

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 6, 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, Michael Drinkwater, Bill Hauck, John Martini, Darrin Price, David Solaro, Mervin Wright, John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: John Enloe, John Flansberg, Mickey Hazelwood

Non-Voting Members Present: My-Linh Nguyen

Non-Voting Members Absent: Harry Fahnestock, Ron Penrose, Thomas Pyeatte, Cindy Turiczek

Staff Members Present: Jim Smitherman; Chris Wessel; John Rhodes, Legal Counsel; and Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

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

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

COMMISSIONER HAUCK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 4, 2017, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Report on the predictability of winter weather patterns and seasonal changes, and potential hazards, which may impact the local community, and affect regional water resource planning and other regional planning efforts - Chris Smallcomb, National Weather Service.

Chris Smallcomb presented the report and PowerPoint slides on the predictability of winter weather patterns and potential hazards that influence regional planning efforts.

6. Report on the Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration Project being conducted by the University of Nevada, Reno ("UNR"), and related effluent management activities - Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager; Rick Warner, Washoe County Community Services Department; and Dr. Krishna Pagilla, UNR.

Rick Warner, Washoe County Senior Engineer, presented background information on the feasibility study on advanced treatment of reclaimed water to meet a new state regulation that

permits groundwater replenishment. He indicated that this is year two of the four to five year study.

Dr. Krishna Pagilla, UNR, presented information on UNR's role in the study. He reviewed the Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration Project Scope of Work which includes: Project Rationale and Justification; Treatment Technologies Evaluations; Basis of Design - Demonstration Projects; and Operating and Testing Plan.

Mr. Warner summarized next steps and ongoing collaborations. Mr. Warner and Dr. Pagilla also answered questions from Commissioners.

7. 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 for fiscal year 17-18, period 3.

Jim Smitherman, NNWPC Water Resources Program Manager, presented a brief overview of the staff reports included for this agenda item.

8. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the January 3, 2018, NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman recommended consideration of cancelling the January 3, 2018, meeting. The next meeting would be February 7, 2018.

COMMISSIONER HAUCK MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JANUARY 3, 2108, MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. Recess to move the meeting to the Washoe County Community Services Slide Mtn. Conference Room, Bldg. A, Second Floor, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada (same building as Washoe County Commission Chambers), for a workshop session.

(The meeting was in recess from approximately 2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.)

10. Workshop to review the Action Items listed in the 2016-2035 Regional Water Management Plan, and projects and studies listed in the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tentative Budget; discussion of priorities for ongoing and future projects and studies, possible recommendation to the WRWC, and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action).

The NNWPC participated in a workshop to review the Regional Water Management Plan Action Items and the Tentative Budget projects and studies. Mr. Smitherman explained various process options for prioritizing projects and studies included in the WRWC Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. Projects were listed by budget category on several posters mounted on the walls. The Commissioners asked questions and discussed pros and cons of the various projects. Each Commissioner was given ten stickers to place on the projects they felt were of highest priority. Mr. Smitherman will compile the information and provide a report at the next meeting with the results of this project ranking activity.

No action was taken.

11. Commission Comments

None

12. Staff Comments

None

13. Public Comment

(Item 13 was taken out of order, prior to the meeting recess from approximately 2:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.)

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on various topics.

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Danielle Henderson, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2018.