

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") was held in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Drinkwater at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael Drinkwater, Darrin Price, George Ball, Michael DeMartini (arrived at 1:30 p.m.), John Enloe, John Erwin, Mickey Hazelwood, Danielle Henderson, John Martini, Brian Wadsworth, and David Solaro.

Voting Members Absent: John Flansberg.

Non-Voting Members Present: Chris Anderson, Kim Davis, and Edmund Quaglieri.

Non-Voting Members Absent: Harry Fahnestock and My-Linh Nguyen.

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel; and John Rhodes, Legal Counsel.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the February 4, 2015, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Review of projects funded by the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF") and Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") budget priorities for fiscal year 2015 – 2016; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

(Commissioners DeMartini and Solaro arrived at 1:30 p.m.)

Jim Smitherman reviewed the project related Professional Services Budget Worksheet included in the staff report and requested input from the Commission on project priorities.

Commissioner Enloe requested an update on the Population Employment Model line item. Mr. Smitherman provided a brief summary of the project status.

Commissioner Enloe asked if the budget for that item reflects staff time. Mr. Smitherman replied that it does not include staff time.

Commissioner Erwin asked which items are new for 2015. Mr. Smitherman replied that none of them are new for 2015.

No action was taken.

Chairman Drinkwater stated that Commissioners should have input on a project priority list to Mr. Smitherman before next Friday.

6. Presentation of staff comments on the “Flood Management and Storm Water Drainage” chapter for the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) update; discussion and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that the staff report includes redline edits received from the Truckee River Flood Management Authority, and sections that are presently under review by Reno, Sparks and Washoe County staff. There were no comments or questions from the Commissioners, and no action was taken.

7. Presentation of comments received on the “Water Purveyors” chapter for the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff - Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel reviewed updates made based on comments received since the last NNWPC meeting when this section was presented. Mr. Wessel stated that additional input is anticipated from Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”).

Commissioner Erwin asked if some of the Other PUC Regulated Water Systems are service territory regulated. Edmund Quaglieri stated that the majority of them are fully regulated.

Commissioner Erwin asked if the water systems that are service territory regulated can be identified. Mr. Quaglieri stated that he can add another section to include that information.

Commissioner Erwin asked if they can also add the number of water rights that are attached to each of the utilities. Mr. Quaglieri stated that he will provide that information.

No action was taken.

8. Presentation of comments received on the “Conservation” chapter for the 2016 RWMP update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Wessel reviewed updates made based on comments received since the last NNWPC meeting when this section was presented. Additional changes are anticipated to be submitted by the Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”). No action was taken.

9. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding any chapters of the RWMP previously reviewed by the NNWPC in relation to the 2016 RWMP update – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reported that he did not receive any requests to bring any other chapters back for further review, and no action was taken.

10. Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests (“BDR”) and Bills pending in the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC / NNWPC – John Rhodes, NNWPC Legal Counsel.

John Rhodes stated that the staff report includes all of the BDRs and Bills that have been introduced that the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee has been following. The WRWC Legislative Subcommittee will be supporting the Cloud Seeding Bill when that language becomes available.

11. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

- a. Report on the status of projects and work plan supported by the RWMF;
- b. Financial report on the RWMF;
- c. Report on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency ("TMRPA")'s parcel-based population and employment modeling project;

Mr. Smitherman stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the Program Manager's Report.

12. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the April 1, 2015, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated future agenda items will include: review of three chapters of the RWMP, review of the draft tentative budget, legislative activities report, and standing items. No action was taken.

13. Selection of NNWPC Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the term April 2015 to April 2016, and possible direction to staff. (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Erwin nominated Commissioner Enloe as Chairman and Commissioner Martini as Vice-Chairman. The nominations were approved by unanimous vote.

14. Commission Comments

Commissioner Wadsworth stated that he will likely have a presentation for the NNWPC in May on the proposed changes to the Pyramid Lake Piute Tribe Water Quality Standards.

15. Staff Comments

None

16. Public Comment

None

17. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Enloe, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2015.