

**The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) Meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.**

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairwoman	Puoy K. Premsrirut
Vice Chairwoman	Kara J. Kelley
Commissioner	Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Commissioner	Allen J. Puliz
Commissioner	Dan Stewart
Commissioner	Steve Walton
Commissioner	Cody Winterton

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Commissioner	Cody Winterton
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**DEPUTY ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL**

Special Counsel, Attorney General	Michelle D. Briggs
Special Counsel, Attorney General	David W. Newton

**COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Director	Eric Witkoski
Senior Assistant Director	Sara Price
Chief of Finance and Administration	Douglas N. Beatty
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations	Shae Pelkowski
Assistant Director, Energy Information Systems	Kaleb Hall
Assistant Director, Hydropower	Gail Bates
Assistant Director, Natural Resources	Warren Turkett, Ph.D.
Chief Accountant	Gail L. Benton
Senior Energy Accountant	Hyelim Hong
Power Systems Operations Manager	Walter Shupe
Power Facilities Communication Technician	Lawrence Yurek
Assistant Hydropower Program Manager	Matthew Alinsod
Energy Management Data Analyst	Rebecca Suafoa
Hydropower Analyst	Elissa Emery
System Coordinator	Chris Smith
Natural Resources Specialist	Danielle Collins
Natural Resources Specialist	Kristina Sasser
Executive Assistant Manager	Gina L. Goodman
Manager, Comm. and Special Projects	Noah Fischel
Administrative Assistant IV	Elsa Nava
Administrative Assistant III	Tamisha Randolph
Administrative Assistant II	Joshua Cleveland
Administrative Assistant II	Bobbie Hickman
Administrative Assistant II	Thyandra Lewis

## **OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING**

Baker Tilly US, LLP  
City of Boulder City  
City of Henderson  
City of Henderson  
Clean Water Team  
Legislative Counsel Bureau  
Lincoln County Power District  
Overton Power District #5  
Self  
Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Southern Nevada Water Authority

Kieth Simovic  
Joe Stubitz  
Becky Rise  
Christopher Boyd  
Peter Beaulieu  
Justin Luna  
Dane Bradfield  
Johnathan Denninghoff  
Brian Orion  
Jordan Bunker  
Scott Krantz  
Annalise Porter

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**MEETING OF**

**AUGUST 12, 2025**

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Kara Kelley at 1:37 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. Conformance of Open Meeting Law.**

Eric Witkoski, Executive Director, confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**B. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comments until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

**C. *For Possible Action: Approval of minutes of June 10, 2025, meeting.***

Commissioner Allen Puliz moved for approval of the minutes with all necessary edits of the June 10, 2025, meeting.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Kara Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

**D. *For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. SA-25-SEL between the successful bidder, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3218, for Protective Relays and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, with the contract ending July 31, 2029.***

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item D for possible action.

Shae Pelkowski, Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations, provided background information on Contract No. SA-25-SEL between the successful bidder, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., stating that as part of the Commission's Capital and Operations and Maintenance projects, the Power Delivery Group procured a large amount of relaying and communications equipment for protection of the high-voltage transmission system and associated substations. This contract allows Staff to procure this equipment at direct market rates without third-party markups.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if the Commission will be using the same equipment, just with a different vendor?"

Mr. Pelkowski confirmed that Staff will be using the same equipment, just obtained from different vendors.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley commented that the Commission is eliminating the middleman and dealing directly with the vendor, resulting in a 12 percent savings for our customers. Vice Chairwoman Kelley expressed appreciation for Staff's initiative, noting Staff is very responsive to the Commission's clients.

Commissioner Dan Stewart moved for approval of the contract with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3218, for Protective Relays and SCADA equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, with the contract ending July 31, 2029.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

<p><b>E.     <i>For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. ES-25-SEL between the successful bidder, SEL Engineering Services, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, pursuant to Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3216, for High Voltage Systems Engineering Services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, with the contract ending July 31, 2029.</i></b></p>
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Mr. Witkoski introduced Item E for possible action.

Mr. Pelkowski stated that the proposed contract with SEL Engineering Services, Inc. are focused on construction and repair services. This is an enabling contract, allowing the Commission to issue purchase orders for specific scopes of work with individually negotiated costs.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked:

"Compared to the last bid solicitation, this bid received six proposals. It is understood that Staff selected SEL because they were the most responsive and qualified. Could you articulate some of the characteristics or factors that led to that determination, so that others responding to our bid proposals can better understand the criteria Staff uses to select?"

Mr. Pelkowski stated that staff shortlisted three bids during the review process. Staff reviewed each proposal, ensuring the bidders provided examples of similar experience with other utility companies that are similar to the Commission and its needs to confirm they can meet the Commission's requirements. Staff also evaluated the rate sheets to ensure the proposed rates were competitive with each other and consistent with industry standards.

Commissioner Stewart moved for approval of Contract No. ES-25-SEL between the successful bidder, SEL Engineering Services, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, pursuant to Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3216, for High Voltage Systems Engineering Services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000, with the contract ending July 31, 2029.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Puliz and approved by unanimous vote.

**F. For Possible Action: Approve Contract No. SA-25-ProgUSA between the successful bidder, ProgUSA LLC and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3219, for SF<sub>6</sub> Gas Reclaimer Equipment and Service in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 with the contract ending July 31, 2029.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item F for possible action.

Mr. Pelkowski explained that within the utility industry, the use of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) is common in high-voltage circuit breakers as an arc-extinguishing gas. However, SF<sub>6</sub> is a potent greenhouse gas and must be handled carefully. Contract SA-25-ProgUSA allows Staff to purchase and maintain an SF<sub>6</sub> recovery and filling cart to reduce leakage of SF<sub>6</sub> to the atmosphere during initial fills and maintenance operations.

This is an enabling contract, allowing the work needed to be requested and performed under purchase orders specifying the scope of work and negotiated cost.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked will the contract amount for \$75,000 ending the year of 2029 be spread out over the years or is this a balloon charged as needed?

Mr. Pelkowski stated that the cost of the cart is in the \$50,000 range, and that it would be a one-time expense. He added that there is a little extra included in case maintenance on the cart is needed.

Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick moved for approval of Contract No. SA-25-ProgUSA between the successful bidder, ProgUSA LLC and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on Bid Solicitation No. 69CRC-S3219, for SF<sub>6</sub> Gas Reclaimer Equipment and Service in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 with the contract ending July 31, 2029.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

**G. For Possible Action: Approve the Assignment of Contract No. PAS-25-01 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Moss Adams LLP to Baker Tilly US, LLP as a result of the merger of the two accounting firms, and to amend the contract to include services to complete the 2024 ACFR.**

**I. For Information Only: Update on financial audit, budget submitted for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and related matters for the 2025 Nevada Legislative session.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item G for possible action and indicated that Item I would be taken at the same time.

The two items were taken together to provide an update on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024 that is still outstanding, and the need to amend Contract PAS-25-01.

Doug Beatty, Chief, Finance and Administration, provided details about the Assignment of Contract No. PAS-25-01. On April 8, 2025, the Commission approved Contract No. PAS-25-01 with Moss Adams LLP for annual financial audit services to begin on July 1, 2025. On or about June 3, 2025, Moss Adams LLP merged with Baker Tilly US, LLP.

The Commission's prior contract with Moss Adams dated June 8, 2021, expired on June 30, 2025, before Moss Adams could complete Commission's ACFR for Fiscal Year 2024.

Moss Adams could not complete the 2024 ACFR by the end of the contract term because it was, and continues to be, waiting for information from the Nevada State Controller's Office. Contract No. PAS-25-01 needs to be amended to add services to complete the 2024 ACFR and to supplement spending authority to include the remaining funds under the prior contract.

Mr. Beatty provided an update on FY24 financial audit. Staff has reached out to the State Controller's office numerous times and as of the date of the meeting, the Controllers Office has provided revised interest income numbers and most of the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) information. Mr. Beatty indicated they still need the Public Employee Benefits System (PEBS) information and once it is received, he would notify Baker Tilly to complete the 2024 FY. Staff would then start on FY 2025.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked whether there is a process where the Staff can reach out to the the Controller's office to get the audit completed in a timely manner.

Mr. Beatty indicated Staff had reached out to the State Controller's Office as well as to the Governor's Office. The Governor's office offered assistance and assigned a member of its Staff to work on the obtaining the information. Mr. Beatty indicated that the Controller's office was still working on ACFR for Fiscal Year 2023 and that was expected to be completed in September. It is expected that following the completion of 2023, the Commission will be able to obtain the necessary information for Fiscal Year 2024 from the Controller.

