

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

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 Flansberg at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: John Flansberg, Danielle Henderson, Michael Drinkwater, John Enloe, Bill Hauck, Mickey Hazelwood, John Martini, John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Michael DeMartini, Darrin Price, David Solaro

Non-Voting Members Present: None

Non-Voting Members Absent: My-Linh Nguyen, Thomas Pyeatte, Cindy Turiczek, Harry Fahnestock

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel; Donna Fagan; and John Rhodes, Legal Counsel

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the September 7, 2016, Meeting (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Drinkwater noted that the minutes for the Cloud Seeding item are neutral and do not capture his displeasure with the program.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2016, MINUTES TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS MADE BY COMMISSIONERS ON ITEM 7 (CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM) , SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Recognition of former Commissioner John Erwin for his many years of service on the NNWPC, and contributions to regional water resource planning.

The letter of recognition was read into the record and Mr. Erwin was presented with a plaque expressing appreciation for his years of service.

6. Review and possible approval of a proposal for word processing and editing services for the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP") update, not to exceed \$25,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund, and, if approved, authorize the Program Manager to execute an agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for that purpose – Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman reviewed the staff report and requested approval of the proposal.

Public Comment: Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

Commissioner Drinkwater stated that he does not know how to relate Mr. Johnson's title of Senior Associate with the levels shown in the fee schedule. He does not know how to break it down and anticipate how much effort may be required by Mr. Johnson versus staff and if the dollar amount makes sense. He asked that in the future we take a look at that.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Presentation of comments received on the "Wastewater and Watershed-based Water Quality Planning" chapter for the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Public Comment: Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

Mr. Smitherman reviewed the staff report regarding comments that have been incorporated since the last presentation of this chapter at the August 3, 2016, NNWPC meeting.

COMMISSIONER HAUCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGES AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Presentation of the final draft "Water Purveyors" chapter, incorporating comments received to date, for inclusion in the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Management Planner, reviewed the staff report and stated that the final draft of the "Water Purveyors" chapter is now available at the following website: <http://www.wrwc.us/draft.html>.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

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. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

- A. Report on the status of projects and Work Plan supported by the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF")
- B. Financial report on the RWMF

Mr. Smitherman presented the staff report. There were no questions or comments on this item.

11. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the November 2, 2016, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that the November NNWPC meeting will be held in the Sparks Chambers. Mr. Smitherman will poll the Commissioners to determine if a larger facility will be needed.

Possible future agenda items will include:

- Proposal for development of a watershed management plan
- Review of changes to the RWMP update; and any other standing items.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NOVEMBER NNWPC MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

12. Commission Comments

Commissioner Henderson stated that November 13 through 19 is the 2016 Flood Awareness Week. A variety of events are planned throughout Nevada and in the Truckee Meadows there will be a public outreach event at the Meadowood Mall on Saturday, November 19, 2016. The group is also planning to have a float at the Nevada Day Parade on October 29, 2016.

Chair Flansberg asked about the schedule for the public comment period of the RWMP. Mr. Smitherman stated that he is expecting the public review process to be after the first of the year in January 2017.

13. Staff Comments

None

14. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:40 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Flansberg, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON November 2, 2016.