

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, via teleconference, and conducted the following business.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hauck - at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael Drinkwater; John Enloe; John Flansberg (*present at 2:07 p.m.*); Bill Hauck; Mickey Hazelwood; Danielle Henderson; John Martini (*present at 1:41 p.m.*); Michael Widmer; Mervin Wright; John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Jon Combs; David Solaro

Non-Voting Members Present: Cindy Turiczek

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

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel; Michael Pagni, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the May 6, 2020 Meeting (For Possible Action)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 5.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIDMER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Presentation of the draft 2020 Washoe County Consensus Forecast and the comparison of the consensus population forecast for 2040 with the sustainable water resources set forth in the Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) – Jeremy Smith, PhD, Interim Director, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) and Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager

(Commissioner Martini present at 1:41 p.m.)

Jeremy Smith, Interim Director of Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), gave a presentation on the draft Consensus Forecast.

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, presented a comparison of the Consensus Forecast with the sustainable water resources identified in the RWMP and answered questions from commissioners.

This year, staff was unable to convene a NNWPC meeting in June and had to present the comparison directly to the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) in order to comply with TMRPA's schedule for presentation of the draft Consensus Forecast to the Regional Planning Commission. On June 17, 2020, the WRWC determined that the draft Consensus Forecast population for 2040 can be supported by the sustainable water resources set forth in the RWMP, and directed staff to submit the draft Consensus Forecast to Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, and TMRPA.

6. Report on Phase 1 of the Regional Storm Water Drainage Network Geographic Information System (GIS) Project, and possible direction to staff. – Jeremy Smith and Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

(Commissioner Flansberg present at 2:07 p.m.)

Mr. Smitherman presented the staff report providing background and context for this item. The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) expressed interest in discussing with TMRPA and staff, recommendations for future work related to the GIS Project. The purpose of this item is to provide for NNWPC discussion and possible direction to staff concerning a future report to the WRWC.

Mr. Smith gave a presentation reporting on Phase 1 of the Regional Storm Water Drainage Network GIS Project.

Commissioner Widmer expressed interest in the goals and objectives of the non-point source pollution grant and the source water protection. He asked if a presentation could be scheduled or that he be directed to the information.

Chair Hauck suggested that Commissioner Widmer work with Chris Wessel on getting that information.

Mr. Smitherman confirmed for Commissioner Martini that the WRWC did show interest in additional work.

Commissioner Martini suggested having Mr. Smith give a refresher on this presentation to the WRWC to elicit more direction on their vision.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO HAVE JEREMY SMITH REPEAT THIS PRESENTATION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS TO THE WRWC, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Presentation of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority's (TMWA) Draft 2020-2040 Water Resource Plan – Kara Steeland, TMWA, John Enloe, TMWA and Bill Hauck, TMWA.

Kara Steeland, Bill Hauck and John Enloe from TMWA gave a presentation of the draft plan and were available to answer questions from the commission.

8. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission for approval of a scope of work and funding, not to exceed \$150,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund, for consulting engineering assistance concerning the completion of the Regional Effluent Management Planning Guidance Document Project – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reported the Project has progressed over the first two years of the three-year Agreement with four of the eight Project Tasks completed. The Team recently determined that external engineering technical support is necessary to assist in the completion the Project. Staff requested a proposal from Mr. Roy Johnson, Managing Engineer at Brown and Caldwell, who developed the effluent management framework that serves as the basis for the Project. The scoping outline included in the staff report has been provided to Mr. Johnson. A complete proposal is not available at this time and the cost is unknown so we are suggesting limiting the budget to \$150,000.

Commissioner Enloe stated that as a member of the Regional Effluent Management Team (REMT), he believes authorizing Mr. Wessel to finalize a scope of work based on input from the REMT is appropriate.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO FINALIZE A SCOPE OF WORK BASED ON INPUT FROM THE REGIONAL EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT TEAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIDMER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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 information included in the regular Program Manager's reports.

10. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the August 2020 NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Wessel suggested cancelling the August meeting as he will be out of town.

Possible agenda items for the September meeting include: recommendations for updating the Regional Water Plan; presentation on Integrated Source Water Protection Program; update on TMRPA Storm Water GIS if available.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE AUGUST MEETING AND SCHEDULE THE NEXT NNWPC MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 2020, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

11. Discussion and possible action on retirement of Jim Smitherman and recognition of service. (For Possible Action)

The resolution was read into the record. Staff and commissioners expressed appreciation for Mr. Smitherman's service.

COMMISSIONER WIDMER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JIM SMITHERMAN'S SERVICE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

12. Commission Comments

None

13. Staff Comments

None

14. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Bill Hauck, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2020.

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