

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 8, 2022

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

FROM: Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding the reappointment of two voting members to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) for a term of three years (April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2025): Mickey Hazelwood, a public at large member to represent environmental, biological, conservation or public concerns; and Michael Widmer, a member to represent owners of domestic wells.

SUMMARY

Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, the Western Regional Water Commission Act (the “Act”), Section 36, requires the WRWC to appoint two voting members to the NNWPC: one public at large member to represent environmental, biological, conservation or public concerns, and one member to represent domestic well owners. The positions had initial terms of two years and subsequent terms of three years. Both terms expire on April 1, 2022.

PREVIOUS ACTION AND BACKGROUND

On April 11, 2008, the WRWC appointed Michael DeMartini as the member to represent domestic well owners. In addition, on October 9, 2009, the WRWC appointed Mickey Hazelwood as the public at large member to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Both appointments were renewed by the WRWC in May 2010, September 2013 and May 2016.

On October 8, 2019, staff received an email and curriculum vitae from Michael Widmer, a local hydrogeologist and domestic well owner, requesting that he be considered for appointment to the NNWPC seat representing domestic well owners. In Both Mr. Widmer and Mr. DeMartini met all requirements for appointment to the NNWPC under Section 36 (Nevada residency) and Section 38 (professional experience) of the Act.

On October 19, 2019, the WRWC directed staff to open a recruitment for the two positions. On January 15, 2020, upon recommendation from the NNWPC, the WRWC appointed Michael Widmer as the domestic well representative and reappointed Mickey Hazelwood as the public at large representative.

Both Mr. Widmer and Mr. Hazelwood have indicated to staff that they are willing and able to serve another term. Section 36(2) of the Act states that a member may be reappointed.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the WRWC reappoint both Mr. Widmer and Mr. Hazelwood to their prior positions.

KR:jp