

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, November 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 Vice Chairman Martini at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum**

*Voting Members Present:* John Enloe (present at 1:46 p.m.), John Martini, George Ball, Michael DeMartini, John Erwin, Danielle Henderson, David Solaro, and Brian Wadsworth.

*Voting Members Absent:* Michael Drinkwater, John Flansberg, Mickey Hazelwood, and Darrin Price.

*Non-Voting Members Present:* None.

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

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**4. Approval of the Minutes from the October 7, 2015, Meeting (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 7, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**5. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") to approve a First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the Desert Research Institute ("DRI") for the Cloud Seeding Gauges Upgrade, Phase Two project, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF"), and extend the Agreement for a term of two years; and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Management Planner, and Frank McDonough, DRI. (For Possible Action)**

Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Management Planner, presented background information on this item. Washoe County provided four older rain gauges for this monitoring program and all of them were in need of some repair. The NNWPC approved the installation of two new gauges and directed staff to evaluate the older gauges. That evaluation has been completed and it has been determined that based on the \$50,000 remaining in the original proposed budget, the four older gauges could be rehabbed along with the purchase of two new rain gauges, making a total of eight rain gauges for the project to be completed in the next two fiscal years.

Frank McDonough, DRI, gave a presentation on the status of the precipitation gauge project.

COMMISSIONER BALL MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE WRWC APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DeMARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**6. Presentation of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) 2035 Water Resources Plan – John Erwin, TMWA. (For Possible Action)**

*[Chairman Enloe present at 1:46 p.m.]*

Commissioner Erwin introduced Bill Hauck with TMWA. Mr. Hauck gave a presentation on the 2015 water supply year.

Commissioner Erwin gave a presentation on the draft TMWA 2016-2035 Water Resources Plan. The presentation included information on TMWA'S pre-merger and post-merger service area, pending Truckee River Operating Agreement (“TROA”) implementation, water resources during drought periods, source water reliability, integrated management of water resources, and future water resources. Shawn Stoddard, TMWA, presented information on the Water Demand Projections chapter of the Water Resources Plan. Laine Christman, TMWA, presented information on the Water Conservation Plan chapter of the Water Resources Plan. Christian Kropf, TMWA, presented information on groundwater supply. Mr. Stoddard also discussed climate change.

Commissioner Erwin stated that public meetings on the draft Water Resources Plan will begin Monday, November 9, 2015, and the public comment period will be December 1, 2015 through January 29, 2016.

No action was taken.

**7. Presentation and discussion of a report on the review of the 2011 Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) by the NNWPC; possible acceptance of the report; possible recommendation to the WRWC to accept the report; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)**

Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager, stated the purpose of this report is to provide a document that will go to the WRWC for action to comply with the five year review provision required by the WRWC Act.

Mr. Smitherman reviewed information regarding the updates that will be made to each chapter of the RWMP. A large portion of the updates required have to do with the consolidation and TMWA’s updated Water Resources Plan.

The target for completion of a review draft of the RWMP is June 2016. There will be a three month review period at that time with the final RWMP ready for adoption by the Fall of 2016.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE WRWC ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**8. 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 there were no requests for review of any RWMP chapters.

Commissioner Erwin asked if electronic copies of the latest version of all nine chapters of the RWMP are available. Mr. Smitherman stated they are not available online but electronic copies can be emailed to any Commissioners interested in receiving a copy.

No action was taken.

**9. 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; and,
- c. Report on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency's parcel-based population and employment modeling project

The standard items are included in the Program Manager's Report.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency continues to make progress on its Housing Study.

**10. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the December 2, 2015, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman stated the potential future agenda items include:

- Report on the Certified Landscape Technician program from the Nevada Landscape Association
- Report from effluent management strategy working group
- Indirect Potable Reuse Workshop update
- Discuss possibility of cancelling the January 6, 2016, NNWPC meeting
- Review report of the 2011 RWMP; and any other standing items.

No action was taken.

**11. Commission Comments**

Commissioner Henderson stated this week is Nevada Flood Awareness Week and she will be participating in a series of events throughout Northern Nevada. Friday, November 6, there will be some presentations at the Emergency Managers Breakfast meeting. A Flood Tabletop Model will be presented to a couple of Washoe County schools. November 7 and 8 there will be a booth at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center as part of the Reno Fall Home and Lifestyle Show.

Commissioner Wadsworth announced that he has accepted another position in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and this will be his last NNWPC meeting.

**12. Staff Comments**

Mr. Smitherman expressed appreciation to Commissioner Wadsworth for his efforts in getting a draft of their Water Quality Standards to the NNWPC for review during the update process.

Mr. Smitherman announced that he and Mr. Wessel will participate in TMWA's public open house meetings for review of their Water Resources Plan.

**13. Public Comment**

None

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

COMMISSIONER WADSWORTH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:20 P.M.,  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ERWIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

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John Enloe, Chairman

**APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.**