

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 30, 2020

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 2020 to April 2021, and possible direction to staff.

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.

All 12 NNWPC voting member positions have been selected and have served as Chair one time in rotation.

PREVIOUS ACTION

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

- 2019 Member: Largest Indian Reservation, Chairman – Mervin Wright
Vice Chairman – Bill Hauck
- 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”) 2nd 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 a member to serve as Chair, and a member to serve as Vice Chair, each for one-year terms effective April 1, 2019 and ending on March 31, 2020.

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