

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 30, 2021
TO: Chair and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)
FROM: Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Status and discussion regarding chapters and schedule related to the drafting and presentation of the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan update; discussion and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

The NNWPC is currently engaged in updating the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) in accordance with the schedule accepted by the NNWPC on February 3, 2021 and accepted by the WRWC on February 17, 2020. The “Update Schedule” anticipated a complete draft would be developed by January 1, 2022, for the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) to review.

Staff reported to the NNWPC on November 3, 2021 constraints in meeting the schedule above due to staffing changes and delay of information necessary for the completion of Chapters 4 and 10. At the November meeting staff proposed to present Chapter 7 at the December 2021 meeting, and subsequently Chapters 4 and 10 at the January 2022 meeting. The December meeting was rescheduled and the report on Chapter 7 was moved to the January 5, 2022 meeting. Chapters 4 and 10 are still under development and are anticipated to be ready for presentation in March 2022.

Chapter 4 “Wastewater and Effluent Management” is a key component of the 2021-2040 RWMP Update. Effluent management is a high-priority and the collaborative effort of the Regional Effluent Management Team (REMT), an informal working group comprised of staff from the WRWC/NNWPC, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County continue to collaborate to finalize effluent projections and management strategies, including the potential for long-term Advanced Water Treatment Technologies. Staff is working to draft Chapter 4 so that it will be comprehensive and reflect regional effluent management goals and priorities. Subsequently, additional time is necessary to complete Chapter 4 to accommodate further regional coordination.

Chapter 10 “Issues and Action Plan” is a summary of regional water management plan issues, work performed in response to the issues, identifies alternatives if developed, and work needed to respond to issues moving forward. Proposed action items are outlined for future work which guides the focus and activities of the WRWC for the next 5 years. Staff continues to collaborate with key partners working towards completion of both Chapters 4 and 10 of the RWMP.

DISCUSSION

More time is needed to complete the draft update to the 2021-2040 RWMP. Staff estimates that a review draft of Chapters 4 and 10 will not be available before April 2022. Staff anticipates presenting a draft Chapters 4 and 10 to the NNWPC on March 2, 2022, for review and has included a revised RWMP Update schedule. Staff is preparing to present a status report on the RWMP update to the WRWC at the January 19, 2022 meeting with a modified update schedule that reflects the above information.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff proposes the NNWPC approve the revised RWMP Update Schedule.

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Attachment: 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan Update Schedule.

2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan Update Schedule

As of January 5, 2022

Chapter	2020						2021												2022							
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Chapter 1 - Regional Water Planning Policies and Criteria													*													
Chapter 2 - Water Resources									*																	
Chapter 3 - Water Purveyors and Other Water Providers									*																	
Chapter 4 - Wastewater and Effluent Management																										
Chapter 5 - Storm Water and Watershed-Based Water Quality Planning													*													
Chapter 6 - Flood Management and Storm Water Drainage																	*									
Chapter 7 - Population Forecast and Water Demand and Flow Projections																										
Chapter 8 - Water Conservation Plan - Efficient Use of Water									*																	
Chapter 9 - Cost and Financing													*													
Chapter 10 - Issues and Action Plan																										

- Chapter undergoing Update
- Presentation and subsequent approval of final draft by NNWPC
- Public Hearing on RWMP for approval by NNWPC 1
- 30-Day public review Period 2
- Public Hearing on Adoption of the RWMP by WRWC 3
- 40-day Regional Planning Commission review for Consistency 4

Notes:

Final adoption requirements:

1. 10-day notice issued in advance of NNWPC Public hearing to recommend Plan update to the WRWC.
2. Notice of public review of Plan at the County Clerks office and initiation of 30-day public review period.
3. 10-day notice issued in advance of WRWC Public hearing to adopt plan.
4. Following plan adoption commencement of 40-day review Regional Planning Commission for consistency.

* Denotes Chapter in final draft phase