

# 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

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### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 replaces project budgets with "to be determined" (TBD) if there is not an identified scope of work, budget or agreement. Option 3 then increases the "Project Contingency Funds/Pending Projects" budget to \$900,000, for a total professional services budget of \$2,160,000. The additional contingency amount provides budget authority to fund priorities and projects under development throughout the fiscal year.

### **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
<b>Regional Water Planning Projects</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000</b>	
<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
<b>Regional Water Conservation</b>	<b>117,500</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>117,500</b>	
<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
<b>Regional Wastewater and Reclaimed Water Planning Projects</b>	<b>640,000</b>	<b>640,000</b>	<b>560,000</b>	
<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
<b>Regional Storm Water Planning Projects</b>	<b>612,500</b>	<b>362,500</b>	<b>437,500</b>	
<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
<b>Regional Flood Control Planning Projects</b>	<b>510,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<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
<b>Project Contingency &amp; Comprehensive Plan</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>1,025,000</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,160,000</b>	<b>\$1,362,500</b>	<b>\$2,160,000</b>	

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.