

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum**

Vice-Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 11:25 am. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno
Ed Lawson	City of Sparks
Geno Martini	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”)
Bob Lucey	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”), as successor to South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District
Ron Smith	TMWA, as its City of Sparks WRWC member
Jeanne Herman	TMWA, as its Washoe County WRWC member
Neoma Jardon	TMWA, as its City of Reno WRWC member

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vaughn Hartung led the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Introduction of and oath of office for new WRWC Trustees appointed by TMWA .**

June Davis, Administrative Secretary, administered the oath of office for Jeanne Herman and Bob Lucey.

**5. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**6. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2015 calendar year - Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)**

Jim Smitherman reviewed past practices information included in the staff report.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER HARTUNG AS CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER DUERR OFFERED TO BE THE NOMINEE FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAWSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER LAWSON MADE A MOTION TO RE-ELECT COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BOB LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**7. Approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2014, meeting.** (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 17, 2014, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**8. Discussion and possible establishment of WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman reviewed past practice for the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee.

Chairman Hartung asked if meeting together with the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee would present any quorum issues. John Rhodes, Legal Counsel, stated that issue can be handled with legal notice/disclosure in the agenda.

COMMISSIONER JARDON MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS HARTUNG, DUERR, AND AINSWORTH TO THE WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**9. Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) requirements for storm water; the audit of the Truckee Meadows Regional Storm Water Quality Management Program; and future considerations – Kerri Lanza, P.E., City of Reno.**

Kerri Lanza, City of Reno Public Works Engineering Manager, introduced Lynell Garfield-Qualls, City of Reno Public Works Hydrologist I.

Ms. Garfield-Qualls gave a presentation on the NPDES requirements and the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Management Program. The Cities of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County are subject to an NPDES permit issued by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (“NDEP”). The Truckee Meadows Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee was created by an interlocal agreement between the Cities of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County. The Committee has the duty to implement the Storm Water Management Program (“SWMP”) to comply with the NPDES permit.

Commissioner Duerr asked how many sites are currently monitored and whether monitoring is done during storms. Ms. Garfield-Qualls stated there is an ambient monitoring program for baseline data collection. The baseline sampling consists of 12 tributary sites where ambient data

is collected two times a year. There is also storm event sampling that includes sampling from two storms at 12 tributary sites as well as 10 outfall sites.

Commissioner Duerr asked about whether Virginia Lake would be added to the list of locations monitored. Ms. Garfield-Qualls stated that the monitoring is dictated by the Sampling and Analysis Plan that is reviewed once a year and that location has not been added to the Plan. Commissioner Duerr requested that adding that location be considered the next time the Plan is updated.

Commissioner Duerr asked what it would mean to the Truckee Meadows if the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) goes from a non-point to a point source. Ms. Garfield-Qualls stated that it is dependent on where they are with their Water Quality Standards and Total Maximum Daily Load review, and that she is not sure how it will play out.

Commissioner Duerr asked what is driving that. Ms. Garfield-Qualls stated it is a federal trend and is being driven by the EPA.

Commissioner Jardon asked for information on the drainage system shown in one of the presentation slides. Ms. Garfield-Qualls stated it is an example of low impact development and the use of landscaping features to treat storm water.

Chairman Hartung asked if any of the budget is used for public service announcements to inform people that it is not a best practice to dump any chemicals into storm drains. Ms. Garfield-Qualls responded yes, and stated that they utilized the Artown platform to inform the public about storm water and storm drains leading straight into the Truckee River last summer.

COMMISSIONER JARDON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**10. Report on public outreach and schedule to update and adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”), and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman stated that a public notice was posted in the RGJ and the Sparks Tribune yesterday inviting the public to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)’s regular meetings, during which the chapters will be discussed in detail that are feeding into the update of the RWMP. This notice was also posted to the NNWPC and WRWC home pages, and sent out to the interested parties email list. In addition to what the law requires, we propose to hold one after-hours public workshop to describe what is in the RWMP once it has been compiled. Mr. Smitherman suggested holding a joint workshop with TMWA on certain topics the public is responsive to.

Commissioner Duerr stated that teaming up with TMWA is a great idea, and asked that the Board be keep apprised during the process.

Chair Hartung requested that the Board is noticed as to the NNWPC meetings and times.

*(Commissioners Lawson left at 12:00 and Commissioner Smith left at 11:45.)*

COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2016 UPDATE OF THE RWMP, AS PRESENTED BY STAFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON.

Commissioner Duerr requested that if it seems like there needs to be a public meeting sooner, that it be brought back to this Board.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**11. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for a possible February 18, 2015, meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman stated there are not any time sensitive issues to bring forward and recommended not meeting in February.

Mr. Smitherman reviewed potential agenda items for the next WRWC meeting in either March or April:

- a) Letters acknowledging Mike Carrigan and Steve Cohen as long-standing members;
- b) FY 2015-16 tentative budget in April; and an
- c) Amendment to an interlocal agreement with TMWA regarding water rights purchased relative to the Truckee River Operating Agreement

Mr. Smitherman asked if the Board would be interested in a presentation on the draft Truckee Basin Report from the Bureau of Reclamation since it will be shown to the TMWA Board.

Chairman Hartung asked staff to send the report to the three Board members that are not on the TMWA Board rather than adding that presentation to a future agenda at this time.

Commissioner Duerr asked about Mr. Smitherman's role during the legislative session. Mr. Smitherman stated that he and Mr. Rhodes register as lobbyists and are on-call for testimony if needed. Mr. Smitherman and Mr. Rhodes also participate in the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee meetings and Mr. Rhodes reports on that to this Board.

Commissioner Duerr asked if updates on the RWMP process will be brought to this Board. Mr. Smitherman stated that normally if there are items of interest, staff will bring that to this Board. Otherwise the NNWPC does their work on the update and staff brings this Board the draft RWMP at the end of the process.

**12. Commission Comments**

Future meetings of this Board will be held at 9:00 a.m.

**13. Staff Comments**

None

**14. Public Comment**

None

**15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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Chairman