

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Friday, April 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees was held on Friday, April 9, 2010, at Sparks 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
Steve Cohen
Patricia Lancaster
Bob Larkin
Ron Smith

Representing:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
City of Reno
South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID)
Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
City of Sparks

Commissioners Absent:

John Breternitz
Bob Cashell
Geno Martini

Representing:

Washoe County
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Carrigan asked Commissioner Smith to lead the Western Regional Water Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Lancaster made a motion to approve the April 9, 2010 WRWC agenda as posted. Commissioner Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 4. Public Comment**

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

- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2010 meeting.**

The minutes of the January 8, 2010 Western Regional Water Commission meeting were submitted for approval. Vice Chair Aiazzi made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and possible finding that the draft Washoe County consensus population forecast for 2030 can be supported by the sustainable water resources as set forth in the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan.

Chairman Carrigan invited Jim Smitherman to present this item. Mr. Smitherman gave a brief overview of the staff report along with a PowerPoint presentation, which covered the following:

- Amendments to the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan - Compare the Draft Consensus Population Forecast with the estimated population that can be supported by the sustainable water resources identified in the Regional Water Plan – A “decision tree” was developed, which includes:
 - NNWPC reviews draft Consensus Forecast and recommends for or against finding of consistency with sustainable water resources from RWMP
 - WRWC finds draft Consensus Forecast is consistent with sustainable water resources in RWMP and transmits finding to RPC and affected entities
- Draft Consensus Population Forecast – Based on an average population forecasts (provided by four sources), the 2010 population is estimated at 434,519; the 2030 population is estimated at 590,533. Chairman Carrigan asked if the numbers are conservative, to which Mr. Smitherman stated yes.
- Sustainable Water Resources – Mr. Smitherman referred to the Water Resources Baseline, which totals approximately 183,250 acre-feet per year. He briefly explained the methodology used for establishing the baseline. He explained that the population forecast includes all of Washoe County; however, the water resources include only those within the basins of the NNWPC planning area (excluding Incline Village, Pyramid Lake and some other basins). He summarized that based on the planning, the numbers presented for sustainable water resources are conservative.
Commissioner Smith asked if there are any plans to increase upstream storage. Chairman Carrigan stated that the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) sets the standards.
- Water Demand Projections – Information was provided by TMWA on Building and Water Use Projections based on the Consensus Forecast Population, which calculates the total water use by 2030 at 141,865 acre-feet. Mr. Smitherman explained the methodology used by Shawn Stoddard, TMWA, in the projections.
- Estimated Population that can be supported by Sustainable Water Resources – Mr. Smitherman stated that based on an estimated population at 2030 of approximately 590,533, needing 141,865 acre-feet of water per year, the estimated sustainable water resources of 183,250 are adequate.
- Recommended Action by Commission

Mr. Smitherman stated that the conclusion is that the draft Consensus Population Forecast for 2030 is less than the estimated population that can be supported by the sustainable water resources identified in the Regional Water Plan. He summarized that Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) and the Regional Planning Governing Board designate the NNWPC and WRWC as entities to compare the draft Consensus Forecast and sustainable water resources.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the NNWPC made motion to “Recommend to the WRWC that it determine that the draft Consensus Population Forecast for 2030 is less than the estimated population that can be supported by the sustainable water resources identified in the Regional Water Plan”.

Chairman Carrigan stated that he agrees there is sufficient water to support the projected population. Vice Chair Aiazzi stated that if nothing changed as far as building codes, we would have sustainable water resources for 740,000 people based on current conditions. Mr. Smitherman agreed and added that reclaimed water or more efficient water use are not included, making the number more conservative.

Commissioner Larkin made a motion “to determine that the draft Consensus Forecast population for 2030 is less than the estimated population that can be supported by the sustainable water resources identified in the RWMP, and direct staff to submit the draft Consensus Forecast, with a finding that the forecasted population can be supported by the sustainable water resources as set forth in the RWMP, to Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, and TMRPA, by April 20, 2010.” Commissioner Lancaster seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the WRWC tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011; and possible direction to staff regarding the time and place for a public hearing on the tentative budget.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the WRWC is required to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 budget in May 2010. He explained that the budget was presented to the NNWPC on April 7, 2010, which made a recommendation to forward it to the WRWC.

Mr. Smitherman reviewed the revenues, expenditures and ending balance. He briefly reviewed the list of professional service budget items. He summarized that the total expenditures is approximately \$2.47 million, with a net decrease in cash reserves of just over \$1 million. He explained that expenditures for the next couple of years would exceed the revenues, which is possible because of the cash reserve.

Members discussed issues such as staff salaries, in-kind services, etc. Vice Chair Aiazzi suggested further work on the gray water issue, which Mr. Smitherman stated is included in the budget. Commissioner Larkin requested an agenda item for an update on the regional reclaimed water project.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the NNWPC made a motion that “the NNWPC reviewed the tentative budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 and is forwarding a recommendation to the WRWC for approval.”

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that the “WRWC approve the WRWC tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, and direct staff to file the tentative budget with the State Department of Taxation and establish May 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. as the time for the public hearing on the tentative budget.” Commissioner Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Smitherman reiterated that the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Vice Chair Aiazzi requested scheduling the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to follow TMWA’s budget public hearing, with which staff agreed.

8. Discussion and possible ratification the WRWC Program Manager’s designation of Schettler, Macy & Silva, LLC as the WRWC’s external auditors for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 financial statement audit.

Rosemary Menard reported that this item is requested to continue auditing services by Schettler, Macy & Silva, LLC.

Vice Chair Aiazzi made a motion to “Ratify the WRWC Program Manager’s designation of Schettler, Macy & Silva, LLC as the WRWC’s external auditors for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 financial statement audit, and approve the related Letter of Engagement.” Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the July 15, 2010 meeting of the Legislative Committee to Oversee the WRWC.

Ms. Menard reported that the Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC) cancelled their April meeting so the next meeting is scheduled for July. She added that staff has time to make requests if desired for the July meeting.

10. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the May 20, 2010 Commission meeting and future meetings.

Mr. Smitherman reported that items included for May 20, 2010 include:

- Required public hearing on the Western Regional Water Commission budget for Fiscal Year 2011.
- Contract amendment with Somach Simmons and Dunn for Total Maximum Daily Load for nutrients to the Truckee River and Clean Water Act related legal work.
- Interlocal agreement(s) between TMWA and WRWC, and Washoe County and WRWC, regarding Regional Water Management Fund funding for integration work. Commissioner Larkin requested an update on the integration.

11. Commission Comments

None

12. Staff Comments

None

13. Public Comment

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

14. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on May 20, 2010.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman