

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 1, 2016
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission
FROM: Chris Wessel – NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Presentation on the Nevada Integrated Source Water Protection Program and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") to approve a letter requesting participation in the program for the Washoe County geographic planning area.

SUMMARY

The Integrated Source Water Protection Program ("ISWP Program") is a voluntary, county-wide approach designed to help communities develop and implement a plan that protects their public drinking water supplies. To date, Source Water Protection Plans have been completed in 7 of Nevada's 17 counties. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection ("NDEP") has contracted with a technical service provider, Resource Concepts, Inc. ("RCI"), to assist in every aspect of source water protection planning and implementation for public water systems throughout Washoe County, should they choose to participate in the planning process.

With the assistance of RCI, communities will identify sensitive drinking water protection areas and activities that could contaminate ground water in these areas. Communities will also set source water protection goals, procure resources and develop and implement a source water protection plan.

Kim Borgzinner and Birgit Henson of NDEP will provide a presentation and answer questions on the ISWP Program. NDEP is looking for the NNWPC to recommend that the WRWC endorse the ISWIP Program efforts by way of a stakeholder letter of support.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with an affirmative recommendation of support for this program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the NNWPC make a recommendation to the WRWC to issue a letter in support of the ISWP Program.

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