

NORTHERN NEVADA WATER
PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 1, 2023
1:30 p.m.

Washoe County Chambers
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, Nevada

Voting Members

Dave Solaro, Chair
Michael Widmer, Vice Chair
Michael Drinkwater
John Enloe

John Flansberg
Bill Hauck
Mickey Hazelwood
Danielle Henderson

John Martini
Chris Melton
Kara Steeland
Mervin Wright, JR

Notes:

1. Pursuant to NRS 241.020, members of the Commission may attend and participate in the meeting by means of a remote technology system; a physical location will be provided for this meeting and members of the public wishing to attend and/or participate may do so in person at the physical location of the meeting. Live public comment may be made during the meeting at the physical location of the meeting.
2. Items on this agenda on which action may be taken are followed by the term "For Possible Action". Non-action items are followed by an asterisk (*).
3. Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker and is allowed during the public comment periods, and before action is taken on any action item. Comments are to be directed to the Commission as a whole. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. The public may sign-up to speak during the public comment period or on a specific agenda item by completing a Public Comment Information ("Request to Speak") card and submitting it to the clerk.
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1. Roll Call and determination of presence of a quorum *
2. Public Comments * (Three-minute time limit per person.)
3. Approval of agenda (**For Possible Action**)
4. Approval of the minutes from the November 2, 2022, Concurrent meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission and NNWPC (**For Possible Action**)

5. Approval of the minutes from the January 4, 2023, NNWPC meeting **(For Possible Action)**
6. NNWPC Resolution 23-01 – Resolution of appreciation for the service of Mickey Hazelwood as a Commissioner of the NNWPC **(For Possible Action)**
7. Report, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding recruitment for vacant public at large NNWPC Board Member – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager **(For Possible Action)**
8. Review, discussion, and possible direction to staff concerning the results of the NNWPC annual priorities setting workshop and draft FY24 Professional Services Budget Detail – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager **(For Possible Action)**
9. 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)**
10. Commission Comments *
11. Staff Comments *
12. Public Comments * (Three-minute time limit per person.)
13. Adjournment **(For Possible Action)**

*Indicates a non-action item

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
AND
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION**

CONCURRENT MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

The concurrent meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees and the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, in the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Corporate Office - Independence Room, 1355 Capital Blvd, Reno, NV, and conducted the following business.

1. Roll Call

WRWC Chair Hartung and NNWC Chair Solaro called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

<u>WRWC Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Kristopher Dahir	City of Sparks
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Alexis Hill (zoom)	TMWA (Washoe County)
Donald Abbott	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)

<u>WRWC Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Paul Anderson	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) (Sparks)
Jenny Brekhus	TMWA (Reno)
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno
Bob Lucey	TMWA (STMGID Successor)

NNWPC Commissioners Present: Bill Hauck, Danielle Henderson (zoom), Michael Drinkwater, John Enloe, John Flansberg (zoom), John Martini, Chris Melton, David Solaro, Kara Steeland, Michael Widmer (zoom), Mervin Wright

NNWPC Commissioners Absent: Mickey Hazelwood

Staff Members Present: Kim Rigdon, Birgit Widegren, Lucas Foletta, Jennifer Purgitt

2. Pledge of Allegiance

NNWPC Chair Solaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

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

WRWC COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the WRWC Meeting on October 19, 2022. (For Possible Action by WRWC)

This item was continued to a future agenda.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the NNWPC Meeting on October 5, 2022. (For Possible Action by WRWC)

NNWPC COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY NNWPC COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) NNWPC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Presentation and discussion concerning schedule and travel logistics for site visits to advanced purified water facilities and learning centers – Mark Milan, Data Instincts, and Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

Mark Milan, Data Instincts, presented information on the tours of purified water sites for WRWC and NNWPC members. The first site visit to the Albert Robles Learning Center and Orange County Water District is scheduled for January 19 and 20, 2023. The second site visit to the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center and Pure Water Monterey facilities is scheduled for February 16 and 17, 2023. Draft tour itineraries are included in the staff report. WRWC and NNWPC members may choose to attend one or both tours.

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, stated that staff is looking for confirmation of attendance no later than November 14, 2022. Due to current airline scheduling and staffing challenges, flight times are in flux and will be confirmed once booked.

