

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at the Washoe County Commissioner Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

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

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Jon Combs; Michael DeMartini (*present at 1:32 p.m.*); Michael Drinkwater; John Enloe; John Flansberg (*present at 1:33 p.m.*); Mickey Hazelwood; Danielle Henderson; John Martini; David Solaro (*present at 1:33 p.m.*); Mervin Wright; John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Bill Hauck

Non-Voting Members Present: Cindy Turiczek; Thomas Pyeatte

Non-Voting Members Absent: Harry Fahnestock; Ron Penrose; My-Linh Nguyen

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel; John Rhodes, Legal Counsel; and Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

(Michael DeMartini present at 1:32 p.m.)

(John Flansberg present at 1:33 p.m.)

(David Solaro present at 1:33 p.m.)

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the March 20, and May 1, 2019 Meetings (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Discussion and possible approval of a proposal by the Regional Effluent Management Team for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF"), for an Independent Expert Panel to provide technical assistance, including review and advice concerning certain demonstration projects as part of the Northern Nevada Category A+ Reclaimed Water Feasibility Study ("OneWater Nevada"); and, if approved, direct the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") Water Resources Program Manager to execute a contract with Carollo Engineers for that purpose – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, presented the information included in the staff report. The Independent Expert Panel (“IEP”) contract expires at the end of September 2019. The Regional Effluent Management Team recognizes the need for the IEP’s services to continue, and proposes that the NNWPC approve funding to support additional IEP services for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020. The report summarizes tasks included in the scope of work. The Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 budget includes adequate budget in the professional services section to cover the \$40,000 expenses proposed for this project.

Commissioner DeMartini asked about what we are striving for in the class A+ water and what is being done with regard to public outreach.

Mr. Smitherman explained that state regulations are clear on what the standards are for class A+ water and lists a number of contaminants and what the removal requirements are. He also explained they do not anticipate the IEP meetings being publicly noticed meetings as they are technical working group meetings. The Water Commission has a contract with Data Instincts and they are working through the stages of public engagement so that is the subject of a separate agreement.

Commissioner Enloe confirmed that the water treatment processes being proposed do not address total dissolved solids (“TDS”).

Public Comment:

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC to accept a Clean Water Act Grant from the State of Nevada, in the amount of \$40,000, to partially fund the ongoing Bedell Flat Aquifer Storage and Recovery (“ASR”) Investigation, and enter into a Subgrant Agreement with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (“NDEP”) for that purpose – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman presented information included in the staff reports for Agenda Items 6 and 7 together.

The Regional Effluent Management Team has indicated interest in having the Clean Water Act grant money applied to partially fund the ongoing Bedell Flat ASR Investigation being conducted by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”). A Scope of Work describing the project elements is included as an attachment in the staff report.

An interlocal agreement with TMWA is necessary to provide for reimbursement, not to exceed \$40,000.00, for expenses associated with the Bedell Flat Investigation. The NDEP Subgrant Agreement, once fully executed, will reimburse the Regional Water Management Fund for up to the same amount.

Agenda Item 6 is for acceptance and execution of the grant agreement with NDEP and Agenda Item 7 is to execute an interlocal agreement with TMWA.

(Member Enloe absent at 1:59 p.m.)

Commissioner DeMartini asked about the availability of data results from previous studies.

Mr. Smitherman stated that he has the final report for the work that was funded with the last \$40,000.00 grant and he can provide a link to that information.

Chair Wright discussed the storage and recovery investigations that have been ongoing and asked if they are making progress.

Mr. Smitherman confirmed that there were some infiltration tests in the first phase and those returned favorable results so they are now going to go deeper and take soil samples for analysis. He stated that he can request a status report on the results so far and the scope to move forward on the rest of the project for a future agenda item if that is the desire of the commission.

Commissioner DeMartini stated he would like that, or at least to know where to go to see the data results.

Mr. Smitherman stated he will look into that and get a report back.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION (“WRWC”) TO ACCEPT THE CLEAN WATER ACT GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEVADA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00, AND EXECUTE THE SUBGRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. **Discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC to approve a proposed scope of work and budget, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the RWMF, for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) to continue the Bedell Flat Aquifer Storage and Recovery Investigation, and enter into an interlocal agreement with TMWA for that purpose. (The Clean Water Act Grant, item 6 above, will reimburse the RWMF.) – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Public Comment:

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND WRWC APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 AS DESCRIBED IN THE AGENDA ITEM 7 STAFF RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

8. 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 a brief overview of the staff reports included for this agenda item.

9. **Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the September 2019 NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman stated there is nothing time sensitive that needs to be addressed in September. He confirmed a future agenda item will be a report on accessing study results for the Bedell Flat project and all work being done on class A+ water.

Commissioner Flansberg requested a future agenda item with a report from TMWA on the results of the American Flat infiltration study.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT NNWPC MEETING FOR OCTOBER 2, 2019, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

10. Commission Comments

None

11. Staff Comments

None

12. Public Comment

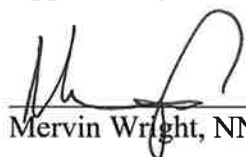
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13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:



Mervin Wright, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON 10/02, 2019.