In regard to the assignment of the Moss Adams contract to Baker Tilly, Keith Simovic a Principal formerly with Moss Adams and now with Baker Tilly commented.

Mr. Simovic noted that the team serving Colorado River Commission, including himself as the lead principal on the engagement, will not change for the remainder of the 2024 audit and for the audits covered under the new audit contract executed recently. He indicated they understood the Commission is a unique entity and that upfront communication is important to ensure there is a clear understanding in regard to significant transactions. He indicated the intention with the newly combined firm is not to change their service teams or existing client relationships. He indicated he will continue to oversee the audit engagement to help ensure the continued service levels and relationship they have established with the Commission continue.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick commented anytime there are mergers there can be staff changes. The Commission is asking that Baker Tilly work with the Commission on the front end, as opposed to waiting to the backend to address issues. She indicated the Commission desires to have a good working relationship with the auditors.



Mr. Simovic agreed with Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

Chairwoman Premsrirut commented that the Commission's concerns are that the auditors/accounting members assigned are the same individuals and in the event that they are not, BakerTilly should provide assurances that those assigned have the specialized knowledge needed and be proactive versus waiting until the audit is close to completion.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley asked that the minutes be prepared in more detail, reflecting the Commissioner's and Chairwoman's direction.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to approve Contract No. PAS-25-01 assigning the contract between the Commission and Moss Adams LLP to Baker Tilly US, LLP.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

Chairwoman Premsrirut moved to amend the contract to add Fiscal Year 2024 and to include language, including a recital, describing the best practices the Commission expects in conjunction with this amended contract and the new firm, Baker Tilly.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Kelley and approved by unanimous vote.

<p><b>H.    <i>For Possible Action: Consideration of and possible action on Staff's Draft Notice to Eligible Applicants of the Opportunity to Apply for an Allocation of Hydropower from the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP) and the Application for an allocation of P-DP beginning October 1, 2028, in accordance with NAC 538.455(5).</i></b></p>
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Mr. Witkoski introduced Item H for possible action.

Gail Bates, Assistant Director of Hydropower, provided a summary of the upcoming expiration of the Commission's Parker-Davis Project (P-DP) hydropower contracts on September 30, 2028. She explained that staff anticipates entering a new 20-year contract with the Western Area Power Administration beginning October 1, 2028. Staff presented a draft Notice to Eligible Applicants and Application for post-2028 hydropower allocations, noting that a public meeting was held on July 1, 2025, with no objections received.

Ms. Bates reviewed statutory and regulatory eligibility requirements, expected stranded cost obligations assigned by WAPA, and general criteria applicants must meet. She noted that existing qualified contractors that have fully utilized their current allocations will be eligible to receive at least their existing percentage share. Staff also outlined the proposed 30-day application period, with applications expected to open on or about August 18, 2025, and close on or about September 18, 2025.

Details of the presentation are provided in the attached PowerPoint.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to approve the Draft Notice to Eligible Applicants and the Application for an allocation of P-DP hydropower beginning October 1, 2028, in accordance with NAC 538.455(5).

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**J. For Information Only: Update on pending legal matters, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filings and Federal Legislation and related matters.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item J for Information Only. No updates.

**K. For Information Only: Status update from Staff on the hydrological conditions, drought, and climate of the Colorado River Basin, Nevada's consumptive use of Colorado River water, basin negotiations, impacts on hydropower generation, electrical construction activities and other developments on the Colorado River.**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Item K for information only.

Warren Turkett, Assistant Director, Natural Resources, gave a brief update on hydrological conditions, including precipitation, temperature, snowpack, the June 2025 24-month study of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, and water use in Southern Nevada.

**L. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from any member of the public present in the Chamber or any member of the public participating remotely who wished to address the Commission. There were none.

**M. Comments and questions from the Commission members.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments or questions from any Commission members. There were none.

**N. Selection of the next possible meeting date.**


The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on September 9, 2025, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

**O. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

  
Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:

  
Puoy K. Premsrirut, Chairwoman

# Colorado River Commission of Nevada

## Public Notice of Parker-Davis Project Criteria and Application

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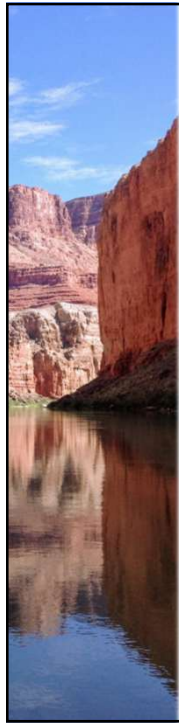
## Background

- The Commission's contracts with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for hydropower generation from the Parker-Davis Project expire on Sept. 30, 2028.
- The Commission's Parker-Davis contracts with its customers also expire on Sept. 30, 2028.
- We expect to enter into a new contract with WAPA for a 20 Year Term beginning October 1, 2028.
- The Commission's regulations dictate the process we must use to determine who will receive a Parker-Davis allocation from the Commission in 2028.

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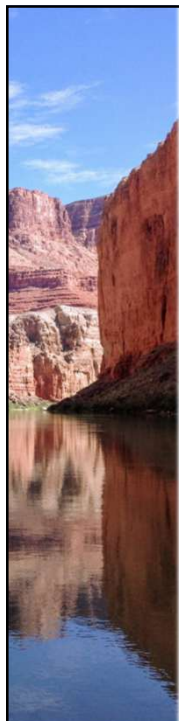
## What are we Asking the Commission to Do Today?

- Approve, revise, or reject the draft notice which contains:
  - A description of the power to be allocated;
  - Criteria to be used to determine who will receive a post-2028 Parker-Davis allocation;
  - Application that will be filled out by applicants;
  - Timeline for applications to be received.

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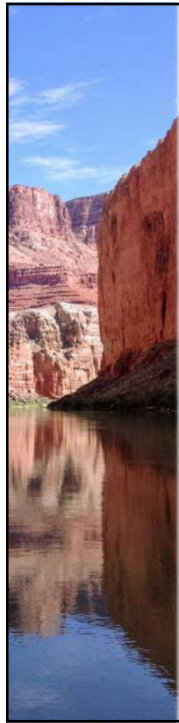
## Criteria Highlights

- Contract Term
  - October 1, 2028 through September 30, 2048
- Treatment of Stranded Costs
  - WAPA is carrying approximately \$54.8 million in purchased power deficits from 2018-2023 which is being amortized through 2043.
  - The CRCNV's share of the deficit, including interest, is approximately \$14.1 million.
  - The CRCNV's current plan is to assess the deficit to all contract holders in proportion to their post-2028 capacity allocations.
  - Impact is estimated to be approximately \$3-\$4/MWh in addition to resource cost of approximately \$20-\$22/MWh.

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## Statutory and Regulatory Highlights

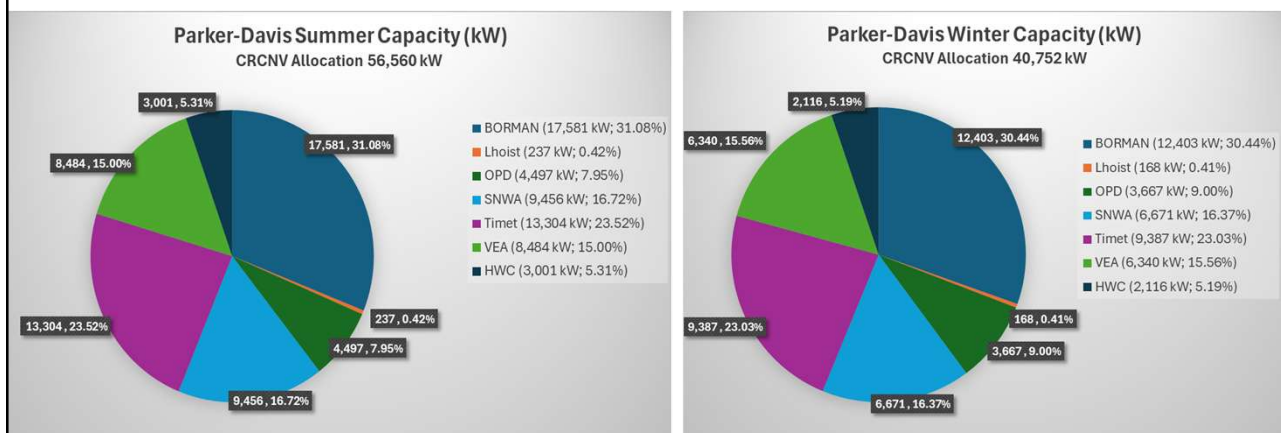
- Statutory Requirements
  - The Applicant must be an entity that the CRCNV has the statutory authority to serve under NRS 704.787. That includes:
    - Any customer that the CRCNV was serving or had a contract to serve on July 16, 1997, including any successor in interest to such customers; or
    - The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) or a member agency of SNWA that will use the power for water and wastewater operations.

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## Current Parker-Davis Allocations

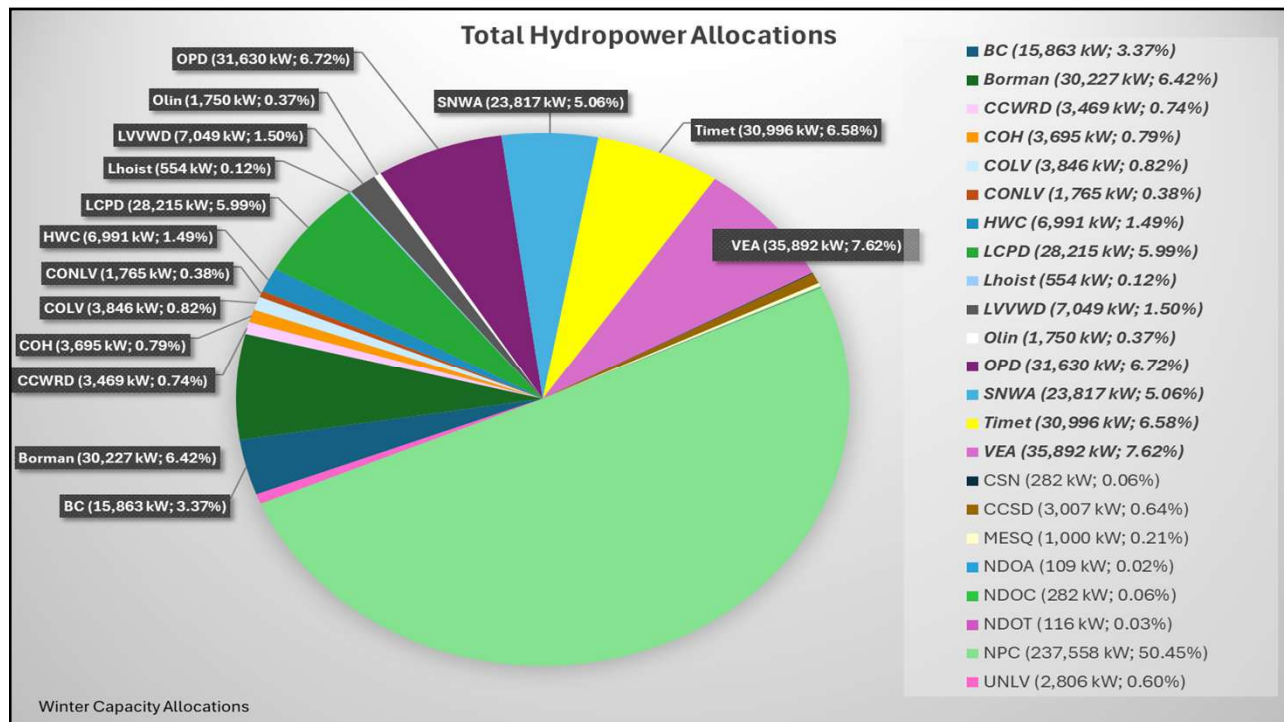


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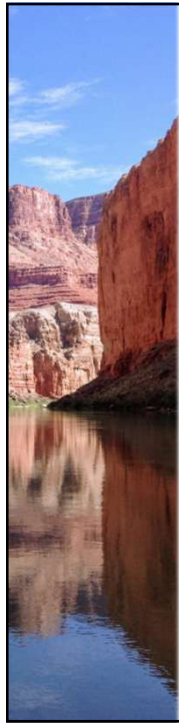
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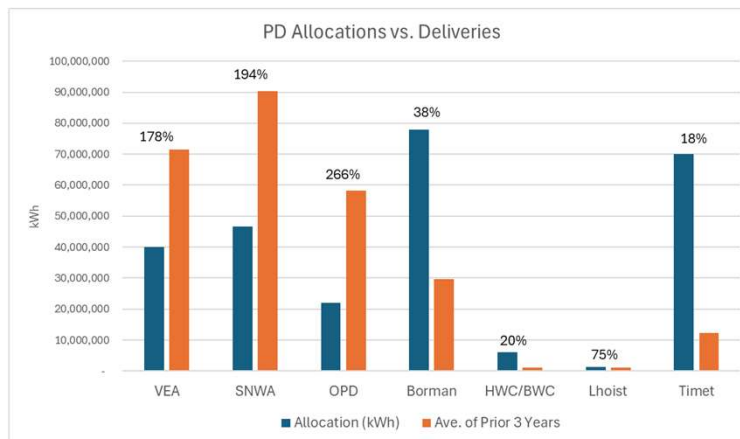
- Regulatory Requirements
  - Applicants must comply with NAC 538.410. If the Applicant is an electric utility, it must satisfy the requirements of NAC 538.410(5) which states that the electric utility:
    - has a peak demand of at least 8 megawatts;
    - is located within Western's defined marketing area in this State for the Parker-Davis Project;
    - is eligible to receive preference power under the applicable provisions of federal law relating to preference power. Preference entities include cities and towns, irrigation districts, public utility districts, and rural electric cooperatives.

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## General Requirement

- The Applicant must have a need for the resource to meet its load after considering all resources that are owned or purchased under long-term contracts, including other hydropower resources from the CRCNV.

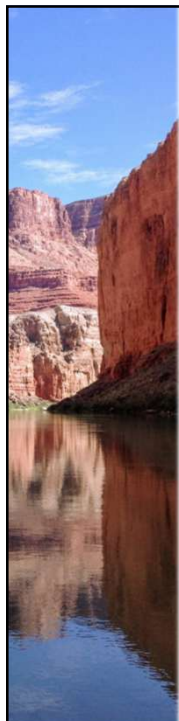


Focus will be on past use of the P-DP allocation, including the last three federal fiscal years (2022-2024).

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## Other General Requirement

- The award of resources to the Applicant will not place an excessive administrative burden on the CRCNV.
- The Applicant must demonstrate, by March 1, 2028, that it will have all necessary transmission, scheduling and distribution arrangements in place prior to delivery.
- The Applicant must be able to make its own, independent assessment of the need for optional energy products offered under the P-DP Electric Service Contract.
- Applicants must be creditworthy and in compliance with its current Commission contracts and may be required to post collateral in accordance with the CRCNV's statutes and regulations.

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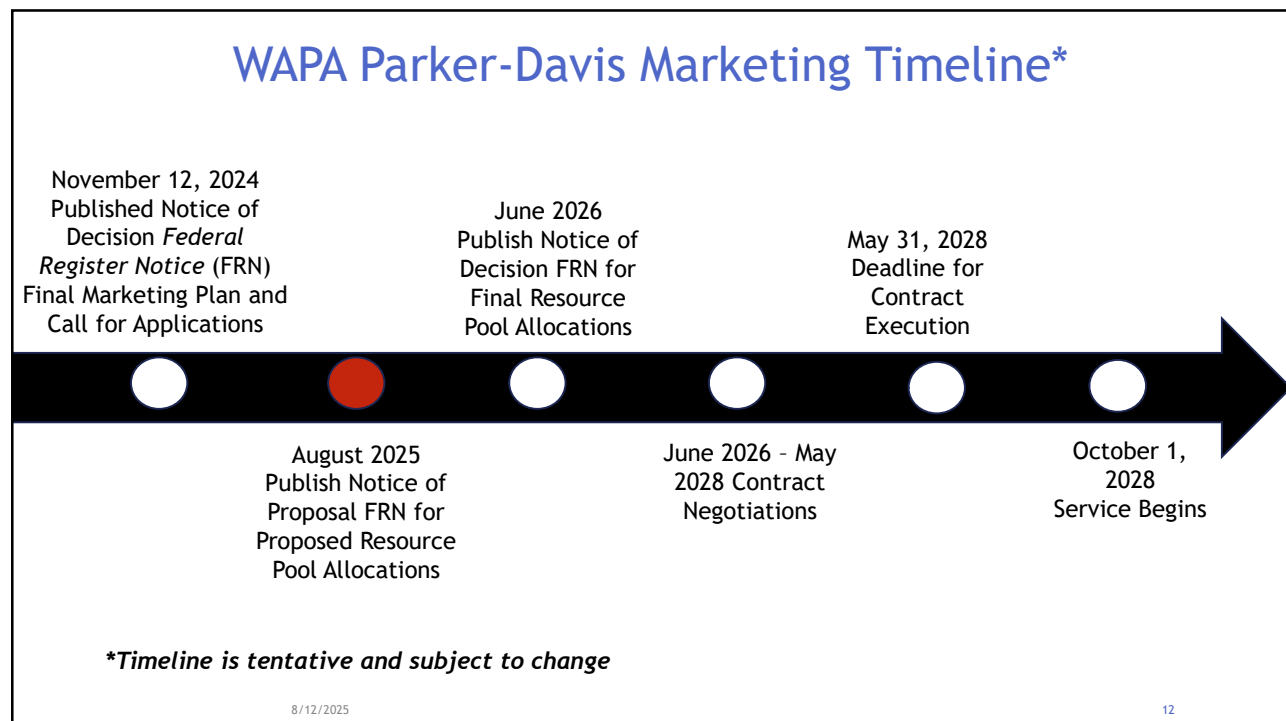