8. Presentation concerning progress and status of Nevada Water Innovation Institute (NWII) studies and projects supported by the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF) – Dr. Krishna Pagilla, Director, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Dr. Laura Haak, Research Scientist

Dr. Krishna Pagilla, Director, Civil and Environmental Engineering, gave a presentation on the NWII activities and outcomes. The presentation also included background information on the NWII. Over the past five years, the University of Nevada, Reno, NWII, with regional partners, demonstrated advanced water reclamation to achieve Category A+ water. NWII continues to provide leadership and guidance to the OneWater Nevada collaborative through regional water management coordination. The Enhanced Source Control for Regional Water Reuse and Resource Protection Final Report summarizes existing water reclamation facility source control programs, details regulatory compliance for reuse strategies and evaluates problematic contaminants which may enter the wastewater collection systems for Phase 2 monitoring and sampling needs.

9. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff for approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$388,576 from the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF), for an interlocal agreement (ILA) with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) for the Regional Wastewater Enhanced Source Control Monitoring - Phase 2 project tasks – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action by NNWPC and WRWC)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. The scope of work includes developing specific sampling and monitoring plans for each water reclamation facility, performing data analysis, and completing all aspects of wastewater source control strategy development. Each facility agency is responsible to implement their individual sampling and monitoring plan for data collection. It is anticipated that each facility will contract separately or coordinate with UNR to conduct the sampling, monitoring, and analysis of samples during the project timeline. If the scope of work and funding are approved, the interlocal agreement will become effective January 1, 2023 with a project completion date of June 30, 2025.

NNWPC Commissioner Flansberg stated that he fully supports this initiative. It is an important initiative for us to understand what type of contaminants are coming into each of our wastewater treatment plant streams and how we are going to treat for those as we look to our processes and our future growth.

Public Comment:

Michael DeMartini spoke regarding the important factor of TDS with source water control.

NNWPC Commissioner Drinkwater noted the importance and benefit of source water control on many levels.

NNWPC COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE WRWC APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF AN ILA WITH UNR FOR SERVICES OUTLINED IN REGIONAL WASTEWATER ENHANCED SOURCE CONTROL MONITORING - PHASE 2 PROPOSAL AND FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$388,576 FROM THE RWMF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED FUNDING SCHEDULE, CONTINGENT UPON ANNUAL NNWPC PRIORITIES SETTING AND WRWC BUDGET APPROVAL, AND A PROJECT COMPLETION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2025, SECONDED BY NNWPC COMMISSIONER HAUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) NNWPC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

WRWC Chairman Hartung stated that this initiative is about source water protection and keeping pollutants out of wastewater.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir asked if this initiative got the region ahead of potential legislation for PFAS.

NNWPC Commissioner Martini stated that there was a whole list of emerging contaminants and UNR's Scope of Work puts the region in a good situation to be better suited to react to any legislation.

WRWC Chairman Hartung agreed and stated he is confident that the UNR team will help stay ahead of those situations.

WRWC Commissioner Hill stated she was excited to support the initiative.

Public Comment:

Matthew DeMartini noted the A+ water factor behind the project and stated he is not interested in drinking an effluent through indirect potable use.

WRWC COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$388,576 FROM THE RWMF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED FUNDING SCHEDULE, CONTINGENT UPON ANNUAL NNWPC PRIORITIES SETTING AND WRWC BUDGET APPROVAL, FOR AN ILA WITH UNR FOR SERVICES OUTLINED IN THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER ENHANCED SOURCE CONTROL MONITORING - PHASE 2 PROPOSAL WITH A PROJECT COMPLETION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2025, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNR, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**10. Update and status report on the Steamboat Ditch Flood Evaluation Phase 1 study –
Dwayne Smith, Director Engineering and Capital Projects**

Dwayne Smith, Director Engineering and Capital Projects, gave a presentation on the Steamboat Ditch Flood Evaluation Phase 1 study. The study evaluates a portion of Steamboat Irrigation Ditch through the urbanized areas within the jurisdictions of Washoe County and the City of Reno between Hunter Creek and Evans Creek. The effort is intended to provide support to Washoe County and the City of Reno for assessment of potential flood control outlet improvements on the Steamboat Ditch. The scope of work was included in the staff report.

Mr. Smith answered questions from commissioners regarding the study.

NNWPC Commissioner Hauck asked if there will be other studies on ditches compromised during the last flood.

NNWPC Commissioner Wright stated concerns about mercury contamination going into the Truckee River from Steamboat Ditch and asked how water quality issues with mercury and other contaminants would be considered.

