

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

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 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 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott

Naomi Duerr

Vaughn Hartung

Jeanne Herman

Neoma Jardon (present at 9:04 a.m.)

Bob Lucey

Paul McKenzie (present at 9:13 a.m.)

Ron Smith

Appointed by:

City of Sparks

City of Reno

Washoe County

TMWA (Washoe County)

TMWA (City of Reno)

TMWA (STMGID Successor)

TMWRF

TMWA (City of Sparks)

Commissioners Absent:

Sandra Ainsworth

Appointed by:

Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jess Traver.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**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. Introduction of New WRWC Trustee**

City of Reno Council Member Paul McKenzie was introduced as new WRWC Trustee representing the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”).

**6. Approval of the Minutes of the March 15, 2017, Meeting (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2017, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**7. Presentation on the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”), recommended by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) for adoption by the WRWC, including a report on the public review period from March 20 through April 18, 2017; discussion of comments received, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)**

*(Commissioner Jardon present at 9:04 a.m.)*

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, presented the staff report on the 2016 RWMP, including review of the key changes that have been made.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT ON THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE RWMP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUERR.

Commissioner Duerr requested that a reference to the population that can be supported by the water resources listed in the RWMP be included either as an appendix or in a future update.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

*(Commissioner McKenzie present at 9:13 a.m.)*

**8. 9:15 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING on the 2016 RWMP; possible approval of a Resolution adopting the 2016 RWMP, or possible remand to the NNWPC with any proposed change or addition. (For Possible Action)**

*[The public comment portion of the hearing was opened.]* There were no requests to speak.

*[The public comment portion of the hearing was closed.]*

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**9. Status report on a proposal from the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency for development of a regional storm water drainage Geographic Information System (“GIS”) map, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented the staff report reviewing the issues raised by the NNWPC and their recommendation to the WRWC. The NNWPC recommends that the WRWC: 1) postpone action on TMRPA’s proposal to compile a regional storm water drainage GIS map until the issues identified by the NNWPC can be addressed; and 2) limit consideration to Phase 1 of the draft scope of work at this time.

Commissioner Smith expressed concerns regarding the additional committee that is proposed.

Dr. Jeremy Smith, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (“TMRPA”), explained that the committee would be staff level, advisory only, with a consultant to help guide the work.

Commissioner Lucey stated that mapping is already being done and extra funding does not need to be used when there are other initiatives that need to be focused on.

Chair Hartung explained what the proposed project would include from a regional perspective. A complete map including storm water information does not seem to exist.

Commissioner Lucey stated he does not see a problem with collecting and having the data but asked what the end result would be.

Commissioner Smith stated the Regional Plan already has the data.

Mr. Smitherman confirmed that data is available in paper form but not in GIS form. Mr. Smitherman also explained that this would become a comprehensive regional baseline and that set of data could be used by an expert to do flow modeling. If somebody could put together a flow model with all of the data, it would be a better predictive tool than what is now available.

Commissioner Smith asked who would pay for the modeling.

Mr. Smitherman explained this project would make a layer available so any entity could fund a modeling effort from it.

Commissioner Herman stated if this information was available before the recent flooding, they might have been able to better predict and prevented some of the damage that has happened.

Commissioner McKenzie stated this is a vitally important part of planning for growth and asked if this is the agency that should house the final product.

Commissioner Jardon expressed concerns regarding whether or not this body should be taking this on.

Commissioner Duerr stated that many agencies would benefit from this and that it might need to reside in the TMRPA.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PHASES ONE, TWO, AND THREE FOR \$75,000.00 TO BE HOUSED IN THE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY WITH SUPPORT FROM TECHNICAL STAFF AS NEEDED FROM THE VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN.

Commissioner McKenzie stated that moving on with Phase 1 is important to get an idea of what data exists in each agency. That process should also determine where the data should be housed and what other agencies will participate. He suggested the information from Phase 1 be brought back to the WRWC before moving on with the other phases.

Commissioner Jardon expressed support for moving forward with Phase 1.

Commissioner Smith expressed concern that the motion assumes support from the other agencies. He stated that he is okay with mapping and going from there to see where that takes us but he cannot support the rest of the motion.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MODIFIED THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PHASE 1 AT \$21,000 AND IN FOUR MONTHS COME BACK TO THE WRWC WITH A MORE DETAILED PROJECT PLAN FOR THE NEXT PHASE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE.

Dr. Smith stated the work would be scheduled to begin in July.

MOTION CARRIED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR AND TWO (2) OPPOSITIONS BY COMMISSIONERS LUCEY AND SMITH.

**10. Discussion and possible approval of a two-year time extension to the Sub-grant Agreement with the State of Nevada for the Bedell Flat Rapid Infiltration Basin Feasibility Study; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an amendment to the Agreement for that purpose – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented the staff report regarding the possible extension.

COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**11. Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC / NNWPC; possible approval or revision of recommendations made by staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee; possible approval of letters of support for certain pending Bills and budget items; and possible direction to staff – John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. (For Possible Action)**

John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel, presented the staff report on the status of Bills being tracked. Mr. Rhodes discussed recommended letters of support for the governor's budget for cloud seeding and for SB74.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE SUB COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEUTRAL WATCH OF AB205 AND AB375, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT AS DISCUSSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

No action was taken.

**13. Commission Comments**

None

**14. Staff Comments**

None

**15. Public Comment**

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

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Chair Vaughn Hartung

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