

**NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The regular meeting of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and determination of presence of a quorum – Chairman Hazelwood called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Voting Members Present:

Mickey Hazelwood, Chairman
John Buzzone, Vice Chairman
George W. Ball, Jr. (arrived at 1:38 p.m.)
Michael DeMartini
John Erwin
John Flansberg
John Jackson
Neil Krutz
Darrin Price
Jerry Schumacher
Stan Shumaker

Voting Members Absent:

Non-Voting Members Present:

Staff Members Present:

Jim Smitherman
June Davis
John Rhodes, Legal Counsel

Non-Voting Members Absent:

John Bird
David Boland
Harry Fahnestock
Kelvin Hickenbottom
My-Linh Nguyen
Janelle Thomas

2. Public Comments.

Chairman Hazelwood called for public comments.

Ginger Pierce, Citizens Advisory and Landowners Boards, reported that a meeting of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District Local Managing Board is scheduled for the following night (June 7, 2012) at 6:00 p.m. at Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR). She stated that the agenda items would include a comparative analysis of various STMGID operational scenarios, proposed term sheet for the merger, possible establishment of STMGID as an independent water utility, expanding the scope of work for additional legal services, and preparation of a scope of work for consultants or other service providers. She stated that she hopes to see NNWPC members at the meeting.

Chairman Hazelwood called for further public comments and hearing none, closed the public comment period.

3. Approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Flansberg made a motion to approve the June 6, 2012 meeting agenda as posted. Commissioner Price seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes from the April 4, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner Shumaker referred to page 3 of 7, first paragraph under Item 7 and suggested revising the second sentence to read, "He stated that last November Ms. Svetich, along with Laura Weintraub (LimnoTech) provided a thorough update on the nutrient water quality standard *to this commission and to the WRWC*". Commissioner Shumaker made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2012 meeting as amended. Commissioner Buzzone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Update on the status of the Washoe County Community Services Department, Rosemary Menard, Director.

Mr. Smitherman reported that Ms. Menard could not attend today's meeting and requested that this item be continued to the next meeting, with which members agreed.

6. Review and possible approval of the WRWC Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Routine Operating Budget for non-staff services, and possible direction to staff, Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager.

Jim Smitherman explained that this is a routine agenda item for the NNWPC to approve the WRWC Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Routine Operating Budget. He reminded members that the WRWC authorized him to approve contracts and agreements up to \$25,000. He stated that the WRWC approved the budget on May 17.

Chairman Hazelwood invited questions or comments.

Commissioner Krutz made a motion to approve the Routine Operating Budget as presented. Commissioner Buzzone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Update on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency's ("TMRPA") parcel-based population and employment modeling program, and possible direction to staff, Jim Smitherman.

Mr. Smitherman provided an update on recent modeling efforts done by TMRPA on the parcel-based population and employment program. He stated that significant progress is being made on refining the four geographic information system (GIS) layers that will factor into the model. He referred to map images of the region with factors that will influence growth over the next twenty years. He explained that detailed information is not yet available for distribution.

The first map was the "Estimated Sewer Collection System Capacity". The map was sub-divided into four sections depicted by color. The data was collected from the engineering staffs of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County, who were asked to rate existing sewer mains and interceptors as to their capacity to serve planned growth over the next twenty years. The sections were divided into:

- Green = More than adequate capacity in the collection system
- Yellow = Adequate capacity; some improvements may be required to serve new growth
- Red = Existing sewer facilities are at or near capacity; improvements will be necessary to serve growth
- Red cross-hatch = No existing infrastructure – the area covers most of the Cold Springs basin and

area east of Sparks and Spanish Springs and in the South Truckee Meadows along Highway 395 south

Mr. Smitherman stated that the entity planning managers were asked to evaluate the four divisions and determine what weight should be assigned to each. They were also asked if four divisions were appropriate or perhaps they should be broken down to two. He summarized that currently discussions are occurring with the City and County planners.

Mr. Smitherman next referred to “Projected Future Sewer Flows or Wastewater Flows and Projected Disposal Shortages” in the future. He stated this model run was the easiest to construct because the data came from the 2011-2030 Regional Water Management Plan. He added that Chapter 6 included maps and tables for the Regional Water Balance. He explained that projected future flows were derived from the population and water demand model that was developed in 2010 as part of the Water Plan. He stated that none of the projected future flows exceed the expected permitted capacity of the wastewater treatment plants. He explained that the project disposal shortage is the difference between the disposal/reuse capacity from the Facility Plans and the projected wastewater flows. He stated that he divided the projected flow by the shortage in an effort to normalize the data. He reiterated that the information being presented is subject to verification of the engineering staffs.

Mr. Smitherman referred to “Estimated Water Facility Charges”, for which information was obtained from TMWA and Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) using their connection fees. WCDWR’s connection fees plus additional costs (extracted from 3 facility plans) was also used. He referred to the map and explained that the colors represent:

- Cooler = Lower charges
- Warmer = Higher charges

The last map to which Mr. Smitherman referred was, “Estimated Cost of Water Rights”. Four colors were used to represent:

- Green = Truckee River Water Rights
- Yellow = Stead and South Truckee Meadows; areas where if Truckee River water rights were used, return flows would not come to TMWRF and back to the river
- Straw Yellow = Designated groundwater rights
- Red = Imported groundwater in the North Valleys area

Mr. Smitherman stated that he purposely obscured the actual numbers until they are verified. He summarized that the TMRPA is incorporating these and other factors into the model and then inspecting the output with Planners from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. He reported that the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) will meet with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) some time in June to review the outputs. The RPGB will determine what data needs to be transferred to RTC for their updated Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Smitherman stated that TMRPA staff will continue the project, refining the water factors and then move into a phase of scenario planning working with the entity Planners over the next year.

Mr. Smitherman reported that TMRPA staff is interested in providing a status report to the NNWPC in August or September.

Commissioner DeMartini stated that many maps of pipes, facilities, collection systems, etc. used to be available on the internet although the volume of information seems to be decreasing. He asked if there is

a site where an individual can access the raw data. Mr. Smitherman stated that is a good question and added that he has been meeting directly with engineering staff from the entities to get the most recent data available. He added that DWR's website does include an electronic map feature with GIS-format maps. Commissioner DeMartini agreed to search the website more thoroughly. Mr. Smitherman added that DWR's GIS staffing level is about half of what it was previously.

Commissioner Shumaker asked if septic areas would be included. Mr. Smitherman stated they are included but hard to see on these maps. He added that the Water Balance Model future flows do include conversion of septic to sewer.

8. Program Manager's Report

- a. Status Report of Projects and Work Plan Supported by the Regional Water Management Fund**
- b. Financial Report on the Regional Water Management Fund**
- c. Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**
- d. Informational report from the NNWPC representative on the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Standing Advisory Committee ("TMWA SAC")**

Mr. Smitherman reported that the items included in the agenda packet are provided as informational items. He referred to the Work Plan, which includes Mr. Wessel's and his time related to the projects on which they are working. He stated that the single largest budget item (~\$1.3 million) is for acquisition of 6,700 acre-feet of water rights to meet the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) requirement. He added that the item has been carried forward year to year until the timing is right.

Commissioner Price asked when the next Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC) for the WRWC meeting is scheduled. Mr. Smitherman stated he received an emailed announcement but forgot to bring it, although he believes it is scheduled for June 28. Commissioner Price stated that he received an email soliciting recommendations. He asked if staff had been directed to provide any recommendations. Mr. Smitherman stated that he has not been directed to provide any recommendations; however, he would be happy to provide any received to the WRWC.

Commissioner Price mentioned that if the July meeting were canceled, there would not be time to provide comments. Mr. Smitherman agreed that since the meeting is in June, July would be too late. Mr. Rhodes stated that this item is not on the agenda so it cannot be discussed further. He suggested that if individual Commissioners have comments, they provide them directly to staff to be forwarded to the WRWC. He mentioned that the WRWC canceled its June meeting. Mr. Smitherman suggested that comments could be sent directly to the WRWC (rather than via staff).

Barry Winzeler (TMWA SAC representative) reported that the Committee had not met since his last report and a meeting is not scheduled in July.

Mr. Winzeler reiterated that the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) Local Managing Board is meeting at DWR the following evening. He reported that STMGID's reaction to being merged into the County or TMWA system is that STMGID does not want to be taken over. He stated that approximately 300 people attended the last STMGID meeting at Galena. He stated that STMGID understands that someone would need to take over and manage STMGID. He summarized that STMGID is working on a plan to continue individually.

Chairman Hazelwood thanked Mr. Winzeler for his update.

9. Discussion regarding possible cancellation of the July 2012 NNWPC meeting, agenda items for

the August 1, 2012, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff, Jim Smitherman.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the July NNWPC meeting would fall on Independence Day and suggested cancelling the meeting. He reported that the August 1 NNWPC meeting would include the following agenda items:

- Status update of the TMRPA population modeling process
- Continuation of Item 5 – Update on the Washoe County Community Service Department
- Update on the LOC meeting, including any handouts or recommendations (requested by Commissioner Price)

Commissioner Price made a motion to cancel the July NNWPC meeting and schedule the above-mentioned agenda items for the August meeting. Commissioner Flansberg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Commission Comments.

Commissioner Schumacher reiterated the meeting schedule for the STMGID Local Managing Board and encouraged members to attend. He added that the STMGID Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on June 26.

11. Staff Comments.

None

12. Public Comments.

Chairman Hazelwood called for public comments and hearing none, closed the public comment period.

13. Adjournment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2012.

Mickey Hazelwood, Chairman