

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

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 Chair Flansberg at 1:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: John Flansberg, Danielle Henderson, Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Enloe, Bill Hauck, Darrin Price, David Solaro, John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Mickey Hazelwood, John Martini

Non-Voting Members Present: My-Linh Nguyen, Thomas Pyeatte, Cindy Turiczek

Non-Voting Members Absent: Harry Fahnestock

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel; Donna Fagan; and John Rhodes, Legal Counsel

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the February 1, 2017, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2017, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Final review of the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman presented an overview of the staff report outlining changes to the draft plan that have been made since the February NNWPC meeting.

COMMISSIONER SOLARO MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EDITS AND ADDITIONS TO THE DRAFT CHAPTERS AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. 1:30 P.M. Public Hearing on the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. (For Possible Action)

The public hearing was opened. There were no requests to speak. The public hearing was closed.

No action was taken.

7. Possible approval of a Resolution to recommend the adoption, by the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”), of the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Presentation on proposed University of Nevada, Reno (“UNR”) Water Innovation Campus project; possible recommendation to the WRWC to include \$25,000 for the project in the WRWC FY17-18 Tentative Budget; and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman, Krishna Pagilla, UNR. (For Possible Action)

Rick Warner, Washoe County Community Services Department, gave a presentation on the Water Innovation Campus project. The UNR Environmental Engineering program proposes to develop a Water Innovation Campus, over the next three years, which will result in a self-sustaining center able to develop and implement leading edge, integrated water solutions for regional needs, and demonstrate national leadership in the water sector by UNR and the Truckee Meadows region.

Krishna Pagilla, UNR, presented more detailed information included in the staff report regarding the areas of focus and proposed charter members.

COMMISSIONER PRICE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING AS PROPOSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC for approval of a one-year, no-cost time extension to the Interlocal Agreement (“ILA”) with the Desert Research Institute (“DRI”) for Supplementary Precipitation Gauges for Cloud Seeding Validation in the Tahoe-Truckee Basin – Chris Wessel, NNWPC Water Resources Planner. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel presented an overview of the staff report. Since the approval of the second scope of work for the project in November of 2015, weather conditions prohibited DRI personnel from beginning work on the second phase of the project. Since the work was delayed for a year, staff is recommending the ILA be amended for an extension of time of one year at no additional cost.

COMMISSIONER SOLARO MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC TO APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ILA WITH DRI FOR A ONE-YEAR, NO-COST TIME EXTENSION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. 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

Mr. Smitherman presented an overview of the staff reports for these items.

Mr. Wessel responded to questions from Commissioner Enloe regarding stopping work on the cloud seeding project and rolling the unused funds over for next year. Mr. Wessel discussed that issue with Frank McDonough, DRI, and stated that the unused funds should be available to use next year.

11. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the April 5, 2017, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that the April 5, 2017, NNWPC meeting will be held in the Washoe County Commission Chambers.

Possible future agenda items will include:

- Election of officers;
- Report on any pending legislative items;
- Ditch flooding issues recently experienced; and any other standing items

No action was taken.

12. Commission Comments

None

13. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman stated that he received a request from the Nevada Department of Transportation (“NDOT”) for information on GIS for storm water drainage systems.

14. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER PRICE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:11 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

John Flansberg, Chairman

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON April 5, 2017