

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** June 28, 2016  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Chris Wessel, Water Management Planner,  
Mickey Hazelwood, Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy ("TNC")  
**SUBJECT:** Report by TNC on its "Optimizing Restoration Investments in the Truckee [River] Watershed" project, and possible direction to staff

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### **SUMMARY**

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"), at its March 2, 2016 meeting, approved a request from TNC dated February 11, 2016, requesting revisions to the original project budget included in the contract with the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC"). At that time, the NNWPC requested TNC provide a status update of the project. Commissioner Mickey Hazelwood will provide a report on the project status.

### **BACKGROUND**

TNC successfully applied through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a \$227,700 Desert Terminal Lakes Restoration Fund grant to fund a study entitled "Optimizing Restoration Investments in the Truckee [River] Watershed" (the "Study"). TNC also received approval from the Truckee River Fund on August 7, 2014, for funds to cover 40 percent of an existing TNC Project Manager position over 2 years. Grants from the Truckee River Fund require matching funds, which TNC secured from the Regional Water Management Fund in the amount of \$57,787, through a contract with the WRWC.

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