

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

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

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

Vice Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

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| <u>Commissioners Present:</u> | <u>Appointed by:</u>  |
| Naomi Duerr                   | City of Reno  |
| Sandra Ainsworth              | Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)                                   |
| Jenny Brekhus                 | TMWA, City of Reno WRWC member  |
| Jeanne Herman                 | TMWA, Washoe County WRWC member   |
| Ron Smith                     | City of Sparks  |
| Bob Lucey                     | TMWA, successor to South Truckee Meadows<br>General Improvement District (“STMGID”) |

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| <u>Commissioners Absent:</u> | <u>Appointed by:</u>             |
| Vaughn Hartung               | Washoe County                    |
| Charlene Bybee               | TMWA, City of Sparks WRWC Member |

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

John Flansberg, City of Reno, Director of Public Works, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment**

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

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

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

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the March 16, 2016, Meeting (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 16, 2016, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT

**6. PUBLIC HEARING on the WRWC Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; discussion and adoption of the WRWC Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)**

Jim Smitherman presented the staff report and reported that the numbers have not changed since they were reviewed at the March WRWC meeting.

The public hearing was opened. There were no requests to speak. The public hearing was closed.

COMMISSIONER BREKHUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**7. Discussion and possible reappointments to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) for a term of three years (April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2019): Mickey Hazelwood, public at large member to represent environmental, biological, conservation or public concerns; and Michael DeMartini, member to represent owners of domestic wells; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented the staff report.

Public Comment: Cathy Brandhorst discussed the public at large and domestic wells.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE REAPPOINTMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**8. Discussion and possible approval of a Fifth 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 if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute a Fifth Amendment for that purpose – Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)**

Chris Wessel presented the staff report. Details regarding how the funds are allocated are included in Attachment 1. The information included in Attachment 2 was originally compiled in response to a program audit data request from the U.S. EPA regarding the total effort made to support the program. Mr. Wessel answered questions from the Commissioners regarding how the jurisdictions pay for the program and what the indirect costs are.

Mr. Flansberg confirmed for Vice-Chair Duerr that the City of Reno’s indirect costs for the program include a combination of street sweeping and cleaning catch basins.

Mr. Wessel confirmed for Vice-Chair Duerr that the EPA audit report is in the review process and not yet available.

COMMISSIONER LUCY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A FIFTH 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 AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT FOR THAT PURPOSE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**9. Discussion and possible approval of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Washoe County (the “County”) for a “Septic Nitrate Baseline Data and Risk Assessment Study . . . Phase II”, to authorize the County’s use of data obtained to provide timely notification to residents in certain study areas; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute a Second Amendment for that purpose – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Wessel presented the staff report. The final report is due by the end of this fiscal year. Mr. Wessel confirmed for Vice-Chair Duerr that copies of the report will be provided to the WRWC when it is available.

Commissioner Brekhus asked if grant funding is being pursued by Washoe County.

Mr. Wessel indicated that there might be some federal grant funding available for the Spanish Springs septic to sewer conversion program. Mr. Smitherman stated his belief that, other than the Spanish Springs program, the County is not seeking any grant funds for this right now. Mr. Smitherman also confirmed for Commissioner Brekhus that the study is not focused only on domestic wells.

COMMISSIONER LUCY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE “SEPTIC NITRATE BASELINE DATA AND RISK ASSESSMENT STUDY . . . PHASE II”, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**10. Discussion and possible approval of a Fourth Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the County to provide staff services for the WRWC and the NNWPC, extending the Agreement for a term of one year; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute a fourth Amendment for that purpose – Ben Hutchins, Division Director, Finance and Administration, Washoe County Community Services Department, and Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented the staff report and answered questions from Vice-Chair Duerr.

COMMISSIONER LUCY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WASHOE COUNTY TO PROVIDE STAFF SERVICES FOR THE WRWC AND THE NNWPC, EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, AND AUTHORIZE THE WRWC CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT

**11. Report and discussion on the procedure for and possible consequences of 1) the dissolution of the WRWC; or 2) the transfer of the powers, duties and responsibilities of the WRWC to another regional governing board; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman and John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman recommended continuing this item to a future WRWC meeting because they are out of time and impinging on the time for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) budget hearing meeting.

COMMISSIONER LUCY MADE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO AUGUST 17, 2016, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**12. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

The next WRWC meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on August 17, 2016.

**13. Commission Comments**

None

**14. Staff Comments**

Mr. Smitherman announced that June Davis will be retiring and this will be her last WRWC meeting.

**15. Public Comment**

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

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Chairman