

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 28, 2019

**TO:** Chair and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

**FROM:** Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager, Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”)

**SUBJECT:** Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the term April 2019 to April 2020, and possible direction to staff.

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### SUMMARY

Section 39 of the WRWC Act, Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007 (the “Act”), requires that the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) “establish a schedule for the selection of its Chair for a term of one year, in rotation, from among the members.” The Act identifies the voting members of the NNWPC by title, position, or interest to be represented. The Act is silent concerning a Vice Chair, and does not prohibit selection of one. Prior to adoption of the NNWPC Administrative Policies and Procedures on May 5, 2010, a Vice Chair was selected by custom and practice to preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair. Section V of the NNWPC Administrative Policies and Procedures provides for the selection of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, for a term of one year, in rotation, from among the voting members, annually, at the first meeting in April.

The only NNWPC voting member position that has not yet been selected as Chair in the rotation process is the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe position, currently held by Mervin Wright.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

Listed by year below are the NNWPC voting member positions that have served as Chairman. The one year term is April through March.

- 2018 Member: Domestic Well Owners, Chairman – Michael DeMartini  
Vice Chairman – Mervin Wright
- 2017 Member: Truckee River Flood Management Authority,  
Chairman - Danielle Henderson  
Vice Chairman - Michael DeMartini
- 2016 Member: Reno Public Works Director, Chairman - John Flansberg  
Vice Chairman - Danielle Henderson
- 2015 Member: Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) 2<sup>nd</sup> position as  
successor to the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District,  
Chairman - John Enloe; Vice Chairman – John Martini
- 2014 Member: Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility, Chairman - Michael  
Drinkwater  
Vice Chairman - Darrin Price

- 2013 Member: Washoe County Water Resources Director's designee, Chairman - John Buzzone, succeeded by Dave Solaro  
Vice Chairman - Michael Drinkwater
- 2012 Member: Public at Large, Chairman - Mickey Hazelwood  
Vice Chairman - John Buzzone
- 2011 Member: Washoe County Conservation District, Chairman - George Ball  
Vice Chairman - Neil Krutz
- 2010 Member: TMWA, General Manager's designee, Chairman - John Erwin  
Vice Chairman - Jerry Schumacher
- 2009 Member: Sparks Public Works Director, Chairman - Wayne Seidel  
Vice Chairman - George Ball
- 2008 Member: SVGID General Manager, Chairman - Darrin Price  
Vice Chairman - Wayne Seidel

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the NNWPC select Mervin Wright to serve as Chair, and select a Vice Chair for one year terms effective April 1, 2019 and ending on March 31, 2020.

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