Mr. Smith noted the collaborative effort of this work. They are very sensitive to the environment and impacts from irrigation ditches to the Truckee River and those considerations will be brought into the process.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir asked if part of the study was to evaluate fire mitigation of fuels concerns from constituents.

Mr. Smith responded that both the Cities of Reno and Sparks have maintenance agreements with the ditch companies to remove underbrush.

WRWC Commissioner Hill discussed public participation and offered to help with outreach opportunities.

WRWC Chairman Hartung asked if natural drainages that could be diverted above or below the ditch were identified.

Mr. Smith stated that they were identified during Phase 1.

WRWC Chairman Hartung stated that the issues needed to be dealt with regionally and that the WRWC had funded the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency to map all stormwater drainage in the region. He also remarked that the Orr Ditch provided groundwater recharge, as did other ditches in the valley and that should be a consideration.

Mr. Smith confirmed for WRWC Chair Hartung that he will bring back not only findings but recommendations.

11. Report, discussion, and possible direction to staff concerning the results of the NNWPC annual priorities setting workshop held on October 5, 2022, to prioritize projects and studies for fiscal year 2024 – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager and Birgit Widegren, Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action by NNWPC and WRWC)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. On October 5, 2022, the NNWPC conducted its annual workshop to develop a prioritized list of identified projects and subjects for FY24 that reinforce the goals of the Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP). The outcome of the workshop has historically been used as the basis for development of the professional services portion of the WRWC tentative budget.

The NNWPC members ranked the planning subjects, scored each project, and reviewed the resulting professional services budget for FY24 with all projects and priorities fully funded. The NNWPC also directed staff to prepare an additional professional services budget option to compare the budget with all projects fully funded with one that omits funding for projects that scored 30 or less points (the redline) during the priorities setting exercise. Both budget options are included with the staff report for review.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir asked why FY24 funds would not be distributed to projects when the fund is replenished annually, and the money goes to the community.

WRWC Chairman Hartung said that if there was a reduction in water use due to a drought, there would be less money in the fund.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir stated that the redline should be lower, however, maybe the scoring break will encourage project proponents to get their projects in order.

NNWPC Vice Chairman Widmer stated that he chaired the NNWPC priority setting workshop and the redline was created to determine if there was a major scoring break between projects and they did not discuss cutting the programs that fell below the redline. He suggested that if projects were to be cut, there should be care and skill used in those decisions.

NNWPC Commissioner Martini stated that he asked staff to find the scoring break point. He said that there could be situations where a project asked for additional funding or a new worthy project came up during the fiscal year after all the money was encumbered. Having some funding available outside the budget cycle would increase flexibility.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir agreed that having some remaining funds made sense.

WRWC Chairman Hartung asked about how the funds are encumbered, and staff responded that the funds are encumbered until the agreement expires or terminates.

NNWPC Commissioner Enloe stated that there are sometimes uncertainty of scope and timing issues for some projects that fell below the redline. He said all the projects were good and worthy of funding, but the NNWPC pulled back due to the uncertainty of some projects.

Staff asked for direction on what projects that fell below the redline should be funded or if WRWC had questions on projects.

WRWC Chairman Hartung said the NNWPC should make those recommendations and then the WRWC would take action.

WRWC Commissioner Hill asked for more information regarding the Lemmon Valley Flood Mitigation Analysis. Staff said they do not have a Scope of Work.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir said it made sense for the NNWPC to determine whether projects were ready and fundable and tell the WRWC why they made those decisions.

WRWC Chairman Hartung suggested tabling the discussion.

NNWPC Commissioner Henderson said that she couldn't make the NNWPC priority setting workshop, appreciated the discussion and was pleased to hear that projects under the redline were worthy of funding. She supported the One Truckee River project because it makes steady progress on tasks that other agencies aren't doing. She stated that she would support funding some or all the projects that fell below the redline.

Public Comment:

Michael DeMartini expressed concern regarding potential flooding in the North Valleys and noted the Silver Lake water level is not dropping as fast as it should be.

No action was taken.

12. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC and NNWPC meetings.

Ms. Rigdon stated she was not preparing to hold December meetings because she will be on vacation leave the first week of December during the regularly scheduled NNWPC meeting and explained there were no pressing agenda items for a December WRWC meeting. She inquired if there were any objections from the board to resume meetings in January 2023.

Ms. Rigdon stated the next NNWPC meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2023, and the next WRWC meeting will be held January 18, 2023.

