

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 1, 2018

TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)

FROM: Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Report on the Regional Effluent Management Planning Framework developed by the Regional Effluent Management Team, and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

In 2015, the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission, (“NNWPC”), approved funding for project coordination services to help the Regional Effluent Management Team (the “Team”) develop a framework to be used as the basis of an effluent management strategy focused on the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility and the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility. Mr. Roy Johnson, Managing Engineer at Brown and Caldwell (and formerly at Stantec) has been providing project coordination services since that time, moderating and documenting approximately 50 Team meetings while compiling effluent management framework elements. The framework was completed in late 2018 in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, which Mr. Johnson will deliver at the meeting.

BACKGROUND

In December 2014, the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) directed staff to prepare a presentation summarizing wastewater master planning in the region and outlining a scope of work for a wastewater and effluent management master plan update. Working together with the Team, technical staff from the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Washoe County and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, staff provided the requested information and materials at the following two NNWPC meetings. The Team had been meeting informally since April 2014 to discuss regional effluent management issues. In February 2015, the NNWPC provided funding for a project coordinator to assist the Team in working toward multi-agency solutions to several near-term effluent management issues and to develop an effluent management planning framework.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the NNWPC accept the report and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

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