

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 4, 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 Flansberg at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: John Enloe, John Martini, John Erwin, George Ball (arrived at 1:38 p.m.), Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Flansberg, Mickey Hazelwood, and Danielle Henderson.

Voting Members Absent: Darrin Price and David Solaro.

Non-Voting Members Present: None.

Non-Voting Members Absent: My-Linh Nguyen, Harry Fahnstock, Cindy Turiczek, and Thomas Pyeatte.

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

Commissioner Erwin requested that Agenda Items 11 and 12 be approved as part of the motion approving the agenda.

Chairman Flansberg called for public comment on Agenda Items 11 and 12. There were no requests to speak.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA INCLUDING AGENDA ITEMS 11 AND 12, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the April 6, 2016, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 6, 2016, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Review and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") to approve a proposal from the Desert Research Institute ("DRI") for evaluation of long-term regional precipitation / climate variability data, and continuation of regional precipitation monitoring in an amount not to exceed \$37,989 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF"); and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Management Planner and Dan McEvoy, Ph.D., Climatologist, DRI. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel presented information included in the staff report for this item and Dan McEvoy, DRI, discussed details of the proposal for the project, also included in the staff report.

[Commissioner Ball present at 1:38 p.m.]

Commissioner Martini asked if streamflow data could be included. Dr. McEvoy stated that streamflow data is valuable for any type of hydrologic, climate-type analysis. If there are gauges for the County, that data would be useful to add to this analysis. Staff will look into whether or not there is other streamflow data available.

Commissioner Enloe stated that this project might have the potential to become an ongoing annual expenditure and asked that Dr. McEvoy look into any potential overlap and duplication of data with the number of stations that are monitored.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT AND DIRECT DRI TO COME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINIMIZE ONGOING EXPENDITURES WITH REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF GAUGES BEING MONITORED AS DISCUSSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DeMARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Presentation of comments received on the “Planning Policies and Criteria” chapter for the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) update; discussion and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that additional comments have been received on this chapter since this report was prepared and they will be included for review at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

Chairman Flansberg stated that drainage projects and storm water improvements are being funded out of the sewer fund and requested that Page 5-32 be edited to reflect that.

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

Mr. Wessel stated that this chapter includes information from the updated Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) Water Resource Plan. TMWA will review this chapter and help determine how much of the information can be edited.

Commissioner Erwin stated that he will have input on edits for this chapter by the end of the week.

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SUBJECT TO FUTURE REVISION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

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 stated that there have been no requests for any additional chapter to present at this time.

Commissioner Erwin asked which chapters have not been brought yet to the NNWPC and which chapters will be reviewed at the next meeting. Mr. Smitherman stated that the next meeting will include the Water Resources, Water Conservation, Water Purveyors, and Cost and Finance chapters. The Wastewater and Water Quality chapter may not come to the NNWPC until July. The Projections chapter will be reviewed either in June or July. A final chapter on Recommendations and an Action Plan will also be reviewed in July.

No action was taken.

10. Report on the NNWPC 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, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman reported on the results of the NNWPC workshop. The staff report includes tables showing the results of the ranking exercise for projects and studies.

Commissioner Enloe stated that the results of the ranking exercise will provide useful information when the WRWC approves their budget.

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

11. Discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC to accept a Clean Water Act Grant and Subgrant from the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, in the amount of \$40,000, to partially fund the ongoing regional integrated wastewater system planning project, which includes Bedell Flat; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

This item was approved under Agenda Item 3.

12. Discussion and possible approval of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (“ILA”) with DRI for continuing maintenance of the Washoe Evapotranspiration (“WET”) project, extending the agreement for a term of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the RWMF – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

This item was approved under Agenda Item 3.

13. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

- a. Report on the Status of Projects and Work Plan supported by the RWMF;

Commissioner Erwin asked that the projects be reordered in this report based on the results of the workshop exercise prioritizing projects.

- b. Financial report on the RWMF; and,

No questions or comments on this item.

- c. Report on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency's ("TMRPA") parcel-based population and employment modeling project.

Mr. Smitherman stated that he has a meeting scheduled with TMRPA to talk about their latest wastewater flow projections based on the water demand projections that TMWA published in their Water Resource Plan. Those projections will be used for reclaimed water flows as well. TMRPA is still working through the housing study and plans to have a meeting on that subject in the next couple of weeks.

14. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the June 1, 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 report on the optimizing watershed investments project
- A report from the effluent management planning team
- Review changes to several chapters of the Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP") update; and any other standing items.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE A REPORT ON THE OPTIMIZING WATERSHED INVESTMENTS PROJECT ON THE JULY 6, 2016, MEETING AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ERWIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER ERWIN MADE A MOTION TO INCLUDE THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED ON THE JUNE 1, 2016, MEETING AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

15. Commission Comments

Commissioner Martini suggested including a consent agenda item on future agendas for items similar to agenda items 11 and 12 approved at this meeting. Staff will prepare an agenda item for the Commission to discuss whether a consent item should be included in future agendas, and, if so, what type of items should be contained in a consent agenda item.

Commissioner Enloe stated that Reno City Council Member Jardon has organized a Verdi community meeting for Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 9:30 and the water service issue for future development is one of the topics that will be discussed.

16. Staff Comments

In response to a question from Commissioner DeMartini about the status of his previous request for a report or update on what is going on in the Verdi area with regard to water supply for future

development, Mr. Smitherman stated that he has not been able to find enough information on that topic to bring back a report and that he will continue to research that topic.

17. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

18. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Flansberg, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2016.