

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

Wednesday, May 21, 2015

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

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

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

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Neoma Jardon	TMWA, as its City of Reno WRWC member
Ed Lawson	City of Sparks
Bob Lucey	TMWA, as successor to South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hartung led the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2015, meeting. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 15, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH.

6. PUBLIC HEARING on the WRWC Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; discussion and adoption of the WRWC Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 - Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, reported that since the last WRWC meeting the bottom line of the budget has been increased by approximately \$331,000. The majority of that increase is from project contracts that are not expected to expend all of the money budgeted this fiscal year.

Commissioner Duerr asked about the status of her request to include Virginia Lake in the Storm Water Quality Monitoring contract. John Flansberg, City of Reno Director of Public Works, stated that City of Reno staff is looking into whether it would be better to add that to the scope of work or create a separate contract for Virginia Lake.

Mr. Smitherman will correct an error on line item 14 changing the contract end date to 6/30/15.

Commissioner Duerr referred to line item 5 regarding the purchase of water rights and asked if that will satisfy the Truckee River Operating Agreement (“TROA”) requirements. Mr. Smitherman stated that there is currently an offer under evaluation from TMWA to provide the amount of water rights that, in addition to the rights purchased under the TMWA-WRWC agreement and those rights owned by the local governments, would satisfy the 6,700 acre feet TROA requirement.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE WRWC FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion and possible approval of extending four existing Interlocal Agreements for a term of one year; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the following Amendments for that purpose – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

- 7-A) First Amendment to the Agreement with Washoe County, at no additional cost, for continuing work on the regional groundwater quality / septic system study;
- 7-B) Sixth Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Reno, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for continuation of technical services by LimnoTech, Inc. for water quality planning related to the review of the Truckee River water quality standards and total maximum daily loads for nutrients;
- 7-C) Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Reno, in an amount not to exceed \$262,500, to support the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management program, and activities related to the implementation of the water quality and storm water drainage provisions of the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan; and,
- 7-D) First Amendment to the Agreement with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for continuation of its Water Usage Review program.

Mr. Smitherman reviewed the four Agreements in need of amendments.

Chairman Hartung asked about assisting some of the smaller water utilities with a similar Water Usage Review program. Mr. Smitherman stated that the Northern Nevada Water Planning

Commission has offered to consider proposals from the smaller utilities if they are interested in a similar program and none have responded.

Public Comment - Cathy Brandhorst spoke.

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

8. Report on legislative activities, including Bill pending in the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC / NNWPC, and possible approval of recommendations made by the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee – John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. (For Possible Action)

John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel, reported that AB 19, which revises the provisions governing the timing of adoption of tentative budgets by local governments, passed on Monday, May 11, 2015. The WRWC Legislative Subcommittee took a position of opposition on AB 353, which would require competitive bidding for contracts over \$50,000, including professional services contracts. Mr. Rhodes requested a motion to support that position of opposition on AB 353.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO TAKE A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO AB 353, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Commission Comments

Commissioner Duerr requested an update on the status of the water planning process.

10. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman stated that the next WRWC meeting will be held on June 17, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

11. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

12. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:58 A.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2015.

Chairman