

# WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, September 17, 2014  
11:00 a.m.

Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building  
745 Fourth St., Sparks, Nevada

## TRUSTEES

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NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY ("TMWA"), BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY ("BCC"), AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ("STMGID")

(See 'Notes')

**Notes:** Because several of the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") Trustees are also members of the Board of Directors of TMWA, it is possible that a quorum of the TMWA Board may be present. Such members will not take action at this meeting as members of the TMWA Board, but may take action solely in their capacity as WRWC Trustees. A quorum of the BCC and STMGID may also be in attendance but will not be taking action.

1. Items on this agenda on which action may be taken are followed by the term "For Possible Action". Non-action items are followed by an asterisk (\*).
2. Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker and is allowed during the public comment periods, and before action is taken on any action item. Comments are to be directed to the Commission as a whole. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. The public may sign-up to speak during the public comment period or on a specific agenda item by completing a "Request to Speak" card and submitting it to the clerk.
3. Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other agenda items for consideration, removed from the agenda, or delayed for discussion at any time. Arrive at the meeting at the posted time to hear item(s) of interest.
4. Supporting material provided to the Commission for items on the agenda is available to members of the public at the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") offices, 4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV, from June Davis, Administrative Secretary, (775) 954-4665, and on the WRWC website at <http://www.wrwc.us>
5. In accordance with NRS 241.020, this agenda closes three working days prior to the meeting. We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for persons who are disabled and wish to attend meetings. If you require special arrangements for the meeting, please call (775) 954-4665 no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
6. In accordance with NRS 241.020, this agenda has been posted at the following locations: Reno City Hall (1 East First Street), Sparks City Hall (431 Prater Way), Sparks Justice Court (1675 East Prater Way), Sun Valley GID (5000 Sun Valley Blvd.), TMWA (1355 Capital Blvd.), Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9th Street), Second Judicial District Court/Courthouse (75 Court Street), Washoe County Central Library (301 South Center St.), Washoe County Community Services Department (4930 Energy Way), Galena Market (19990 Thomas Creek Rd.), Galena High School (3600 Butch Cassidy Way), South Valleys Library (15650A Wedge Parkway), the WRWC website: <http://www.wrwc.us> and the State of Nevada website at <http://notice.nv.gov>

1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum. \*
2. Pledge of Allegiance. \*
3. Public Comment – limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. \*
4. Approval of Agenda. **(For Possible Action)**
5. Approval of the minutes of the May 15, 2014, meeting. **(For Possible Action)**
6. Report by the Desert Research Institute ("DRI") on its Cloud Seeding Operations for the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe Basins for the past water year, and status of its Cloud Seeding Coalition efforts; discussion and possible approval of

- funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF") to support similar Cloud Seeding Operations for the upcoming water year; if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") with DRI for that purpose; and, possible direction to staff on legislative alternatives for additional funding – Jeff Tilley, PhD, DRI. **(For Possible Action)**
7. Discussion and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$57,787 from the RWMF for fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 for a proposal by The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") for "Optimizing Restoration Investments in the Truckee [River] Watershed"; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an ILA with TNC for that purpose – Mickey Hazelwood, TNC. **(For Possible Action)**
  8. Discussion and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$29,050 from the RWMF for Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 for upgrades and installation of additional weather stations as part of DRI's Washoe Evapotranspiration Project; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an ILA with DRI for that purpose – Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. **(For Possible Action)**
  9. Status Report on the "Septic Nitrate Baseline Data and Risk Assessment Study for Washoe County, Phase II: In-Depth Analysis of Prioritized Study Areas, Creation of Baseline Data Set, and Risk Assessment" - Christian Kropf, Senior Hydrogeologist, Washoe County Community Services Department. \*
  10. Discussion and possible approval of a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Legal Services for the WRWC and the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"), to extend the term of the Agreement on the same terms and conditions; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment — Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, and John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. **(For Possible Action)**
  11. Discussion and possible ratification of staff's approval of two invoices for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by TMWA and Washoe County in evaluating and implementing recommendations regarding integration/consolidation of public water purveyors in accordance with the existing Interlocal Agreement – Jim Smitherman. **(For Possible Action)**
  12. Discussion and possible determination that the draft Washoe County Consensus Forecast for 2034 prepared by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency ("TMRPA") can be supported by the sustainable water resources set forth in the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan – Jim Smitherman WRWC Water Resources Program Manager and Jeremy Smith, PhD, TMRPA. **(For Possible Action)**
  13. Discussion and possible establishment of the WRWC Legislative Sub Committee for the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature. **(For Possible Action)**
  14. Status report on the Bureau of Reclamation's "Truckee Basin Study" – Jim Smitherman. \*

15. Report on the succession of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District ("STMGID")'s positions on the WRWC and NNWPC following the pending consolidation of TMWA, STMGID and Washoe County's Water Utility – John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. \*
16. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for a possible December 17, 2014 meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. **(For Possible Action)**
17. Commission Comments \*
18. Staff Comments \*
19. Public comment – limited to no more than three minutes per speaker \*
20. Adjournment. **(For Possible Action)**