

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 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 Solaro at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael Drinkwater; John Flansberg (at 1:45); Bill Hauck; Mickey Hazelwood; Danielle Henderson (Zoom); John Martini; Chris Melton; Dave Solaro; Mervin Wright (Zoom); John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: John Enloe and Michael Widmer

Non-Voting Members Present: None

Non-Voting Members Absent: Cindy Turiczek; Ron Penrose; Harry Fahnestock; Thomas Pyeatte

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MELTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the April 6, 2022 NNWPC Meeting (For Possible Action)

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

5. Report on National Science Foundation project at the University of Nevada, Reno, "Nevada Water: A Science-With-Society Research and Education Network" – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, reported that staff contacted Dr. Nolan through The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a partner agency working with UNR on the National Science Foundation project. TNC staff provided a copy of the press release and an abstract of the project is attached to the staff report. Dr. Nolan, UNR, will present the project to the NNWPC at the June 1, 2022 meeting.

No action taken.

6. Report and discussion on water supply update – Bill Hauck, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

Bill Hauck, TMWA, presented a water supply update.

7. Report and discussion on the draft update to Chapter 4 “Wastewater and Effluent Management” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) – Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant

Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Consultant, reported on the revisions made to this chapter after the April 6, 2022 NNWPC meeting.

(Commissioner Flansberg present at 1:45 p.m.)

8. Action, discussion and possible direction to staff, on the draft update to Chapter 6 “Flood Management and Storm Water Drainage” for the 2021-2040 RWMP – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon reported that all comments on this chapter have been incorporated and the draft chapter is complete.

Public Comment: Michael DeMartini spoke regarding a detention increase required by the city.

Commissioner Wright asked if this chapter includes any discussion regarding the Vista Narrows project.

Ms. Rigdon stated she does not believe there is discussion in this chapter on that project.

Commissioner Henderson confirmed the Visa Narrows project is not mentioned in this chapter. It is included in the overall flood project but if it needs to be included separately, she can work with Ms. Rigdon on that. She also offered to meet with Commissioner Wright to review the project and answer questions.

Commissioner Wright stated he does not know if it has to be included in this chapter but he is interested in what the project impact would be on planning efforts.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT DRAFT CHAPTER 6 “FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE” OF THE 2021-2040 RWMP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELTON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff, on the draft update to Chapter 9 “Cost and Financing” for the 2021-2040 RWMP – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report including the most recent modifications to this chapter.

Public Comment: Michael DeMartini expressed support for this item.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT DRAFT CHAPTER 9 “COST AND FINANCING” OF THE 2021-2040 RWMP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELTON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

10. Report and discussion on the draft update to Chapter 10 “Issues and Action Plan” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive RWMP – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

Ms. Rigdon reported on changes made to this chapter. Staff would like to receive comments on this chapter by mid-May.

11. Report and discussion regarding chapters and schedule related to the drafting and presentation of the 2021-2040 RWMP – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

Ms. Rigdon presented information included in the staff report. The update schedule anticipates a complete draft will be available in June or July 2022.

12. Program Manager’s Report – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

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

Ms. Rigdon presented the reports.

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

The next NNWPC meeting will be June 1, 2022. The agenda will include a presentation by UNR on the National Science Foundation project; report on the groundwater level status by Nick White with TMWA; and introduction of the new Water Management Planner.

No action taken.

14. Commission Comments

Commissioner Wright discussed the issue of unregulated contaminants.

15. Staff Comments

None

16. Public Comment

None

17. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:



Dave Solaro, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON 6-1, 2022.