

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") was held in the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Henderson at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum**

*Voting Members Present:* Danielle Henderson, Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Enloe, Bill Hauck, Mickey Hazelwood, David Solaro, John Zimmerman

*Voting Members Absent:* John Flansberg, John Martini, Darrin Price

*Non-Voting Members Present:* Cindy Turiczek (present at 1:45 p.m.)

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

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

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER SOLARO 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, and October 5, 2016, Meetings (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 7, AND OCTOBER 5, 2016, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAZELWOOD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**5. Discussion regarding necessary additions to the "Cost and Financing" chapter of the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP") update; possible approval of funding not to exceed \$1,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF") for Hansford Economic Consulting to complete the revisions; and, if approved, authorize the Program Manager to execute a purchase order for that purpose – Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)**

There were no questions or comments from the Commissioners on this item.

COMMISSIONER SOLARO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 FROM THE RWMF FOR HANSFORD ECONOMIC CONSULTING TO COMPLETE THE REVISIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**6. Presentation of the final draft “Wastewater and Watershed-based Water Quality Planning” chapter, incorporating comments received to date, for inclusion in the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Commissioner Drinkwater stated that his memory of past direction on this item was to not specifically name the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center as a potential large, year-round effluent user but that they be identified as a generic effluent user.

Mr. Smitherman replied that he does not recall the specific direction and would need to go back and check the record to determine what direction was given.

John Rhodes, Legal Counsel, noted that various places throughout the RWMP do reference specific projects by name but direction can be given to have staff review the records for past direction.

Commissioner Enloe discussed the need to be consistent throughout the RWMP whether specific names or more generic terms are used.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH PAST DIRECTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**7. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding review and possible revisions to the “Issues and Action Plan” chapter for inclusion in the 2016 RWMP update - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman and Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Management Planner, presented an overview of the staff report reviewing each of the following elements of the proposed action items: 9.1 Municipal Water Resources; 9.2 Water Conservation; 9.3 Wastewater Management; 9.4 Truckee Meadows NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit; 9.5 Integrated Use of Water Rights; 9.6 Water Resources and Land Use Planning; 9.7 Local Government Drainage Programs; and 9.8 Regional Flood Plain Management and Flood Control.

Commissioner DeMartini discussed the issue of how areas outside of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) service area address drought standards. He also discussed the need for an action plan item to be included to address water issues with all the proposed new development in Verdi.

Vice Chair Henderson discussed how to address the concerns raised and the process to include it as an action item that could potentially be accomplished in the next five years.

Mr. Smitherman explained that the Issues and Action Plan chapter of the RWMP should not bring up something new that hasn’t been discussed in a prior chapter. If a broader discussion of the issue is to be included it can be developed in an earlier chapter. Mr. Smitherman also noted that the drought standard was intended to apply to publicly owned purveyors and Commissioner DeMartini brings up a good point regarding where domestic well owner go for a drought standard.

Cindy Turiczek, Public Utilities Commission (PUC), stated that they have worked with the State Engineering to determine jurisdiction. The State Engineering still manages the water conservation plans for the coops and non-profits. The PUC does the water conservation plans for the larger companies. Ms. Turiczek asked if the Commission was interested in discussing what the plan are on the horizon for the Verdi area.

Vice Chair Henderson suggested that it would be useful to have Ms. Turiczek available to answer questions when this goes out for public comment.

Commissioner Drinkwater requested the earlier version of this chapter to review for context. Mr. Smitherman will email the earlier version of this chapter to the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER DEMARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND DIRECT STAFF TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH WHAT HAS GONE ON IN VERDI AND POTENTIALLY ADD THAT WORDING REGARDING A VERDI MASTER PLAN AS AN ISSUE TO BE INCLUDED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Rhodes discussed the terminology used in the motion referring to a Verdi Master Plan and stated that it may not be appropriate to include the term Verdi Master Plan as part of the RWMP.

Commissioner DeMartini clarified that his meaning was to extend the RWMP to include Verdi that has not been yet addressed.

**8. 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.

**9. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.**

- A. Report on the status of projects and Work Plan supported by the RWMF
- B. Financial report on the RWMF

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

**10. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the December 7, 2016, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman stated that the December NNWPC meeting will likely be held in the Sparks Chambers again.

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

No action was taken.

**11. Commission Comments**

Vice Chair 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.

**12. Staff Comments**

None

**13. Public Comment**

None

**14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:28 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

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John Flansberg, Chairman

**APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON December 7, 2016.**