Applicant's Representative  Other Interested Party

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:

- I wish to speak  I DO NOT wish to speak
- I wish to speak with a Media Presentation
- I YIELD my 3 minutes to the following speaker:  
(Maximum 2 Yields per Speaker)

Paul O'Neal  
(Name)

Position on Agenda Item:

- In Favor  Neutral  Opposed

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