WRWC Vice Chairman Dahir did express that he was fine not having a December meeting, and the January advanced purified water facility site visit planning and logistics will need to be well communicated with the board.

Ms. Rigdon said staff will send email updates and get the calendar invites out as soon as possible.

There were no objections from the WRWC or NNWPC members to resume meetings in January 2023.

13. Public Comment

None

14. Commission Comments

NNWPC Commissioner Widmer volunteered his time to put together a thumbnail sketch with some history and background behind each of the projects.

Several WRWC Commissioners expressed appreciation for the expertise of the NNWPC Commissioners and the work they have done prioritizing projects.

15. Staff Comments

None

16. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2023.

WRWC Chair Vaughn Hartung

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at the Washoe County Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

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

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael Drinkwater; John Enloe; Bill Hauck; John Martini; Chris Melton; Kara Steeland; Michael Widmer; Mervin Wright

Voting Members Absent: John Flansberg; Mickey Hazelwood; Danielle Henderson; Dave Solaro

Non-Voting Members Present: None

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

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

Agenda Item 7 was continued to the February 1, 2023 meeting.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the November 2, 2022 NNWPC Meeting (For Possible Action)

Minutes for this meeting are not available for approval at this time.

5. Report on Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, Regional Planning Commission Conformance Review of the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, reported the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) held a public hearing on December 22, 2022 and found the RWMP is in conformance with the goals and polices of the Regional Plan.

6. Action, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) for approval of an amended scope of work and additional \$14,220 in funding, not to exceed \$63,618 from the Regional Water Management Fund to the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) for the OneWater Nevada Expert Panel Review - Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, and Rick Warner, Warner and Associates, LLC (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented information included in the staff report. This amended professional services agreement adds an additional Panel Briefing to address questions from panel members following

the technical orientation workshop on September 8, 2022 and increases the original budget by \$14,220, not to exceed \$63,618 from the Regional Water Management Fund.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED NWRI SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDITIONAL \$14,220 IN FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$63,618 FROM THE RWMF, AND A PROJECT COMPLETION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2023, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Review, discussion, and possible direction to staff concerning the results of the NNWPC annual priorities setting workshop and draft FY24 Professional Services Budget Detail - Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

This item was continued to the February 1, 2023 meeting.

8. Review, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding proposed updates to the content, format, and frequency of the Program Manager's Report – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

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

Ms. Rigdon presented information included in the reports. Item 8.c is a supplemental report which may be considered to replace Item 8.b in future Program Manager's Reports. Staff also proposes the reports be presented to the NNWPC quarterly. Monthly updates to projects are often repetitive and for many of the projects too frequent to report significant progress. Additionally, quarterly reporting allows additional time for agreements, invoices, and payments to be entered into the financial accounting system for inclusion in the reports.

Ms. Rigdon confirmed that if anything unusual comes up outside of the quarterly reporting she will bring it to the body's attention.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE REPORTING TO QUARTERLY REPORTING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. 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)

Ms. Rigdon reviewed agenda items for the upcoming NNWPC meeting on February 1, 2023.

Commissioner Hauck suggested a future agenda item from the Truckee River Flood Management Authority with a timeline of improvements since 1997.

10. Commission Comments

None

11. Staff Comments

Ms. Rigdon reported that she received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Hazelwood.

12. Public Comment

None

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Dave Solaro, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2023.

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 27, 2023
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC)
FROM: Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Report, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding recruitment for vacant public at large NNWPC Board Member

SUMMARY

The NNWPC public at large member position which expires March 31, 2025 is vacant due to the recent resignation of Mickey Hazelwood. The public at large Member represents environmental, biological, conservation or public concerns. On October 16, 2019, Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board directed staff to conduct a public recruitment to identify qualified candidates and have the NNWPC review them and make an appointment recommendation to the WRWC.

Previous recruitments have been advertised in the Reno Gazette-Journal and the Sparks Tribune, and the TMWA Standing Advisory Committee, Sparks Citizens Advisory Committee, Reno Neighborhood Advisory Boards, Reno Citizens Institute, Washoe County Citizen Advisory Boards and the Washoe County Leadership Academy were notified of the vacancy. Staff then screened applications received for qualifications and invited qualified applicants to appear before the NNWPC before a recommendation was brought to the WRWC.

