

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 11, 2016

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

FROM: Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Review and possible approval of a revised schedule for completion of the Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP") 2016 update; and possible direction to staff

SUMMARY

On August 3, 2016, staff proposed to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") a revised schedule for the completion of the RWMP 2016 update. The previous schedule showed that a draft update would be presented to the NNWPC at its July 2016 meeting. For various reasons, the schedule was not achieved, therefore staff recommends a 3-month extension to October 2016. Once the NNWPC has reviewed and approved the draft RWMP 2016 update, a recommendation will be made to the WRWC and the public review and adoption process will begin. Staff proposes the following, revised schedule:

Oct. 5, 2016	Present final draft RWMP 2016 update to the NNWPC for review
Nov. 2, 2016	NNWPC public hearing and possible recommendation to the WRWC for adoption
Nov. – Dec. 2016	Public review period
Dec. 21, 2016	WRWC public hearing and possible adoption of the RWMP 2016 update

BACKGROUND

Section 50, Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, the WRWC Act, requires that the RWMP be reviewed by the NNWPC on a schedule established by the WRWC, which must at least provide for a review within five years after adoption of the RWMP and at least every five years thereafter. After each review, the NNWPC shall submit to the WRWC any proposed amendment to the RWMP or report that there are no amendments. The 5-year review was completed as of December 2015.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 20, 2016, the WRWC approved a schedule for the completion of the RWMP 2016 update, which showed that a draft update would be presented to the NNWPC at its July 2016 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

On August 3, 2016, the NNWPC recommended that the NNWPC approve the revised schedule for the completion of the RWMP 2016 update.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the NNWPC's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the revised schedule for the completion of the Regional Water Management Plan 2016 update."

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