

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 11, 2017

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 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature, and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

Since the creation of the WRWC in 2008, it has established a Legislative Subcommittee prior to sessions of the Nevada Legislature to track, possibly advance positions on pending legislation that may affect or be of interest to the WRWC/Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"), and keep the full WRWC membership advised and informed on legislative activities. The WRWC formed the last Legislative Subcommittee in January 2015 and appointed Chairman Hartung, Vice Chair Duerr and Secretary/Treasurer Ainsworth as members.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 21, 2015, the WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Chairman Hartung (Washoe County), Vice Chair Duerr (Reno) and Secretary/Treasurer Ainsworth (SVGID).

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 2017 Legislative session.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the WRWC agrees with the recommendation, a possible motion is: “Move to establish a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2017 Legislative session to track and possibly 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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