

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

Friday, July 11, 2008

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) was held on Friday, July 11, 2008, at City of Sparks Legislative Council Chambers, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

- 1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum** – Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Mike Carrigan, Chair
Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chair
Bob Cashell
Jim Ainsworth
Bob Larkin (left at 1:47 p.m.)
Geno Martini
Ron Smith

Representing:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
City of Reno
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)
City of Sparks

Commissioners Absent:

Steve Cohen
Bonnie Weber

Representing:

South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID)
Washoe County

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Larkin led the Western Regional Water Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. Public Comment**

Chairman Carrigan called for public comments and hearing none, closed the public comment period.

- 4. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Aiazzi made a motion to approve the July 11, 2008 WRWC agenda as posted. Commissioner Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2008 meeting.**

The minutes of the June 13, 2008 Western Regional Water Commission meeting were submitted for approval. Commissioner Larkin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 6. Discussion and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno, in a previously approved amount not to exceed \$197,500 for the management and administration of the Limnotech Contract for certain Truckee River / Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) services; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.**

Jim Smitherman clarified that the purpose of this item is simply to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement, for which the scope of work was previously approved.

Commissioner Larkin made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with California State University Sacramento (CSUS), in a previously approved amount not to exceed \$142,500 for services related to Preliminary Stakeholder Education on Truckee River Watershed-based Water Quality Planning and TMDL Development; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

Mr. Smitherman clarified that the purpose of this item is simply to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement, for which the scope of work was previously approved.

Commissioner Cashell made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno, in a previously approved amount not to exceed \$172,448 for the management and administration of the ECO:LOGIC Contract for the North Valleys Integrated Reclaimed Water Planning project; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

Jim Smitherman clarified that the purpose of this item is simply to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement, for which the scope of work was previously approved.

Commissioner Cashell made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement. Commissioner Ainsworth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible approval of an expenditure from the Regional Water Management Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, for SNCAT television coverage of WRWC and NNWPC FY 08-09 meetings; and if approved, authorize staff to issue a blanket purchase order as required.

Chairman Carrigan stated the purpose of this item is to approve the actual expenditure for television coverage of the WRWC and NNWPC meetings, as previously approved.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the expenditure and to authorize staff to issue a blanket purchase order as required. Commissioner Cashell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible approval of an expenditure from the Regional Water Management Fund, for transcription of summary minutes of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission and Well Mitigation Hearing Board meetings to be billed at an hourly rate of \$40 per hour, for fiscal year 08-09, with the provision for two (2), one (1) year extensions at the WRWC's option; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Independent Contractor Agreement with Niki Linn for such services, and authorize staff to issue a purchase order as required.

Mr. Smitherman explained that the purpose of this item is to approve the actual expenditure for transcription of minutes, as previously approved.

Commissioner Cashell made a motion to approve the expenditure, authorize the Chairman to execute an Independent Contractor Agreement and authorize staff to issue a purchase order as required. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Status report on Regional Water Plan amendments; possible revisions to the amendments, schedule for WRWC adoption, and further direction to staff.

Mr. Smitherman presented a brief PowerPoint status report. He reported that staff is currently working with ECO:LOGIC Engineering on reviewing the 2008 Washoe County Consensus Forecast to compare the results with the 2008 Facilities Plans for Washoe County, Reno and Sparks. Any discrepancies in the numbers will be explained.

Mr. Smitherman referred to a table from the Consensus Forecast, which estimates the Washoe County population in 2030 at 622,252. He stated that the planning for the Truckee Meadows and Future Service Areas would be separated between the 2030 and 2095 timelines, which hopefully will dispel some the exaggerated population numbers being reported by some citizens.

Commissioner Larkin asked if there is a legal provision to plan to the year 2095. Mr. Smitherman stated there is not but explained that the planning horizon was based on the Regional Plan's Future Service Areas, which include water and sewer infrastructure. Commissioner Larkin encouraged Mr. Smitherman to work with Rosanna Coombes (Regional Planning Director) regarding the Future Service Areas, with which he agreed.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the Public Information Officer from each of the entities worked with Regional Planning, the jurisdictions and the water purveyors to develop a two-page Fact Sheet. The purpose of the Fact Sheet was to address some of the concerns associated with growth, population forecasts, etc. He explained that the questions and answers included in the Fact Sheet would be put into paragraph format and included in the Water Plan Amendment. Chairman Carrigan complimented the effort and stated that the "Frequently Asked Questions" and answers were very well done. He suggested keeping the facts in very simple form for inclusion in the Plan Amendment.

Mr. Smitherman stated that the revised Plan Amendment should be ready for presentation to the WRWC at the September meeting. He added that if approved by the WRWC, a thirty-day public inspection period would then begin. Any comments from the public would be addressed and a public hearing for adoption would be scheduled in November 2008. He clarified that once adopted by the WRWC, the Plan Amendment will be referred to the Regional Planning Commission.

Commissioner Aiazzi referred to the recent citizen's initiative for a ballot question regarding future planning, and asked if such a ballot question passed how it would affect water importation from outside Washoe County, as well as the work of the WRWC and NNWPC. He suggested that legal counsel review any potential impacts. Mr. Smitherman agreed that is a good idea.

Chairman Carrigan thanked Mr. Smitherman for his presentation.

12. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding recommendations to the Legislative Oversight Committee of the Western Regional Water Commission Act for presentation at the August 11, 2008 workshop of the Committee.

Lori Williams reported that as previously discussed the Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC) is seeking input of possible legislative issues that need to be addressed. She reported that the LOC would have a work session on August 11, 2008.

Ms. Williams referred to the staff report, which outlines some potential technical amendments to the Act. She reported that none of the amendments are critical at this time and added that it is up to commissioners as to whether the amendments should be pursued. She explained that she and Rosemary Menard reviewed some previous suggestions and determined that the ideas are not “ripe” at this time and need further review and work over the next year or two. She welcomed comments from commissioners on what to report back to the Legislative Oversight Committee.

Chairman Carrigan suggested that staff forward the technical amendments to the LOC and requested a motion in that direction. Commissioner Martini made the motion to forward the potential technical amendments to the Act as outlined in the staff report. Commissioner Cashell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Washoe County to provide staff employees, on a reimbursement basis, for the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) and the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC); and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement.

Chairman Carrigan reported this item was pulled from the agenda.

14. Request for authorization for funding of registration not to exceed \$3,000 for up to three staff members to attend the StormCon Conference in Orlando, Florida in August 2008.

Ms. Williams reported that staff recently learned of a conference in Florida that will focus on the watershed water quality process. She added that the conference includes a special session on integrating stormwater programs with TMDLs and watershed management planning, which is very appropriate to this group. She requested that funding for registration of three staff members be provided by the Regional Water Management Fund. She added that the entities would provide funding for travel or other expenses.

Commissioner Martini made a motion to approve the funding request as presented. Commissioner Ainsworth seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the September 12, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Williams stated that the items for the September 12, 2008 WRWC meeting include:

- Presentation of the revised Water Plan Amendment
- Item 13 from this agenda, which was pulled

Ms. Williams reminded commissioners that the August WRWC meeting was cancelled so the next meeting will be September 12, 2008.

16. Commission Comments

None

17. Staff Comments

Ms. Menard reported that in follow-up to a question at the last WRWC meeting regarding the membership of the Washoe County Investment Board, the members include:

- Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
- One other commissioner of the Board of County Commissioners
- County Manager
- County Finance Director
- County Comptroller
- County Treasurer

18. Public Comment

Chairman Carrigan called for additional public comments and hearing none, closed the Public Comment period.

19. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on September 12, 2008.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman