

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the Washoe County Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and, conducted the following business.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Martini at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: John Enloe; John Flansberg; Danielle Henderson (Zoom); John Martini; Jon Combs (Zoom); Dave Solaro; John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Michael Widmer; Bill Hauck; Michael Drinkwater; Mickey Hazelwood; Mervin Wright

Non-Voting Members Present: None

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Staff Members Present: Kim Rigdon; Lucas Foletta; Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2021 and January 5, 2022 NNWPC meetings and the January 19, 2022 Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) & NNWPC concurrent meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE.

Public Comment:

Michael DeMartini stated that the staff report for Item 9 of the January 19 meeting minutes was extremely brief and he made a verbatim record of what was said that he would like to be incorporated as part of the record.

Commissioner Solaro asked staff if Mr. DeMartini's comments have been included in the WRWC meeting minutes for approval.

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, stated the January 19 meeting minutes will be included on the March 16 WRWC meeting agenda for approval.

Chair Martini stated the comments will be included in the record regardless.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Report on McDonald and Carano legal counsel staffing changes – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, and Lucas Foletta, Legal Counsel.

Ms. Rigdon reported that Michael Pagni has stepped into a new role with the Di Loreto Companies and Lucas Foletta will be taking over as legal counsel for the NNWPC and WRWC.

6. Report on February 26, 2022 Palomino Farms Community Outreach – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, and Commissioner John Enloe.

Ms. Rigdon and Commissioner Enloe reported on the community outreach event. It was a successful event and they plan to create talking points for use in future events based on public concerns and questions.

7. Action, discussion and possible direction to staff on the draft Fiscal Year 2022-2023 WRWC Tentative Budget; and possible recommendation to the WRWC to approve the tentative budget – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report and reviewed the draft tentative budget.

Public Comment:

Michael DeMartini expressed concern regarding the amount budgeted for legal counsel and felt that \$120,000 or \$130,000 would be more in line with what it should be. He also express concern regarding a potential question of impropriety with the legal counsel firm representing developers and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA).

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE WRWC APPROVE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

8. Action, discussion and possible direction to staff on the draft update to Chapter 7 “Population Forecast and Projections of Water Demand, Peak Day Requirements and Wastewater Flow” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) – Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Consultant, reported that comments from TMWA affecting the Water Balance Map (Figure 7-1) have been incorporated. The updated chapter was included for the NNWPC’s review and consideration.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. Report and discussion on draft modifications to Chapter 9 “Cost and Financing” for the 2021-2040 RWMP – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager.

Ms. Rigdon reported that due to plan development delays, some information had become dated. Staff and Hansford Economic Consulting (HEC) met with commission members individually to receive further comments and direction. HEC is working with regional partners to include updated data into this chapter. Staff anticipates the modified draft will be available for NNWPC review in May.

10. Program Manager's Report – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, and Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant

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

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the reports.

11. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the upcoming NNWPC meetings, and possible direction to staff – Kim Rigdon. (For Possible Action)

The next NNWPC meeting will be April 6, 2022. The agenda will include review of Chapter 4 and Chapter 10 of the RWMP and possibly a project update.

Commissioner Enloe asked about including information regarding the Effluent Management Planning Guidance Document.

Mr. Smitherman explained that an executive summary will be included with Chapter 4 of the RWMP and the document itself will be ready for review in about six months.

(No action taken.)

12. Commission Comments

Commissioner Combs stated that he will be retiring at the end of the month and Chris Melton will be taking his place.

13. Staff Comments

None

14. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Martini, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2022.