BACKGROUND

The Western Regional Water Commission Act (the "Act"), Chapter 531 Statutes of Nevada 2007, Section 36, provides for the WRWC to appoint to the NNWPC, a member of the public at large to represent environmental, biological, conservation or public concerns. Section 36 also requires that any vacancy on the NNWPC must be filled for the unexpired term by the appointing entity.

Section 38 of the Act provides that members of the NNWPC may not hold any elective governmental office, but may be engaged or employed in private enterprise or be employees of state or local government, and each member must be qualified pursuant to at least one of the following subsections:

1. A professional engineer licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 625 of NRS;
2. Experienced in comprehensive planning, natural resources or environmental protection;
3. A specialist in hydrologic science;
4. Experienced in law, management or planning related to water;
5. Experienced in municipal finance or resource economics;
6. Experienced in construction, planning or operation of facilities or systems for supplying or treating water, for collecting or treating sewage, for drainage of storm water or for control of floods; or
7. Knowledgeable in the areas of water conservation, biology, natural systems, water quality and water management.

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Attachments: 7a Ad Copy for NNWPC Public at Large vacancy

**APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
FOR PUBLIC AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE
TO SERVE ON THE NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION**

Applications are being accepted from qualified individuals to serve on the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission. One individual will be selected by the Western Regional Water Commission to fill the position of a public at large member to represent environmental, biological, conservation or public concerns.

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission and the Western Regional Water Commission were created in 2007 by the Nevada Legislature by way of a special act: Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada, 2007, the Western Regional Water Commission Act.

This recruitment is to fill the remainder of an unexpired three-year term, which ends on March 31, 2025. Members may be reappointed to additional terms at the discretion of the Western Regional Water Commission and subsequent terms are three years in length.

Applicants must be Nevada residents and have one or more of the following qualifications:

The members of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission may not hold any elective governmental office but may be engaged or employed in private enterprise or be employees of state or local government and each member must be qualified pursuant to at least one of the following:

1. A professional engineer licensed in Nevada;
2. Experienced in comprehensive planning, natural resources or environmental protection;
3. A specialist in hydrologic science;
4. Experienced in law, management or planning related to water;
5. Experienced in municipal finance or resource economics;
6. Experienced in construction, planning or operation of facilities or systems for supplying or treating water, for collecting or treating sewage, for drainage of storm water or for control of floods; or
7. Knowledgeable in the areas of water conservation, biology, natural systems, water quality and water management.

The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Washoe County Commission Chambers. You will be provided meeting notices by email. This position requires a commitment of approximately two to seven hours of non-compensated time per month.

You can learn more about the Commission at www.wrwc.us. If you meet one of the above qualifications and have an interest in serving, please send your resume including your qualifications before 5:00 p.m., March 3, 2023 to Western Regional Water Commission, 1001 E Ninth Street, Reno NV 89512 or email to wrwc@washoecounty.gov.

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 27, 2023
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC)
FROM: Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Review, discussion, and possible direction to staff concerning the results of the NNWPC annual priorities setting workshop and draft FY24 Professional Services Budget Detail

SUMMARY

On October 5, 2022, the NNWPC conducted its annual workshop to develop a prioritized list of identified projects and subjects for FY24. Historically, the outcome of the workshop has been used as the basis for development of the professional services portion of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) tentative budget.

The priorities setting workshop is structured to reinforce the goals of the Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP). The RWMP goals and policies focus on regional water planning subjects including Water Supply, Water Conservation, Wastewater and Reclaimed Water, Stormwater, and Flood Control. The NNWPC members ranked the planning subjects, scored each project, and reviewed the resulting professional services budget for FY24 with all projects and priorities fully funded.

On October 5, 2022, the NNWPC directed staff to prepare an additional professional services budget option to compare the budget with all projects fully funded with one that omits funding for projects that scored 30 or less points during the priorities setting exercise. The professional services budget with all projects fully funded is \$2,160,000. Omitting funding for projects which scored 30 or less points, resulted in a \$1,362,500 professional services budget. These two options are included in Attachment 8a and were presented to the NNWPC and WRWC for discussion at a joint meeting held on November 2, 2022. No action was taken, and staff was directed to bring the professional services budget detail back before the NNWPC for final consideration.

