

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 29, 2018
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission
FROM: Chris Wessel, Water Management Planner
Frank McDonough, Desert Research Institute (“DRI”), Associate Research Scientist
SUBJECT: Report on 2017-2018 cloud seeding operations, and proposed operations for the upcoming water year.

SUMMARY

The Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) entered into an Interlocal Agreement (“ILA”) with DRI for \$100,000 to fund the 2017-2018 cloud seeding operations. Frank McDonough of DRI will provide an oral presentation outlining the preliminary results of the 2017-2018 cloud seeding efforts, and discuss 2018-2019 program funding alternatives and proposed operations.

BACKGROUND

Since 2009, DRI has conducted its cloud seeding program for the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe Basins using funds provided by either the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) or the Truckee River Fund (“TRF”), and the WRWC. The current ILA for the Cloud Seeding project provides \$100,000 to fund cloud seeding operations for water year 2017-2018. The WRWC Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 includes \$50,000 to fund cloud seeding operations for the upcoming water year.

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