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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

DECEMBER 21, 2021

The resident listed below gave a verbal presentation of the enclosed materials, which is also included as Written Comments:

- Alena Callimanis

New California, Arizona and Nevada Drought Emergency Plan and a Drone Overview of the Coral Mountain Surf Basin

Alena Callimanis





Water leaders for Arizona, Nevada, California and the Department of the Interior signed an agreement Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, in Las Vegas to voluntarily reduce their take from the Colorado River to help stave off mandatory cuts in the upcoming years. Low water levels at Lake Mead triggered a federal shortage declaration and cutbacks as the region struggles to meet demands of all users. (AP Photo/Brittany Peterson)

Key Provision

The newest agreement, known as the “500+ Plan,” requires the states to cut 500,000 acre-feet (163 billion gallons) in 2022 and 2023, or enough to serve 1 million to 1.5 million households annually, depending on water usage and conservation in the area.

Meeting originally billed as starting the negotiations when current water agreements expire in 2026

- The stop-gap measure upstaged what water managers had hoped to be the focus of the Las Vegas gathering, the start of negotiations for the next plan. That will have to wait, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton told attendees over video conference.
- “We need to focus on near-term operational challenges,” she said.

What is the current state of Lake Mead?

Less water flowing through Hoover Dam, which holds back Lake Mead, also reduces power generation that serves 1.3 million people in three states. The dam now is running at 75% capacity. If Lake Mead falls below 950 feet (289 meters), the dam's turbines would stop running altogether.

Lake Mead, which straddles the Nevada-Arizona line, December 21 was at 1,065.78 feet. Low point of the year was on December 2 at 1064.95.

Lake Mead is at 163.24 feet below full pool.

For California, which receives more than half the hydropower, the new deal is particularly urgent, said Adel Hagekhalil, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. "As levels drop at Lake Mead, it's basically strangling everything," Hagekhalil said.

Things to watch for in the Drone Video of the location of the Coral Mountain Surfing Wave Pool

- **The 80 feet test lights are at the ends of the wave pool**
- **Look at the proximity to Coral Mountain. Roads, sidewalks, wave generating equipment, etc. need to be right along Coral Mountain and will cause light on the Mountain**
- **As you watch the landscape, the water will be up to 400 feet wide all along this path**
- **Look how close to Lisa Castro's house and yard by the second light**
- **All the roads and sidewalks along this side will be next to Lisa's property.**
- **There is no way to cross the Wave Basin other than at the ends.**

What to think about as you watch

- **How do you keep a body of water this large clean of wind-swept sand and debris so it is usable?**
- **How do you circulate 18 million gallons of water to keep it sanitized and free of algae and brain-eating bacteria, especially when the water will heat up into the 90s in the desert, and you are expecting to keep people safe to be using this massive body of water?**
- **The massive amount of evaporation from sun, heat, wind and wave action that will cause the need of constant replenishment from our aquifer**
- **Please email me, acallimanis@gmail.com if you want to have a copy of this video.**

From: Alena Callimanis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:10 PM
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Cc: Monika Radeva
Subject: Regarding the Consent Calendar Item 6 on Dec. 21 City Council Agenda on Campaign Contributions

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Good day everyone. Based on the last City Council meeting, I am hoping you will pull this out of the Consent Calendar and continue the discussions on Campaign Contributions.

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CITY REGULATIONS RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND AUTHORIZE SPECIFIED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 571 (STATS. 2019, CH. 556) [RESOLUTION NO. 2021-043]

I have serious concerns about removing limits on campaign contributions. With so many "shell games" with developers setting up different LLCs, I think it will make it impossible to track down if a major contributor is associated with a development that is in the early stages with the Planning Commission or soon to be submitted to the planning commission. I know I have heard you mention during meetings where "conflict of interest" and monetary endorsements have been discussed, and you have resolved the issues. However, by not putting limits on contributions, you could be opening yourselves up to these corporations that have different partnerships that can do a contribution without being directly associated with a project, but indeed are part of an overall contribution.

Thank you for your consideration to not remove campaign contribution limits.

I will be Zooming into the meeting as I am in Burbank baby sitting my grandson while the parents have taken off for four days for R&R.

I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year and I will see you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Alena Callimanis
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