

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 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 Martini at 1:33 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Jon Combs; Michael Drinkwater; John Enloe; John Flansberg; Bill Hauck; Mickey Hazelwood; Danielle Henderson; John Martini; Dave Solaro; Michael Widmer; John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Mervin Wright

Non-Voting Members Present: None

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

Staff Members Present: Chris Wessel; Michael Pagni; Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

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

4. Approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting (For Possible Action)

The minutes were not ready for review at this time.

COMMISSIONER WIDMER MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Report, discussion, and possible action on comments on the draft update to the “Population Forecast and Projections of Water Demand, Peak Day Requirements and Wastewater Flow” chapter for the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan; discussion and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel, Water Resources Program Manager, and Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant, presented the report. He explained that we would be best served if updates on the water balance and the Wastewater and Effluent Management chapter are done along with the development of the Effluent Management Guidance Document. He requested more time so staff can meet with Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), and Regional Effluent Management Team (REMT) to develop an alternative for a water balance that meets everybody’s needs and report back in November.

Public Comment: Michael DeMartini spoke regarding the link between the water balance and flooding in the North Valleys.

Commissioner Enloe stated that as a member of the REMT, he agrees with Mr. Smitherman's recommendation.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO HAVE MR. SMITHERMAN BRING BACK THE REPORT IN NOVEMBER AS HE REQUESTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Report, discussion, and possible action on comments received on the draft update to the "Flood Management and Storm Water Drainage" chapter for the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan; discussion and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the staff report reviewing the updates made to this chapter.

Public Comment: Michael DeMartini spoke regarding Mr. Pagni's involvement with litigation at the Supreme Court representing a client in Cold Springs. He also suggested that this chapter include clarification regarding when conformance reviews for flood mitigation plans are required.

COMMISSIONER SOLARO MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND GET ANY COMMENTS BACK TO STAFF BY OCTOBER FOR REVIEW AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Status and discussion regarding chapters and schedule related to the drafting and presentation of 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan update, and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Wessel discussed a revised schedule for the update pushing it out a few more months. He noted there is no statutory requirement for when it is adopted.

Public Comment: Peggy Lear Bowen thanked the commission for their service and discussed the need for access to meeting agendas for people without access to the internet.

8. Program Manager's Report – Chris Wessel

- a. Report on the status of projects and Work Plan supported by the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF);
- b. Financial Report on the RWMF.

Mr. Wessel presented information included in the regular Program Manager's report. A more accurate report on the status of projects will be available at the next meeting.

9. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the upcoming NNWPC meetings, and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

The next NNWPC meeting will be held on November 3, 2021. Possible agenda items include: priority setting workshop; RWMP chapter updates.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO SET THE NEXT MEETING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2021, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIDMER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

10. Commission Comments

None

11. Staff Comments

Mr. Wessel announcement his retirement as of today. Mr. Smitherman has offered to help find a replacement.

12. Public Comment

Peggy Lear Bowen thanked Mr. Wessel for his service.

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Martini, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2021.