

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

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 19, 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 9:02 a.m. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Bob Lucey	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”), as successor to South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District
Jeanne Herman	TMWA, as its Washoe County WRWC member
Geno Martini	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”)
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)
Ron Smith (arrived at 9:30)	TMWA, as its City of Sparks WRWC member

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno
Ed Lawson	City of Sparks
Neoma Jardon	TMWA, as its City of Reno WRWC member

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Lucey led the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2015, meeting. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Presentation by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (“PLPT”) on its triennial review of water quality standards and rationale for proposed changes to the PLPT Water Quality Control Plan – Brian Wadsworth, PLPT Water Quality Manager. *

Brian Wadsworth, PLPT Water Quality Manager, gave a presentation including information on the following topics: the PLPT; a history of the PLPT Water Quality Standards; the PLPT Water Quality Program and Water Quality Standards; the triennial review process; proposed changes to the PLPT Water Quality Control Plan; and a timeline of events.

Chairman Hartung asked about the effects of the low water flow of the river on the monitoring and sampling activities. Mr. Wadsworth stated that there is no protocol outlined in the PLPT Water Quality Control Plan for low water flow but it is taken into consideration.

Chairman Hartung asked if this will change the TMWRF standards. Mr. Wadsworth responded no and stated they are creating a standard consistent with the current State of Nevada’s standards.

7. Report by LimnoTech, Inc. (“LTI”) on its review of proposed changes by the PLPT to the PLPT Water Quality Control Plan, and any possible effects to the Nevada Water Quality Standards or Total Maximum Daily Loads (“TMDL”) for the Truckee River; possible direction to staff, and possible comment letter to the PLPT – Kerri Lanza, P.E., City of Reno; Laura Weintraub, P.E., LTI. (For Possible Action)

Kerri Lanza, City of Reno, reviewed information from the third-party review of the proposed changes to the PLPT Water Quality Control Plan and stated that it was determined that the phosphorus standards on the lower river were inconsistent. The recommendation following the technical efforts of the review is to request that the State look into relaxing its phosphorus standard. The PLPT recommendation is to make its standard more restrictive and adopt criteria essentially equivalent to the current State standard, rather than recommending that the State’s standard be revised to a less restrictive level. The State opted to wait until the PLPT Water Quality Standards review was concluded.

Ms. Lanza stated that a draft letter with comments regarding the draft PLPT Water Quality Control Plan is included in this meeting packet for consideration by the WRWC. Ms. Lanza expressed concerns regarding how this might affect the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”) in meeting the dissolved reactive phosphorous standard.

(Commissioner Smith arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

Laura Weintraub, LTI, discussed the potential implications of the proposed changes to the PLPT Water Quality Standards.

Chairman Hartung asked about the California standards. David Dilks, LTI, explained the rationale for why the standard is higher from the state line down to East McCarran and lower downstream of East McCarran.

Chairman Hartung asked if the town of Truckee discharges any effluent into the Truckee River. Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, stated that Truckee has no direct discharge into the river.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AND SEND A COMMENT LETTER TO THE PLPT IN SIMILAR FORM AND WITH SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CONTENT AS THE CITY OF

RENO DRAFT LETTER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Discussion and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund to support Cloud Seeding Operations by the Desert Research Institute (“DRI”) for the upcoming water year; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with DRI for that purpose – Frank McDonough, DRI. (For Possible Action)

Frank McDonough, DRI, reported on the final results of the Cloud Seeding Operations for the past water year.

Commissioner Ainsworth asked which areas receive most of the precipitation from the cloud seeding efforts. Mr. McDonough stated that most of what is cloud seeded goes into the northern half of Lake Tahoe and the upper part of the Truckee River from Tahoe City to Truckee. The winds are from the south west, which push the cloud seeding into the affected area and once the cold front comes through, the winds become more north westerly, which targets more of South Lake Tahoe – Heavenly Valley area. When the snow melts, it all goes into the Truckee Basin. If the wind isn’t pushing towards the Truckee River, the cloud seeding generators are not run.

Chairman Hartung stated that he has asked Congressman Amodei for assistance with the drone program from the federal government and that seems promising.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM DRI FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FROM THE REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT FUND FOR THE 2015 - 2016 CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DRI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

(Commissioner Martini left at 9:58 a.m.)

9. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the September 16, 2015, meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated there is nothing time critical at this point for a September meeting and recommended not meeting again until November to review financial statements; designate an auditor; and review a report on the Regional Water Management Plan.

COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MADE A MOTION TO HOLD THE NEXT WRWC MEETING IN NOVEMBER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Commission Comments

None

11. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman stated that the next WRWC meeting date will be November 18, 2015.

12. Public Comment

None

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:00 A.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2015.

Chairman