## Existing Contract Holders and Future Allottees

- Any electric utility or water purveyor that is a current P-DP contractor in Nevada, who applies, meets the above criteria, and whose load and resource data during federal fiscal years 2022 through 2024 shows that they have fully utilized the resource, will automatically be granted, as a minimum, their existing percentage share of the P-DP electric power resource.
- Any eligible contractor who applies may be considered for a future allocation. In awarding the resource to eligible contractors, the CRCNV will consider the degree to which awarding the allocation will:
  - Promote the widespread beneficial use of the resource;
  - Support the continued economic health and viability of the Applicant;
  - Promote utility rate stability for public entities;
  - Promote diversification of the Applicant's energy portfolio.

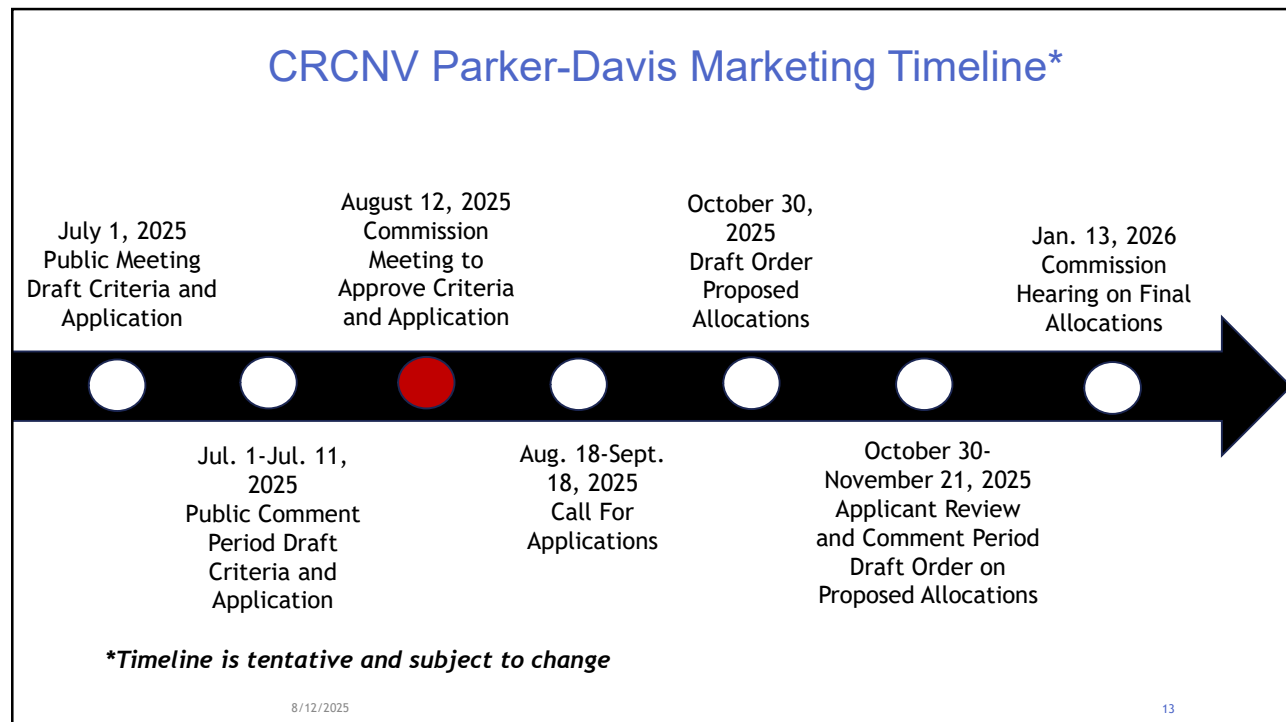
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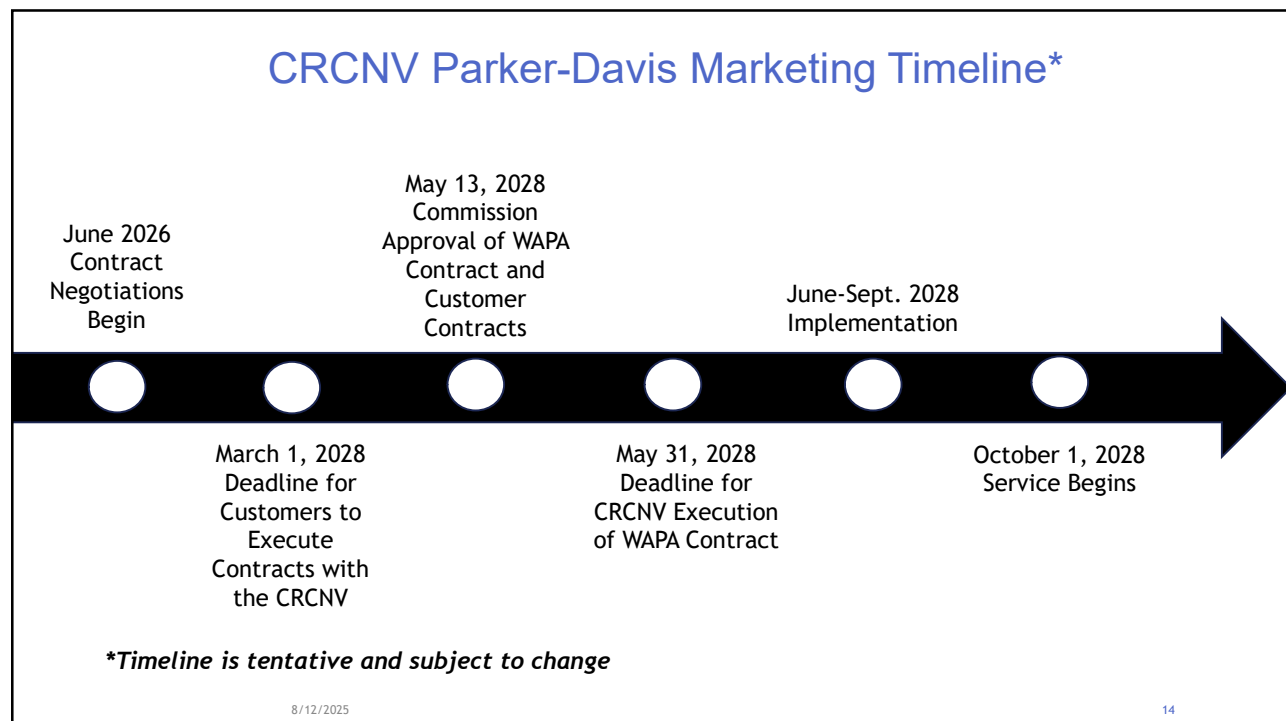


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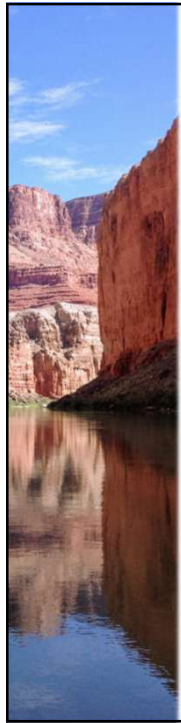




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