

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Friday, January 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Friday, January 14, 2011, at Sparks Council Chambers, 431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada.

- 1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum** – Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Members Present:

Mike Carrigan, Chair
Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chair
John Breternitz (arrived at 1:56 p.m.)
Steve Cohen
Geno Martini
Margaret Reinhardt

Representing:

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

Members Absent:

Bob Cashell
Bob Larkin
Ron Smith

Representing:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
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City of Sparks

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Carrigan asked Member Martini to lead the Western Regional Water Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. Oath of Office for newly appointed WRWC Trustees.**

Chairman Carrigan reported that Margaret Reinhardt was appointed as the Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”) representative to the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”). He stated that Ms. Reinhardt was sworn in by the County Clerk earlier in the day.

- 4. Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Carrigan stated that he would like to move items 8 and 9 to the beginning of the agenda if needed in order to open the public hearing at 2:00 p.m. **Commissioner Martini made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

- 5. Public Comment**

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

6. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2010 and December 10, 2010 meetings.

The minutes of the November 12, 2010 and December 10, 2010 meetings were presented for approval. **Commissioner Martini made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

7. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2011 calendar year.

Chairman Carrigan invited input from the Board. Commissioner Martini made a motion that the members currently serving in the positions continue. Chairman Carrigan stated that the previous Secretary was Patricia Lancaster, whose term expired. He asked Commissioner Reinhardt if she would be willing to serve as Secretary, which she stated she would.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that Chairman Carrigan continue to serve as Chair, Commissioner Larkin serves as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Reinhardt serves as Secretary, and he would continue to serve as Treasurer. Commissioner Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Presentation and final review of the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan recommended by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission for adoption by the WRWC, including previous action and public review process.

Jim Smitherman referred to a brief PowerPoint presentation, which provided an outline of the contents of Regional Water Plan. He reported that a notice of today's public hearing was published on December 14, 2010 and January 3, 2011 as required by statute. He reported that no public comments were received at the December 1, 2010 NNWPC public hearing. He added that the complete document is on file with County Clerk's office as required. He summarized that today's public hearing would complete the legal process required for the Water Plan unless the WRWC suggests edits, which would have to be taken back to the NNWPC.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the Plan consists of nine chapters, an introduction, various charts, graphs and maps, 10 appendices and an executive summary, which was provided in the staff report. He provided a brief overview of the chapters, which include:

- Chapter 1 - Regional Water Planning Policies and Criteria - This section provides policies and practices of the member agencies, state and local government and other planning agencies and assists in the development of their own plans.
- Chapter 2 - Water Resources - This chapter contains highlights from TMWA's Water Resources Plan and addresses the sustainability issue. It also covers water rights held by the Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR), as well as regional reclaimed water. He stated that the Water Resources Baseline Table was developed and is included in the Chapter, which summarizes the available water resources for the region.
- Chapter 3 - Water Purveyors and Other Water Providers - This section includes information on infrastructure, capacity, reclaimed water and domestic wells.
- Chapter 4 - Wastewater and Watershed-based Water Quality Planning - This chapter contains information on all wastewater service providers, as well as infrastructure, water quality, reclamation and water quality of the watershed. The section also includes information on compliance with state and federal requirements for water quality, such as the Clean Water Act.

- Chapter 5 - Flood Management and Storm Water Drainage - This section defines the types of flood that affect the area; federal programs including the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers; elements of the flood plan; and local government drainage programs.
- Chapter 6 - Population Forecast and Projections of Water Demand, Peak Day Requirements and Wastewater Flow - A number of the findings in the Water Plan are results of the analysis described in Chapter 6, related to the consensus population forecast. A Regional Water Balance model was developed by ECO:LOGIC Engineering (now Stantec) to determine water demands, wastewater flows, available water, and effluent disposal needs on a basin-by-basin basis. A model was run for current conditions as well as the projected needs to 2030. He summarized that one output of the model is that most likely more effluent disposal capacity will be needed by 2030.
- Chapter 7 - Water Conservation Plan - Efficient Use of Water - This chapter did not have many revisions; however, TMWA's new drought standard was included, along with the three-day-per-week watering program as opposed to two days. He gave kudos to TMWA for its success in metering at least 90% of their system.
- Chapter 8 - Cost and Financing - This chapter summarizes future facility and repair costs. He stated that the utilities are currently focusing on repair and replacement programs. He added that existing water and wastewater infrastructure value based on estimates from Reno, Sparks, Washoe County, TMWA and the GIDs is estimated at \$2.5 billion. He stated that the flood project is currently engaged in a flood funding study to examine fees for the local share of the flood project. The five-year capital improvement program of each of the local entities was used to estimate future funding needs. Approximately \$321 million for water, wastewater and storm water facilities, plus \$400 million for the Flood Project is the projected need for repair and replacement or anticipated new facilities to serve new growth.
- Chapter 9 - Issues and Action Plan - This chapter was compiled to provide a guide for the WRWC and NNWPC activities over the next five years. He stated that Table 9-1 includes a list of 21 action items, related to water resources, water conservation, wastewater management, storm water, water quality, water rights and land use planning.

Mr. Smitherman summarized that he thinks the Regional Water Plan is a good piece of work that covers all of the requirements of the WRWC Act. He stated that the Plan provides regional guidance in the form of planning goals and policies; it identifies our sustainable water resources; it projects 20-year water-related needs using currently accepted planning assumptions; it provides an interactive Regional Water Balance model for scenario planning; it estimates five-year costs for facilities; and it lists issues to be identified in the next five years and the next 20 years, which will provide the Work Plan for the WRWC and NNWPC.

Mr. Smitherman stated that the Regional Water Plan is available on the website www.nnwpc.us.

Chairman Carrigan thanked Mr. Smitherman for the update and stated that he thought staff did a great job on the Regional Water Plan. He stated that the legislature added a lot of caveats to be covered in the Plan and commended staff for the great job.

9. Public Hearing on the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan; possible approval of the Resolution adopting the 2011-2030 Plan, or possible remand to the NNWPC with any proposed change or action.

Chairman Carrigan opened the Public Hearing at 2:07 p.m. He invited comments from the public, of which there were none. He called for comments from staff of which there were none. He closed the public hearing 2:08 p.m.

Chairman Carrigan turned discussion over to the Board. **Commissioner Breternitz made a motion to approve WRWC Resolution No. 4, adopting the 2011-2030 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

10. Presentation of potential strategies to protect Regional Water Management Fund (“RWMF”) cash reserves, including proposed funding for certain Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency activities, programs and studies related to or impacting regional water planning; discussion and possible direction to staff.

Chairman Carrigan suggested continuing this item to the next meeting when Commissioner Larkin could be present since it was his idea. **Commissioner Breternitz made a motion to continue the item. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

11. Presentation of potential alternative funding for the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program; possible increase in previously approved funding, from \$75,000 to \$218,000 from the RWMF for Fiscal Year 2010-11, and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno to support the Program; further discussion and possible direction to staff.

Chairman Carrigan invited Terri Svetich to present this item. Ms. Svetich, Regional Storm Water Coordinator and Engineering Manager for City of Reno Public Works, stated that at the November WRWC meeting, she made a request for \$75,000 for the Storm Water Quality Management Program Update. She reported at that time she was asked to come back with the Storm Water Program’s full budget needs. She stated for the remainder of this fiscal year, \$218,000 would be needed on an ongoing basis. She stated that the annual budget has been approximately \$262,500, which covers items such as public outreach, water management assessments, monitoring, consultant fees, best management practices for municipal operations, and administrative services.

Ms. Svetich stated that today she is requesting an increase in the amount from the Regional Water Management Funding from \$75,000 to \$218,000 to cover expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2010-11. She stated that she is also requesting that staff include in next year’s budget \$262,500 for next year’s program. She invited questions from commissioners.

Commissioner Aiazzi asked for clarification that these funds would shift the burden from local governments to the WRWC. Ms. Svetich stated that is correct and added that it covers this fiscal year as well as the next.

Commissioner Martini made a motion to approve an increase in funding from \$75,000 to an amount not to exceed \$218,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund for consultant services to update the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Management Program and support additional Fiscal Year 2010-11 expenses of the Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee (“SWPCC”) as described in the Storm Water Interlocal Agreement, and direct staff to include in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 WRWC budget, \$262,500 from the Regional Water Management Fund to support the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Management Program, and SWPCC activities related to the implementation of the storm water drainage provisions of the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

12. Presentation on status of the pending report from the Legislative Committee to Oversee the WRWC (“LOC”), to the Legislative Council Bureau, concerning the LOC’s review of the programs and activities of the WRWC; summary of key points to present to the 2011 Nevada Legislature in response to inquiries regarding status of consolidation of TMWA and DWR; discussion and possible direction to staff.

Rosemary Menard, Director of Washoe County Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), stated that she had spoken with Pat Guinan, staff to the LOC. Mr. Guinan stated that the report has been prepared but is being edited currently and is not ready for release. Ms. Menard stated that the report covers consolidation issues and the Water Plan update and is very consistent with what staff presented to the LOC in past meetings.

Ms. Menard stated that two bill draft requests (BDRs) have been requested, one for adjusting the language of the County bond bank to allow for refinancing; and the other to revise Assembly Bill (AB) 54 to allow bond funding.

Ms. Menard stated that at the last meeting she was directed to develop some “talking points” related to the TMWA/DWR consolidation, which she provided to commissioners today to review. She requested that commissioners review the documents and provide any questions or comments to her via e-mail.

13. Discussion and possible formation of a WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature.

Ms. Menard stated that during the last legislative session, a subcommittee was formed for the WRWC, which included the same representatives of the TMWA Board. She asked if the subcommittee should be re-created for the upcoming session. She stated there are number of water-related bills slated for the session. She clarified that the representatives were Chairman Carrigan, Commissioner Aiazzi and Commissioner Cohen.

Commissioner Martini made a motion to retain the same representatives for this Legislative Session as the last. Commissioner Breternitz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items, and date, time and location, for future meetings.

Ms. Menard stated that the next agenda would include the item that was continued from today's agenda and presentation of a draft work plan for the next year by Mr. Smitherman.

Ms. Menard stated that the WRWC meetings have been scheduled on the second Friday afternoon of the month, and asked if members preferred to move the meeting to be back-to-back with the Regional Planning Governing Board. Chairman Carrigan stated that he likes the schedule the way it is. Members agreed that the schedule will not change.

15. Commission Comments

None

16. Staff Comments

None

17. Public Comment

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

18. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on February 11, 2011.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman