

# Western Regional Water Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** January 11, 2017  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC")  
**FROM:** Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion and possible approval of the schedule for review of the draft 2016 Regional Water Management Plan update, and possible direction to staff.

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### SUMMARY

On January 20, 2016 staff discussed with the WRWC a schedule for the review and update of the Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP"). The schedule provided for the RWMP update to be developed by July 2016 and a draft document to be presented to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") at its July meeting. A draft plan was made available for the NNWPC's review in December 2016.

The NNWPC has indicated a preference to review the final draft 2016 RWMP update over a 2-month timeframe. Staff proposed to the NNWPC that the 2-month period begin in January 2017, and last through March 1, 2017, the date of the NNWPC's regular March meeting. The NNWPC approved the schedule shown below, which provides for the 2-month review period. Once the NNWPC has reviewed and approved the draft RWMP update, a recommendation to the WRWC will be made by resolution at a public hearing, and the public review process as provided by statute will begin.

Feb. 17, 2017	Publish 10-day notice of NNWPC public hearing, as required by statute (on or before February 17)
Mar. 1, 2017	NNWPC public hearing required by statute, and possible resolution to submit the Plan to the WRWC with a recommendation for adoption
Mar. 17, 2017	Submit attested copy of the Plan to the WRWC (on or before March 17)
Mar. 17, 2017	Deliver copy of the Plan to the Washoe County Clerk for 30-day public inspection period, and publish notice of availability, as required by statute
TBA , 2017	Hold afternoon / evening public workshop (not required by statute)
Apr. 8, 2017	Publish 10-day notice of WRWC public hearing, as required by statute (on or before April 8)
Apr. 19, 2017	WRWC public hearing required by statute, and possible adoption of the Plan, as amended

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the WRWC approve the schedule approved by the NNWPC, shown above, concerning the RWMP update.

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