

JOINT MEETING WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION ("WRWC") AND THE NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION ("NNWPC") MINUTES

Friday, December 10, 2010

A Joint Meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees and the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) was held on Friday, December 10, 2010 at the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum for WRWC – There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Mike Carrigan, Chair
Bob Cashell
Steve Cohen
Patricia Lancaster
Bob Larkin
Geno Martini
Ron Smith

Representing:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chair
John Breternitz

Representing:

City of Reno
Washoe County

2. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum for NNWPC – There was a quorum present.

Voting Members Present:

John Erwin, Chairman
Jerry Schumacher, Vice-Chairman
George W. Ball, Jr.
Michael J. DeMartini
John Jackson
Neil Krutz
Rosemary Menard
Darrin Price
Wayne Seidel
Stan Shumaker

Voting Members Absent:

John Flansberg
Mickey Hazelwood

Non-Voting Members Present:Staff Members Present:

Corinne Cassell
June Davis
Jim Smitherman
Chris Wessel
John Rhodes, Legal Counsel

Non-Voting Members Absent:

John Bird
Mark Clarkson
Harry Fahnestock
Kelvin Hickenbottom
Jon Palm

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Carrigan asked Member Martini to lead the WRWC and NNWPC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Member Martini made a motion to approve the December 10, 2010 agenda as posted. Member Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

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

6. Presentation by the NNWPC on the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan recommended for adoption by the WRWC, including a report on the public hearing held December 1, 2010, with discussion and possible direction to staff.

Chairman Carrigan invited John Erwin, NNWPC Chairman, to speak on this item. Chairman Erwin commended staff and the NNWPC for all the hard work that went into the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. He stated that he and other commissioners were happy with the final draft of the Water Plan, for which a public hearing was held on December 1, 2010. He recommended approval by the WRWC to move the Water Plan forward in the process. He invited Jim Smitherman to speak.

Mr. Smitherman referred to the staff report, which included "Resolution No. 10-02 Submitting the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan to the Western Regional Water Commission". He reiterated that on December 1, 2010, the NNWPC held a public hearing, at which time the Resolution was approved. He referred to a brief PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Smitherman reported that in the staff report, he included the entire table of contents and the Executive Summary, which consists of the policies, a summary of the financial chapter and the proposed 21 action items for the NNWPC and WRWC. He explained that an extensive Regional Water Balance was prepared by the consultant, Stantec Consulting (formerly ECO:LOGIC Engineering). He summarized that the Action Plan includes future projects (i.e. total maximum daily loads and reclaimed water) that will be needed based on the Regional Water Balance model.

Mr. Smitherman summarized that he thinks the NNWPC, entities and staff did a good job on meeting the goals set by the legislature, which include:

- Provides regional guidance in the form of water planning goals and policies
- Identifies sustainable water resources
- Projects 20-year water-related needs
- Provides an interactive Regional Water Balance Model
- Develops 5-year costs for facilities and estimates user rates and developer fees

Mr. Smitherman stated that staff's recommendation is that the WRWC accept the report on the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan, and schedule a public hearing on January 14 for the possible adoption of the Plan. He welcomed any questions or comments.

Chairman Carrigan commended the NNWPC and staff on the report, which he stated is easy to read and contains good information.

Chairman Carrigan made a motion to accept the report on the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan, and direct staff to schedule and provide legal notice of a public hearing on January 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., for the possible adoption of the Plan. Member Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Presentation of Certificate honoring Wayne Seidel for his service on the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission.

Chairman Carrigan read into the record a Certificate honoring Wayne Seidel for his service on the NNWPC. He stated that he and Mr. Seidel worked together on water issues for many years. He added that Mr. Seidel is also leaving his position with City of Sparks. He thanked Mr. Seidel.

Mr. Seidel thanked Chairman Carrigan and the WRWC and stated it was his pleasure to serve. He agreed with Chairman Carrigan that the Water Plan is a great document, which took the NNWPC and staff many hours to complete. He added that the Plan continues to get better with every update. He again thanked the commission.

Members applauded Mr. Seidel.

8. Presentation of Certificate honoring Patricia Lancaster for her service on the Western Regional Water Commission Board.

Chairman Carrigan read into the record a Certificate honoring Patricia Lancaster for her service on the WRWC. He stated that Ms. Lancaster's term ends in December.

Ms. Lancaster thanked commissioners for the opportunity to be part of the WRWC.

Member Larkin told an anecdotal story about Ms. Lancaster and thanked her for her service. Members applauded Ms. Lancaster.

9. Presentation on the Regional Water Management Fund, and potential strategies to protect cash reserves; discussion and possible direction to staff.

Ms. Menard stated that based on direction provided to staff at the last WRWC meeting, staff developed a draft proposal to possibly pursue ways to meet the 6,700 acre-foot water rights commitment required by the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA). She explained that water rights could be purchased by the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF) or a reimbursement agreement could be created to enable the entities to purchase water rights. She stated that if the WRWC is interested in pursuing such a proposal, more information will be presented at the January meeting.

Member Larkin stated that the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) recently met. He asked if funding could be put toward the Regional Planning Agency in some capacity. He stated that the RPGB funding comes from the general fund of the three agencies and asked if there is a way to assist with funding, while protecting the RWMF assets. He requested that staff follow up on the issue. Ms. Menard asked to what level of funding Member Larkin is referring. He stated approximately \$1 million. She agreed to bring back information to the January meeting.

Chairman Carrigan stated no action was needed on this item. He agreed that he heard similar discussion at the RPGB meeting.

10. Presentation on status of the report from the Legislative Committee to Oversee the WRWC (“LOC”), due January 15, 2011, to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, concerning the LOC’s review of the programs and activities of the WRWC.

Ms. Menard reported that in speaking with Patrick Guinan, he has not yet begun working on the report but that it would focus on public testimony. She offered to check with Mr. Guinan on an update prior to the January meeting.

Ms. Menard reported that she has been working with TMWA on some joint “talking points” for presentation to the Legislature regarding the consolidation of TMWA and DWR. She offered to present the report for review by the WRWC if desired.

Chairman Carrigan thanked Ms. Menard for her update.

11. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the January 14, 2010 WRWC meeting and future meetings.

Ms. Menard stated that the January 14, 2011 WRWC meeting agenda would include:

- Swearing in of new WRWC Members
- Public Hearing on Water Plan
- Possible changes to the interlocal agreement to provide additional funding for the Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee (SWPCC) work
- Discussion of RWMF funding options
 - Possible purchase of water rights
 - Possible funding assistance to RPGB
- Review of “Talking Points” on TMWA/DWR Consolidation

12. Commission Comments

Chairman Carrigan mentioned that on Saturday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. the Army – Navy college game would take place and offered his support of the Navy.

13. Staff Comments

None

14. Public Comment

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

15. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on January 14, 2011.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman