

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

The regular meeting of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") was held in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Enloe at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: John Enloe, John Martini, Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Erwin, John Flansberg, Mickey Hazelwood, Danielle Henderson, Brian Wadsworth, and David Solaro.

Voting Members Absent: George Ball and Darrin Price.

Non-Voting Members Present: Kim Davis and My-Linh Nguyen.

Non-Voting Members Absent: Chris Anderson, Harry Fahnestock, and Edmund Quaglieri.

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel, June Davis; and John Rhodes, Legal Counsel.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ERWIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the March 4, 2015, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER John Martini MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER John Erwin. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH NINE (9) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG.

5. Report on the Bureau of Reclamation ("BOR") Truckee Basin Study Draft Report, and possible direction to staff – Arlan Nickel, BOR.

Arlan Nickel, BOR, presented an update on the Truckee Basin Study Draft Report. The presentation included information on the purpose, origin, and elements of the basin studies.

Jeffrey Payne, MWH Global, reviewed technical findings from the Truckee Basin Study Draft Report.

Commissioner Erwin asked what BOR is planning to do independent of any other agency in terms of adapting for its customers, particularly its agricultural and hydroelectric customers with respect to its dams and reservoirs. Tom Scott, BOR, stated that they are currently only looking at the Truckee River Operating Agreement ("TROA"), and added that one thing they may consider is shifting the Corps of Engineers Flood Control planning process.

Commissioner Erwin asked about plans to build more reservoirs. Mr. Nickel reviewed several storage projects being looked at in California.

Commissioner Flansberg asked about the schedule for a final report. Mr. Nickel stated that a final report should be done around July or August, then a briefing to the Washington D.C. office would be done before release to the public.

6. Review draft Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016; discussion, possible direction to staff, and possible recommendation to the WRWC - Jim Smitherman, WRWC / NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman reviewed the draft tentative budget. There is no projected increase in revenues over last year. The NNWPC top priorities include: effluent management planning, facility planning for the South Truckee Meadows, Truckee River Water Quality Standards work, and water rights obligations for TROA. As of July 1, 2015, there should be about \$2.8 million as a cash balance and assuming the budget is implemented as presented, a cash balance of approximately \$2.3 million will remain as of June 30, 2016.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE WRWC APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 – 2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Presentation of staff comments on the “Population Forecast and Projections of Water Demand, Peak Day Requirements and Wastewater Flow” chapter for the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that the structure and purpose of this chapter should remain the same.

Section 6.1 – Numbers for the 2014 Consensus Forecast will be included and the Water Resources Baseline table will be revisited. No major changes are expected and the conclusions will be generally the same.

Section 6.2 – Mr. Smitherman will be working with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (“TMRPA”) to disaggregate the population forecast into the service areas, and with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) on water demands. Mr. Smitherman will also be working with Stantec, TMWA, and TMRPA to update the water balance model.

Commissioner DeMartini asked if the plans should be modified in anticipation of changing supply, timing, and demand. Mr. Smitherman stated that they are looking at the trends, including the last couple of winters, and incorporating those into the planning efforts.

Commissioner Drinkwater asked about the projected water demand and wastewater generation summary ratios, and stated that they are different from his calculations. Mr. Smitherman stated that those figures would be reviewed and recalculated using updated data.

Commissioner Drinkwater asked how capacity information for the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”) was identified for the 2011 RWMP. Chairman Enloe stated that it was based on nitrogen loading and limitations on the TMDL.

Chairman Enloe asked about the schedule for producing water demand projections.

Commissioner Erwin stated that the next step is to disaggregate the population forecast by service area, which will take about 3 to 4 weeks.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVIEW NOTES ON CHAPTER SIX, INCLUDING COMMENTS MADE BY COMMISSIONERS ERWIN,

DRINKWATER, AND DeMARTINI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Presentation of comments received on the “Flood Management and Storm Water Drainage” chapter for the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that there are no significant updates or revisions to report on this chapter.

9. Presentation of comments received on the “Water Purveyors” chapter for the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel, Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel reviewed the following changes that have been made since the last meeting: Section 3.3 includes a better understanding of the regulatory structure for the different types of systems; water rights information was added to Table 3-4; Section 3.3.4 has expanded information on some of the Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) regulated systems; and Table 3-5 includes a revised list of water systems.

Commissioner Erwin made suggestions on the format of the PUC table and requested the following additions to the table: summarize the total number of connections and total acre feet; and include the hydrographic basin(s) in which each utility provides services.

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EDITS FOR THIS CHAPTER, INCLUDING THOSE SUGGESTED ABOVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding any chapters of the RWMP previously reviewed by the NNWPC in relation to the 2016 RWMP update – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reported that he did not receive any requests to bring any other chapters back for further review.

11. Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests (“BDR”) and Bills pending in the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) / NNWPC – John Rhodes, NNWPC Legal Counsel.

John Rhodes stated that the staff report includes a list of all of the BDRs and Bills that have been introduced as of last Friday. None of the bills listed have any significant effect on the WRWC or NNWPC. The WRWC Legislative Subcommittee has the bills on a neutral and watch status, except for the Cloud Seeding Bill. That bill is supported by the WRWC, and comes before the Senate Finance Committee for a hearing tomorrow. Mr. Smitherman will be testifying in favor of the Bill.

12. Program Manager’s Report – Jim Smitherman.

- a. Report on the status of projects and work plan supported by the Regional Water Management Fund (“RWMF”);

Mr. Smitherman received an invoice for the purchase of water rights and the balance remaining has been reduced to \$267,000.

- b. Financial report on the RWMF;

Mr. Smitherman reported posting of some of the Professional Services expenditures is behind but still under budget.

- c. Report on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (“TMRPA”)’s parcel-based population and employment modeling project;

Mr. Smitherman reported that the remaining cash reserve balance of about \$322,000 will be rolled into next year’s budget. The TMRPA is working on a scope for a residential housing growth study. The school district is providing 90% of the funding. The results from this study should be available by the end of the next fiscal year.

13. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the May 6, 2015, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated future agenda items will include: a review of the 2015 water supply outlook; routine operating budget; 3 chapters of the RWMP to review; legislative activities report; and other standing items.

Commissioner Wadsworth confirmed that he will be ready to present his water quality standards report at the June meeting.

The Commission will discuss the June and July meeting schedule at the May NNWPC meeting.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MAY AGENDA ITEMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) MEMBERS PRESENT.

14. Commission Comments

None

15. Staff Comments

None

16. Public Comment

Ginger Pierce discussed starting a well measuring group.

17. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Enloe, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2015.