

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 6, 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 conducted the following business:

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

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: John Enloe, John Martini, George Ball (arrived at 1:34 p.m.), Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Flansberg, Danielle Henderson, Darrin Price, and David Solaro.

Voting Members Absent: John Erwin, and Mickey Hazelwood.

Non-Voting Members Present: Cindy Turiczek

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

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on several topics.

[Commissioner Ball arrived at 1:34 p.m.]

3. Approval of 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. Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the term of April 2016 to April 2017, and possible direction to staff. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG AS CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER HENDERSON AS VICE-CHAIR, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2016, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2, 2016, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Report on the ongoing project "Septic Nitrate Baseline Data and Risk Assessment Study, Phase II: In-Depth Analysis of Prioritized Study Areas, Creation of Baseline Data Set, and Risk Assessment" being conducted by Washoe County by way of an interlocal agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC"), including nitrate analysis results for groundwater samples; discussion, possible

recommendation to the WRWC, and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager and Lydia Peri, P.E., Washoe County Community Services Department. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman provided background information on the project and introduced Lydia Peri to give the presentation.

Ms. Peri reported on the field work portion of the project reviewing results from 307 wells that were sampled throughout 12 study areas. A final report is expected to be completed by June 30, 2016.

Commissioner DeMartini asked about the impact of agricultural activity on nitrate levels. Ms. Peri stated that topic will be considered in the final report.

Commissioner Enloe asked if the sampling is done at the tap or at depth in the wells. Ms. Peri stated that the samples are taken from the tap.

Commissioner Enloe asked who is receiving mail regarding these results. Dwayne Smith, Washoe County Community Services Department, stated that each of the domestic well owners have been notified of their results. He also reported that they are developing a notification letter that will be sent to a broader group of people.

Commissioner Price asked about information that is being provided regarding how to address any well issues. Ms. Peri stated that she provides anyone requesting that information with an informational packet on treating/mitigating nitrate.

Public Comment – Cathy Brandhorst spoke about water issues.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE WRWC APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PHASE II: IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF PRIORITIZED STUDY AREAS, CREATION OF BASELINE DATA SET, AND RISK ASSESSMENT, TO RATIFY WASHOE COUNTY'S TIMELY NOTIFICATION OF RESIDENTS IN THE STUDY AREA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Report on activities of the “Regional Effluent Management Team”; discussion, possible recommendation to the WRWC, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman began the presentation with information on the history of the Regional Effluent Management Team and its members.

The Team members, Lydia Peri, P.E., Washoe County; Rina Schumer, Ph.D., Desert Research Institute; Andy Hummel, P.E., City of Sparks; and, Rick Warner, P.E., Washoe County delivered a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the results of recent Team and contractor efforts, draw interim conclusions, and present recommendations for future work. Presentation and discussion topics included the following: 1) Planning and evaluation of possible rapid infiltration basin sites; 2) South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“STMWRF”) Master Plan Update; 3) Water rights constraints and strategies; 4) Water balance scenario evaluation using linear optimization programming; 5) Groundwater replenishment feasibility project and indirect potable reuse (“IPR”); and, 6) Conclusions and recommendations.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO: 1) ACCEPT THE REPORT; 2) CONTINUE STANTEC PROJECT COORDINATOR SERVICES RECOMMENDING A CONTRACT AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000; 3) PURSUE PERMITTING

AND DEMONSTRATION OF AN IPR (Indirect Potable Reuse) FACILITY IN THE NORTH VALLEYS; 4) CONTINUE DEVELOPING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE REGIONAL EFFLUENT MASTER PLAN, AND; 5) CONTINUE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE WATER RIGHTS RETURN FLOW ISSUES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRICE.

Commissioner Drinkwater stated that they will also continue to investigate alternate treatment methods to continue to meet regulations.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. 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.

9. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the May 4, 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:

- A proposal for the analysis of the long-term regional precipitation data that has been collected;
- A proposal for continuing the long-term regional precipitation monitoring;
- Recommendations to the WRWC for ongoing contracts;
- Review changes to the Goals and Policies chapter of the Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP") update; and any other standing items.

Mr. Smitherman will follow up on when to expect a report for optimization of restoration investments in the Truckee River watershed.

Commissioner DeMartini suggested a report or update on the Verdi area with regard to future development and water capacity.

No action was taken.

10. Recess at 2:53 to move the meeting to the Washoe County Community Services Mt. Rose / Slide Mountain Conference Room, Building A, Second Floor, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada (same building as Washoe County Commission Chambers), for a workshop session on WRWC budget priorities.

[Reconvened at 3:13 p.m.]

11. Workshop to review the projects and studies listed in the WRWC Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget; discussion of priorities for ongoing and future projects and studies, possible recommendation to the WRWC, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman explained various process options for prioritizing projects and studies included in the WRWC Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget. The Commissioners asked questions and discussed pros and cons of some of the various projects. Each Commissioner was then given 12 stickers to place on the projects they felt were of highest priority. Mr. Smitherman will compile the information and provide a report at the next meeting with the results of this project ranking activity.

No action was taken.

12. Commission Comments

None

14. Staff Comments

None

15. Public Comment

A sewer system map for Pleasant Valley was provided by Ginger Pierce, a Pleasant Valley resident..

16. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Flansberg, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2016.