

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** December 30, 2021  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)  
**FROM:** Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Consultant  
**SUBJECT:** Report and discussion on the draft update to Chapter 4 “Wastewater and Effluent Management” for the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP); discussion and possible direction to staff

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### SUMMARY

Staff reported recently that the completion of a review draft of RWMP Chapter 4 “Wastewater and Effluent Management” is dependent on the development of the Regional Effluent Management Planning Guidance Document (Guidance Document), which is progressing more slowly than originally anticipated. Although the Guidance Document need not be completely finished before Chapter 4 can be updated, the effluent management alternatives for each water reclamation facility that will be included in the Guidance Document should be sufficiently developed and vetted by the wastewater service providers so as to avoid unnecessary conformance reviews after the updated RWMP is adopted.

At this point in time, the Regional Effluent Management Team is working collaboratively to pick up the pace on the Guidance Document, especially with respect to the effluent management alternatives, which are critical to the Chapter 4 update. Staff anticipates delivery of a draft Chapter 4 update in March 2022.

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