

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 6, 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, George Ball (arrived at 1:34 p.m.), Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Flansberg (arrived at 1:35 p.m.), Danielle Henderson, Darrin Price, David Solaro, and Brian Wadsworth.

Voting Members Absent: John Erwin and Mickey Hazelwood.

Non-Voting Members Present: My-Linh Nguyen.

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

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

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

[Commissioner Ball arrived at 1:34 p.m.]

3. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the April 1, 2015, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SOLARO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 1, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Report on water supply projections for the 2015 water year made by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA") – Bill Hauck, Sr. Hydrologist, TMWA.

[Commissioner Flansberg arrived at 1:35 p.m.]

Bill Hauck, Sr. Hydrologist, TMWA, presented a report on the 2015 water supply outlook and TMWA's drought planning. This year TMWA will ask their customers to reduce water usage by at least 10% with the hope of conserving at least five thousand acre feet of water this year, which will remain in storage for the 2016 water year.

Commissioner Price asked about the timeframe for getting the Fish Springs water importation project online. Mr. Hauck stated that infrastructure to connect the Fish Springs pipeline to TMWA's system is in the design process right now and has not yet gone out to bid.

Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager, asked about the difference in percentage between the snow pack and precipitation. Mr. Hauck stated that difference is due to

the fact that some of the precipitation comes in the form of rain and runs off before it can be stored in the reservoirs.

Mr. Smitherman asked about the storage capacity at Donner. Mr. Hauk stated that the capacity at Donner is 9,500 acre feet and it is currently about 70-75 percent full.

6. Presentation of comments received 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, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jeremy Smith, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (“TMRPA”), reported on the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (“EDAWN”)’s Economic Planning Indicators Committee (“EPIC”) study. Mr. Smith also reported on a residential growth study being done by TMRPA.

Commissioner Drinkwater asked what daily flow per dwelling unit was used for the wastewater projections. Mr. Smith stated that the average number was in the 170’s: 190 for single family dwellings and 130 for multi-family dwellings.

Mr. Smitherman stated that staff will be working with TMWA as they update their Water Resource Plan, and Stantec will help with the water balance model. There are no significant changes to be approved at this time.

No action was taken.

7. 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.

Public Comment – Cathy Brandhorst spoke.

No action was taken.

8. Presentation of staff comments on the “Finance & Costs” chapter for the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reported that Hansford Economic Consulting has collected data from all of the appropriate agencies on capital improvement programs and is on track to have a partial review draft of this chapter ready in about a month.

No action was taken.

9. 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)

No action was taken.

10. Report on legislative activities, including 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 Cloud Seeding Bill is still alive. AB 353 has been added to the list and would require competitive bidding for all public contracts over \$50,000 including

professional service contracts. The legislative subcommittee has taken a position to oppose AB 353, and Mr. Smitherman and Mr. Rhodes have offered to assist the TMWA lobbyists in their efforts in opposition to that bill.

Commissioner Price asked if the \$500,000 for SB423 would cover the entire cost of the cloud seeding project. Mr. Smitherman stated that it is a cost share program. Mr. Rhodes stated that regulations would be written after it passes and the best case scenario would be a 50% match.

11. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

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

Commissioner Price asked if the consolidation reimbursement item listed is the final one. Mr. Smitherman confirmed that the final bill for the consolidation efforts has been paid.

- b. Financial report on the RWMF;

Mr. Smitherman stated that they are on track to meet the revenue target and under-budget on expenditures.

- c. Report on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency's parcel-based population and employment modeling project;

Mr. Smith's earlier report under Agenda Item 6 covered this item.

12. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the June 3, 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: RWMP chapters to review; Commissioner Wadsworth's Water Quality Standards review; and any other standing items.

Mr. Smitherman stated that there is no need at this time to cancel the June or July meetings.

No action was taken.

13. Commission Comments

There were no comments.

14. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman stated that the public workshop on the plan update was changed from May 12, 2015, to June 9, 2015.

Mr. Smitherman commented that changes to the fiscal year 2015-2016 tentative budget presented in April were necessary, but the information was received too late to make it on this agenda. The changes are to the professional services budget, which has been increased by \$330,000. Budget authority for two projects not expected to spend a significant portion of the funding budgeted for this fiscal year has been shifted to next year. Mr. Smitherman decreased the estimates to complete this fiscal year and increased the Professional Services budget for next year. Thus, the decrease and increase balance to zero. Mr. Smitherman added that spending for a third project, technical assistance to be provided by LimnoTech, Inc. through an agreement with the City of Reno, is expected to be significantly under the \$75,000 budget for this year. He was advised, however, that activity on this project is expected to pick up next year and a budget amount of \$150,000 was requested. Therefore the amount budgeted for next year has been increased from

\$75,000 to \$150,000. The updated tentative budget will be brought to the WRWC for approval on May 21, 2015.

15. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

16. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY DARRIN PRICE, SECONDED BY JOHN FLANSBERG, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham

Approved by:

John Enloe, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2015.