

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
11:00 a.m.

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

TRUSTEES

Vaughn Hartung, Vice-Chairman
Neoma Jardon
Geno Martini

Sandra Ainsworth, Secretary
Kitty Jung
Ron Smith

Naomi Duerr
Ed Lawson

NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER
AUTHORITY ("TMWA")

(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.

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.
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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. Introduction of and oath of office for new WRWC Trustees appointed by TMWA.
5. Approval of Agenda. **(For Possible Action)**
6. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2015 calendar year, Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. **(For Possible Action)**
7. Approval of the minutes of the December 17, 2014, meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

8. Discussion and possible establishment of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. **(For Possible Action)**
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. *
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)**
11. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for a possible February 18, 2015 meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. **(For Possible Action)**
12. Commission Comments *
13. Staff Comments *
14. Public comment – limited to no more than three minutes per speaker *
15. Adjournment. **(For Possible Action)**

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2015

TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC")

FROM: Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2015 calendar year.

SUMMARY

Section 27.1, Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, the Western Regional Water Commission Act, provides that "The Board shall elect one of its members as Chairman and one of its members as Vice Chairman, and shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer, who may be members of the Board. The Secretary and the Treasurer may be the same person. The terms of the officers expire on December 31 of each year."

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 11, 2014, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Vaughn Hartung, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Ainsworth, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

On January 16, 2013, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Vaughn Hartung, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Reinhardt, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

On February 10, 2012, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Reinhardt, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

On January 14, 2011, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice-Chairman
Margaret Reinhardt, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

On January 8, 2010, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Lancaster, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

On January 9, 2009, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Lancaster, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

On April 11, 2008, the WRWC Board elected the following officers:

Mike Carrigan, Chairman
Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chairman
Jim Ainsworth, Secretary
Steve Cohen, Treasurer

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

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 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 12:42 pm. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Steve Cohen	South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (“STMGID”)
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno
Geno Martini	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”)
Ron Smith	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) - City of Sparks
Neoma Jardon	TMWA – City of Reno

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Ed Lawson	City of Sparks
Kitty Jung	TMWA – Washoe County

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Hartung asked Jim Smitherman to lead the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Introduction of and oath of office for newly appointed WRWC Trustees, including Ed Lawson (Sparks City Council), Naomi Duerr (Reno City Council), and possibly Ron Smith, TMWA – City of Sparks.

Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk, administered the required oath of office to Naomi Duerr and Ron Smith as WRWC Trustees.

5. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2014, meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion and possible approval of the 2013-2014 WRWC financial statements and audit opinion, and possible direction to staff – Ben Hutchins, Director, Finance and Administration Division, Washoe County Community Services Department, and Zeth Macy, The Bullard Macy Group. (For Possible Action)

Ben Hutchins introduced Zeth Macy, who briefly reviewed the financial statements. The Board received an unqualified opinion and there were no deficiencies or instances of non-compliance.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Discussion and possible designation of Schettler, Macy & Associates, LLC as the WRWC's external auditors for the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 financial statement audit, and, if approved, authorize the Vice-Chairman to execute the related Engagement Letter, and direct staff to file the required documents with the State of Nevada – Ben Hutchins. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Hutchins reported that the proposal does not include a charge increase, that Schettler, Macy & Associates have done a great job in the past, and recommended that the Board approve that firm for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 audit.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Report and discussion on the (proposed) Amendment to the 2012 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan modifying limitations on the use of effluent outside the Truckee Meadows Service Area ("TMSA"), and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman reported on the proposed amendment. This amendment not only benefits TMWRF but will benefit the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility and the Reno Stead Water Reclamation Facility.

Commissioner Duerr asked if this amendment would impact anything in the Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP"). Mr. Smitherman responded that it would probably not have much impact, except that alternatives to manage effluent outside the TMSA could be brought forward in the recommendations more so than in the past.

Commissioner Duerr stated that she asked at the Regional Planning Governing Board ('RPGB') meeting whether there would be a charge for the effluent or if the focus would be more on getting it out of the river. The answer to that question was that it was still to be decided. Commissioner Duerr asked Mr. Smitherman if he had the same understanding. Mr. Smitherman responded yes.

Commissioner Duerr asked if the cost would be included in the update of the RWMP. Mr. Smitherman responded that cost estimates are required to be included, but who will bear the cost may not be determined by the time of the update.

There was discussion regarding the value of effluent and possible uses, the cost of possible infrastructure and who would pay for it. The effluent is a benefit and a resource, but it can be a liability if there is too much and there is no place to put it.

[Commissioner Smith left at 12:56 p.m.]

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Discussion and possible approval of a proposed schedule to prepare and adopt the 2016 update of the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reviewed process requirements and timing for the RWMP update.

Commissioner Duerr asked about the public outreach proposal for the RWMP update. Mr. Smitherman stated that the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) meetings are public meetings and that will be the public’s first chance for input. Once a draft is ready to bring to this Board, there will be a public workshop.

Commissioner Duerr requested a future discussion to address the public outreach process, and suggested that Mr. Smitherman reach out to the City of Reno’s public outreach staff regarding ways to more proactively engage the public.

Vice-Chairman Hartung suggested identifying stumbling blocks early on in the process.

There was discussion regarding the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting attended by several of the Board members. Interest was shown in holding a joint meeting in the future to share information that was presented regarding water resources (for possible consideration inclusion in the RWMP update process). Vice-Chairman Hartung stated that he requested a digital copy of the presentations to share with TMWA, and expressed interest in a future agenda item for this topic for discussion with a full WRWC Board.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

11. Report on current beneficial uses of irrigation ditches in the Truckee Meadows, and RWMP provisions relating to such ditches – Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel stated that the staff report includes historical background information on the ditches, as requested at the last WRWC meeting. Mr. Wessel stated he was available to answer any questions or give a presentation on this item if desired. There were no questions.

12. Report on the Cloud Seeding funding efforts and related legislative activities – Jim Smitherman.

Mr. Smitherman provided an update on the Cloud Seeding funding efforts. Mr. Smitherman recently received a proposal for a state-wide Cloud Seeding Program from the Desert Research Institute (“DRI”). The proposal will be forwarded to the Legislative Council Bureau to include in a bill draft that has been requested by the Interim Committee on Public Lands at the request of the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority. Mr. Smitherman reviewed information in the proposal and stated that it is a better deal for DRI than they are getting now with the local program. If the state-wide cost share program goes forward, it would also be a great benefit to TMWA and to this Board.

There was discussion regarding the cost of the current local program and other potential contributors.

Commissioner Duerr expressed interest having a better understanding of the Cloud Seeding Program and requested a future agenda item to discuss details of the program.

Vice-Chairman Hartung stated that he would like to see the program move away from ground based operations and move to using drones.

Commissioner Cohen asked for updates on Commissioners' efforts to seek funding from local ski resorts. Vice-Chairman Hartung responded that there is nothing to report on that, and that effort was to be made in concert with DRI.

Mr. Smitherman stated he will pass on the comments and questions to DRI, and will have a representative from DRI at the next WRWC meeting.

13. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for a possible January 21, 2015, meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reviewed potential agenda items for the January WRWC meeting: swearing in of new trustees; election of officers; establishment of a legislative subcommittee; report on US Bureau of Reclamation's Basin Study; report on Cloud Seeding efforts with the DRI; recognition of departing trustees; public outreach schedule for the RWMP update.

There was discussion regarding timing issues with the WRWC meetings following TMWA's meetings. It was decided that the WRWC meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m., prior to the TMWA meetings.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AS DISCUSSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

14. Commission Comments

Commissioner Cohen announced that today will be his last WRWC meeting.

15. Staff Comments

None

16. Public Comment

None

17. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2015.

Chairman

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 14, 2015

TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC")

FROM: Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible establishment of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature

SUMMARY

Since the creation of the WRWC in 2008, it has established a Legislative Subcommittee prior to sessions of the Nevada Legislature to track and advance positions on pending legislation that may affect or be of interest to the WRWC/Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"). The WRWC formed the last Legislative Subcommittee in September 2012 and appointed Chairman Carrigan, Vice Chairman Hartung and Treasurer Cohen as members.

In past years, Legislative Subcommittee meetings have been held jointly with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA") Legislative Subcommittee as frequently as twice a month.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 19, 2012, the WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Chairman Carrigan (TMWA), Vice Chairman Hartung (Washoe County) and Treasurer Cohen (STMGID).

On January 14, 2011, The WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Chairman Carrigan (TMWA), Commissioner Aiazzi (Reno) and Commissioner Cohen (STMGID).

On December 12, 2008, The WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of the Chairman (Carrigan, TMWA), Vice Chairman (Aiazzi, Reno) and STMGID representative (Cohen).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the WRWC establish a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2015 Legislative session.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the WRWC agrees with the recommendation, a possible motion is: “Move to establish a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2015 Legislative session to track and advance positions on pending legislation that may affect or be of interest to the WRWC/NNWPC, to be comprised of the following members...”.

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Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 21, 2015

TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC")

FROM: Kerri Lanza, P.E. City of Reno

SUBJECT: 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. Possible discussion and acceptance of the report - Kerri Lanza, P.E, City of Reno

SUMMARY

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP") issues a NPDES permit to manage storm water in the Truckee Meadows. The permit is issued jointly to the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Washoe County. By interlocal agreement among those entities, the Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee ("SWPCC") is charged with implementing the requirements and the Storm Water Management Plan ("SWMP"). An on-site audit of the program was jointly conducted by United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") and NDEP in 2013. The results of the findings were provided in 2014. There were some follow-up items to address which were addressed by the permittees. No fines or penalties were discussed or imposed. This presentation will review the current SWMP efforts and anticipated future considerations. The WRWC has approved and provided funding to support the SWMP, through the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF"), over the last four fiscal years.

BACKGROUND:

In 1990, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County, were identified as an urbanized area subject to the federal Clean Water Act storm water management requirements. Consequently, NDEP issued a NPDES permit for the Truckee Meadows with the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County, as co-permittees. The NPDES permit allows the co-permittees to manage the quality of storm water discharges to the Truckee River and its tributaries for a term of 5 years. To manage the multiple agency permit, the interlocal agreement between the parties was developed in 1990 and amended in 2004. This interlocal agreement establishes the SWPCC and outlines the intergovernmental responsibilities to implement the requirements of the NPDES permit and watershed management for the benefit of water quality. The SWPCC is staffed by two representatives from each of the co-permittees. The City of Reno serves as the lead agency under the interlocal agreement; therefore, consultant agreements for required professional services are presented to and executed through the Reno City Council.

DISCUSSION:

The regulatory emphasis is now on monitoring and evaluating how storm water discharges contribute directly or indirectly to the impaired waterbodies or waterbody for which a total

maximum daily load ("TMDL") has been established. Continued and more detailed monitoring and assessment may be warranted to make those determinations, the goal being identification of sources and steps for mitigation to the maximum extent practicable.

The current permit terminates in May 2015. However, the SWPCC anticipates that the permit will be administratively extended until a new permit is issued.

FISCAL IMPACT

Direct program expenses currently funded by the WRWC, through the RWMF, are in an amount not to exceed of \$262,000.00 per fiscal year

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission accept the report.

POSSIBLE MOTION

"Move to accept the report."

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Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 15, 2015

TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC")

FROM: Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Report on public outreach and schedule to update and adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP"), and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

In response to discussion at the December WRWC meeting concerning public outreach during the review and update process for the 2016 RWMP, staff proposes additional advertising to invite the public to comment at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"), during which the RWMP will be reviewed in detail. The Notice shown below will be published in the Reno Gazette Journal and Sparks Tribune in January and July. The Notice will also be sent directly to the e-mail list of interested parties who receive WRWC and NNWPC agendas, and displayed continuously on the WRWC and NNWPC website home pages until the NNWPC completes its review and update process.

PUBLIC NOTICE REGIONAL WATER PLAN UPDATE

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") is in the process of reviewing and proposing possible amendments to the 2011 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. The review process has begun and will continue during the NNWPC's regularly scheduled open meetings on **the first Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 p.m. at the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, commencing February 4, 2015, and continuing through December 2015.** The public is invited to attend and provide public comment.

In addition to the above advertising, staff proposes to hold an after-hours public workshop during the statutorily required 30-day public inspection period (see Background). If public response on a particular subject of the RWMP merits additional public workshops earlier than that proposed, staff will advise the NNWPC and the WRWC.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 17, 2014, the WRWC approved a proposed schedule to prepare and adopt the 2016 update of the RWMP.

BACKGROUND

Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, the Western Regional Water Commission Act, requires two public hearings prior to adoption of an amendment to the RWMP, one held by the NNWPC and one by the WRWC. Notice of each public hearing must be given by publication in two newspapers of general circulation within the planning area at least 10 days before each hearing. After the NNWPC holds its hearing and recommends an amendment to the WRWC for adoption, a 30-day public inspection period is required before the WRWC holds its public hearing. Notice that the amendment is available for inspection must also be published, and during the 30-day period, the proposed plan amendment must be available to the public for inspection at the Washoe County Clerk's office. Copies will also be made available for inspection at the WRWC/NNWPC office, and on their respective websites.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of additional advertising is nominal and within the limitations of the approved fiscal year 2014-2015 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the public outreach activities presented, and/or other direction to staff as appropriate.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Commission agree with the above recommendation, a suggested motion is: "Move to approve the public outreach activities for the 2016 update of the RWMP, as presented by staff."

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