

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 4, 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 Henderson at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Danielle Henderson, Michael DeMartini, John Enloe, John Flansberg, Bill Hauck, Mickey Hazelwood, John Martini, David Solaro, Mervin Wright, John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Michael Drinkwater, Darrin Price

Non-Voting Members Present: None

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Staff Members Present: Chris Wessel; Donna Fagan; John Rhodes, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the August 2, 2017, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2, 2017, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Request for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF"), to partially support a proposal by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency ("TMRPA") for a Regional Sustainability Baseline Study, as part of its update of the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan; and, if approved, authorize the Program Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with TMRPA for that purpose - Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel, Water Management Planner, reviewed information included in the staff report regarding this funding request. Staff feels this study will be important in ensuring consistency between the Regional Water Management Plan and the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan ("TMRP").

Kimberly H. Robinson, Executive Director of Regional Planning, gave a presentation including information on the TMRP and components of the Regional Sustainability Baseline Study. The

work in this study can also be used by the various agencies on the Land Use and Transportation Resiliency Committee.

Public Comment: Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROGRAM MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TMRPA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 FROM THE RWMF, FOR THE REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY BASELINE STUDY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. **Report by the Desert Research Institute (“DRI”) on last winter’s cloud seeding operations for the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe Basins, and alternatives for operations for the upcoming winter; discussion and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) for funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the RWMF to support similar limited operations for the upcoming winter - Frank McDonough, DRI and Chris Wessel, Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Wessel presented the staff report and stated that the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) anticipates being unable to provide co-sponsorship for the cloud seeding program this year. Mr. McDonough with DRI will present alternatives for the 2017-2018 water year.

Mr. McDonough reported on last winter’s cloud seeding operations and alternatives for the 2017-2018 water year. He also reported on his efforts to identify other potential partners.

Commissioner Enloe stated it is important that we continue on with this effort, particularly due to new permitting efforts that might be required to reinstate this program if we were to stop it for a period of time.

Mr. McDonough confirmed that this program schedule can be flexible based on weather patterns.

Mr. Wessel and Mr. McDonough confirmed that the project for the last water year has been billed to completion and is closed.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO **ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE WRWC APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM DRI FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 FROM THE RWMF, TO SUPPORT CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 WATER YEAR,** SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAZELWOOD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH NINE (9) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) OPPOSITION BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT.

7. **Report on DRI’s Cloud Seeding Precipitation Gauge Monitoring Project - Frank McDonough and Chris Wessel.**

Mr. McDonough reported on the status of the installation of the gauges and presented a status report on the ongoing Monitoring Project. The data for the entire network will be available this coming winter.

8. **Authorize the Program Manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”), in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the RWMF, for the Bedell Flat Rapid Infiltration Basin (“RIB”) Investigation (A State of Nevada grant will reimburse the RWMF.) - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Wessel presented information included in the staff report regarding this request.

Public Comment: Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROGRAM MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TMWA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 FROM THE RWMF, FOR THE BEDELL FLAT RIB INVESTIGATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO.

Commissioner Enloe confirmed for Commissioner DeMartini that this action does not lock us into anything with regard to RIBs being three to four feet deep. It is the very first step to determine initial feasibility of infiltrating water in Bedell Flat.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. Discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC to approve an amendment to the Agreement for Legal Services for the WRWC and the NNWPC, to extend the Agreement through June 2020 on the same terms and conditions – Jim Smitherman.

Mr. Wessel presented information included in the staff report.

COMMISSIONER DEMARTINI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE WRWC APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE WRWC AND THE NNWPC WITH RHODES LAW OFFICES, LTD., TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 2020 ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG.

Commissioner Enloe asked about a termination clause in the event that the WRWC no longer exists.

John Rhodes, Legal Counsel, explained that the Agreement can be terminated by either party on 30 days written notice.

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10. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

- A. Report on the status of projects and Work Plan supported by the RWMF
- B. Financial report on the RWMF for fiscal year 17-18, period 3

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

11. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the November 1, 2017, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

If there are not sufficient items for the November agenda, staff will discuss with the Chair whether the meeting should be cancelled.

12. Commission Comments

None

13. Staff Comments

Mr. Wessel discussed Mr. Smitherman's absence due to medical issues and expects him back in time to attend the WRWC meeting.

14. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Danielle Henderson, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2017.

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