

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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 the following business was conducted:

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 Martini, George Ball, Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Erwin, Mickey Hazelwood, Darrin Price, and David Solaro.

Voting Members Absent: John Enloe, Danielle Henderson, and John Flansberg.

Non-Voting Members Present: Cindy Turiczek.

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

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

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SOLARO

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

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 2, 2015, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER BALL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2, 2015, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ERWIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Report on activities of the "Regional Effluent Management Team", and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the activities of the Regional Effluent Management Team. Mr. Smitherman stated that he presented this report to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") and advised them that there is a team of top staff engineers from their member entities working on critical wastewater effluent management issues. A more thorough report will be prepared in a couple of months.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Presentation of comments received on the "Policies and Criteria" chapter for the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP") update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman discussed revisions that have been made in response to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA") draft Water Resource Plan ("WRP").

Commissioner Erwin asked if wellhead protection plans are required for other water purveyors.

Cynthia Turiczek, PUC Water Engineer, stated that they recommend wellhead protection plans but it is not an official statute requirement.

Public Comment – Cathy Brandhorst discussed water issues.

Commissioner Erwin requested that staff review the language in this chapter to ensure the new process is captured with regard to areas that are outside TMWA's infrastructure but still inside the Truckee Meadows Service Area ("TMSA").

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. 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 stated there are no additional chapters to review at this time.

Commissioner Price asked if the draft chapters are on the website yet. Mr. Smitherman stated that they are still looking into getting that done. Staff will email the chapters to the Commissioners this week.

8. Review draft Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") tentative budget; discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC to approve the tentative budget - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reviewed the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 included in the staff report.

Commissioner Drinkwater asked if there is still a need to fund cloud seeding. Mr. Smitherman recommended that as long as TMWA continues to participate in funding cloud seeding, the WRWC should as well.

John Rhodes, Legal Counsel, stated that recommending this draft budget for approval does not automatically recommend approval of a new cloud seeding contract.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY THE WRWC, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

- a. Report on the Status of Projects and Work Plan supported by the Regional Water Management Fund ("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.

Commissioner Drinkwater asked if the funds for the Highland Canal Water Quality Project will be used. Mr. Smitherman stated that the project would be underway right now if it weren't for slow action by the railroad, which needs to grant a right-of-way.

10. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the March 2, 2016, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated the potential future agenda items will include:

- Review chapters of the 2011 RWMP; and any other standing items.

Commissioner Drinkwater stated that another item for the next agenda is a brine disposal study that was continued from the December meeting.

Commissioner Price requested an agenda item to discuss the WRWC direction to staff regarding dissolving the WRWC. Mr. Rhodes recommended waiting to include this item on an agenda until after the WRWC reviews the information they requested.

Mr. Smitherman stated that the WRWC asked staff to bring a report on the steps that would need to be taken to dissolve the WRWC and to describe the duties and responsibilities of the WRWC. They also requested options for other entities that could take on certain responsibilities and duties of the WRWC should they decide to pursue dissolving the WRWC.

No action was taken.

11. Commission Comments

None

12. Staff Comments

None

13. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst discussed several topics.

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Enloe, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2016.