

**MINUTES**  
**NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") held a regular meeting in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair DeMartini at 1:30 p.m.

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum**

*Voting Members Present:* Michael DeMartini, Michael Drinkwater, John Flansberg, Bill Hauck, Mickey Hazelwood, Darrin Price, David Solaro, Mervin Wright, John Zimmerman

*Voting Members Absent:* Danielle Henderson, John Enloe, John Martini

*Non-Voting Members Present:* None

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

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)**

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

**4. Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the term of April 2018 to April 2019, and possible direction to staff. (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO SELECT MICHAEL DEMARTINI AS CHAIR AND MERVIN WRIGHT AS VICE-CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**5. Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2018 Meeting (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 7, 2018 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAZELWOOD. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**6. Report on 2017 - 2018 Cloud Seeding Operations, and proposed operations for the upcoming water year - Frank McDonough, Desert Research Institute ("DRI").**

Frank McDonough, DRI, reported on the preliminary results of the 2017 - 2018 cloud seeding efforts, and discussed proposed operations and funding alternatives for 2018 - 2019.

Chair DeMartini asked if the generators led to more snow than rain.

Mr. McDonough explained that the generators add only snow pack to the basin, and not rain, because of the specific conditions under which they are operated.

**7. Report on 2018 Snow Pack and Water Supply - Bill Hauck, Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA").**

Commissioner Hauck reported on the 2018 snow pack and the regional water supply outlook. The region is no longer in any kind of drought. There was a significant recovery during the month of March in terms of snow pack and precipitation. Conditions improved from near record lows to close to average in one month. Streamflow runoff forecasts are projected to be close to normal. Reservoirs are at the maximum flood control capacity. Normal Truckee River flows are expected for another several years.

**8. Report on TMWA's fiscal year 2017 - 2018 Water Usage Review Program; discussion and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") regarding a scope of work and funding request in the amount of \$100,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF") to continue the Program for fiscal year 2018 - 2019 and, possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, and Laine Christman, TMWA. (For Possible Action)**

Laine Christman, TMWA, reported on the 2017 - 2018 Water Usage Review Program and the proposed 2018 - 2019 program and budget. The program involves TMWA staff working with customers at their homes and businesses to advise them how to manage indoor and outdoor water use based on their specific site characteristics.

Chair DeMartini asked about the cost effectiveness of the program.

Commissioner Enloe stated that this is a highly effective program in the community, but that it is not fair to put a dollar amount per acre foot savings on this one program - because it is really only a part of the combination of all the efforts that this community does to promote efficient water usage.

Chair DeMartini agreed with Commissioner Enloe and stated that the effect of the program is really an indirect effect across the whole community, and there is really no way to measure that.

Commissioner Flansberg stated that this is a great program that promotes the efficient use of water in a proactive way.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE WRWC APPROVAL OF THE SCOPE OF WORK AND FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE 2018 - 2019 WATER USAGE REVIEW PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**9. 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 2017-2018.

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

**10. Discussion regarding possible agenda items for the May 2, 2018 NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

The next NNWPC meeting agenda will include reports on and possible continuation of ongoing projects.

No action was taken.

**11. Commission Comments**

None

**12. Staff Comments**

Mr. Smitherman reported that the WRWC approved the draft budget as recommended by the NNWPC.

Mr. Wessel thanked Commissioner Drinkwater for the tour of the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”) on Bring your Child to Work Day.

**13. Public Comment**

Ginger Pierce asked about the Mt. Rose surface water treatment plant.

Commissioner Enloe stated that TMWA plans to go out to bid on the construction of that project in about a month.

**14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:



Michael DeMartini, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON APRIL 4, 2018.