As a result of input and discussion from the WRWC and NNWPC members at the November 2nd meeting, staff prepared a third option for comparison (also included in Attachment 8a). The third option includes budget for projects with a scope of work, a current agreement, and/or which are funded through annual amendments as prioritized by the NNWPC. The third option also removes budgets in the first two options and includes a "to be determined" (TBD) budget place holder, for concept projects that do not yet have an identified scope of work, budget or agreement. Option 3 then increases the "Project Contingency Funds/Pending Projects" budget line by \$900,000 equivalent to the total budget removed and replaced with TBD. This ensures adequate budget authority to fund priorities and projects under development.

BACKGROUND

The WRWC is required to prepare and submit a tentative budget to the Nevada Department of Taxation on or before April 15, and to hold a public hearing on the tentative budget not sooner than

the third Monday in May, and not later than the last day in May (NRS 354.596(4)). Historically, the fiscal year budgets have been developed in support of the priorities recommended by the NNWPC.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff proposes the NNWPC give direction to staff, as appropriate, concerning the priorities setting workshop results and the professional services budget options, with or without changes, for inclusion in the WRWC tentative budget for FY24.

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Attachments:

8a Draft Professional Services Budget Options for FY24

Draft Professional Services Budget Options for Fiscal Year 2024

Professional Services Project Name	FY24 Budget (All Priorities Funded)	FY24 Budget (Priorities ranked > 30 Points)	FY24 Budget (w/ scope of work)	Agreement Notes
<i>Precipitation Monitoring</i>	20,000	0	20,000	Annual ILA
Regional Water Planning Projects	20,000	0	20,000	
<i>Washoe ET Project</i>	5,000	0	5,000	Annual ILA
<i>Water Usage Review Program</i>	100,000	100,000	100,000	Annual ILA
<i>Certified Landscape Technician Program</i>	12,500	0	12,500	Bi-Annual agreement expires FY2024, subject to priorities setting
Regional Water Conservation	117,500	100,000	117,500	
<i>Nevada Water Innovations Institute Regional Water Management Coordination</i>	160,000	160,000	160,000	Multi-year ILA
<i>Data Instincts-OneWater Nevada Communications Plan</i>	100,000	100,000	100,000	Multi-year agreement
<i>NWRI Expert Panel APW Water Planning</i>	50,000	50,000	50,000	Annual ILA
<i>Regional Effluent Management Planning Guidance Document</i>	50,000	50,000	50,000	Multi-year ILA (placeholder for implementation and ongoing support).
<i>Sierra Nevada Journey's APW STEM Education OneWater Nevada</i>	50,000	50,000	TBD	Verbal Proposal & Budget
<i>NWII Research Hub Planning at American Flat</i>	30,000	30,000	TBD	Pending proposal
<i>NWII Enhanced Wastewater Source Control</i>	200,000	200,000	200,000	Multi-year ILA, Phase 2
Regional Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Planning Projects	640,000	640,000	560,000	
<i>SWPCC - NPDES Storm Water Quality Management Program</i>	262,500	262,500	262,500	Annual ILA
<i>Truckee River Foundation-One Truckee River</i>	75,000	0	75,000	Annual ILA
<i>SWPCC - Watershed Assessments</i>	75,000	0	TBD	Pending proposal
<i>Environmental Incentives - Water Quality Credit Program</i>	100,000	0	100,000	Multi-year ILA
<i>SWPCC Truckee Meadows Regional Storm Water Management Program (NPDES permit requirement)</i>	100,000	100,000	TBD	Pending proposal and permit update
Regional Storm Water Planning Projects	612,500	362,500	437,500	
<i>Stantec - Steamboat Ditch Flooding Study</i>	150,000	0	TBD	Multi-year ILA, Phase 2 expected Spring 2023
<i>Cold Springs Water Balance Modeling</i>	200,000	0	TBD	Pending proposal-expected Spring 2023
<i>Lemmon Valley Long-Term Flood Mitigation Analysis</i>	160,000	0	TBD	Pending proposal-expected Spring 2023
Regional Flood Control Planning Projects	510,000	0	0	
<i>Project Contingency Funds/Pending Projects</i>	135,000	135,000	900,000	
<i>WRWC - Regional Water Management Plan</i>	75,000	75,000	75,000	Annual budget for RWMP program needs
<i>WRWC - TMRPA Shared Work Program</i>	50,000	50,000	50,000	Annual ILA
Project Contingency & Comprehensive Plan	260,000	260,000	1,025,000	
Totals	\$2,160,000	\$1,362,500	\$2,160,000	

Note 1 Budget amounts may be transferred between categories.

Note 2 Priority topics that do not yet have an identified scope of work, budget or proposed agreement are highlighted green.