

# 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

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### **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](http://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](mailto:wrwc@washoecounty.gov).