

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 29, 2018
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission
FROM: Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the term April 2018 to April 2019, and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

Section 39 of the Western Regional Water Commission Act, Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007 (the "Act"), requires that the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") "establish a schedule for the selection of its Chairman for a term of one year, in rotation, from among the members." The Act identifies the voting members of the NNWPC by title, position, or interest to be represented. The Act is silent concerning a Vice Chairman, and does not prohibit selection of one. Prior to adoption of the NNWPC Administrative Policies and Procedures on May 5, 2010, a Vice Chairman was selected by custom and practice to preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairman. Section V of the NNWPC Administrative Policies and Procedures provides for the selection of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, for a term of one year, in rotation, from among the voting members, annually, at the first meeting in April.

NNWPC voting member positions that have not yet served as Chairman include:

- Domestic Well Owners (Michael DeMartini)
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Mervin Wright). In recent correspondence to staff, Mr. Wright indicated that he must decline any nomination and would not be able to serve as Chairman, due to other extensive commitments and duties.

PREVIOUS ACTION

Listed by year below are the NNWPC voting member positions that have served as Chairman. The one year term is April through March.

- 2017 Member: Truckee River Flood Management Authority, Chairman - Danielle Henderson
Vice Chairman - Michael DeMartini
- 2016 Member: Reno Public Works Director, Chairman - John Flansberg
Vice Chairman - Danielle Henderson
- 2015 Member: Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA") 2nd position as successor to the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District,
Chairman - John Enloe
Vice Chairman - John Martini

- 2014 Member: Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility, Chairman - Michael Drinkwater
Vice Chairman - Darrin Price
- 2013 Member: Washoe County Water Resources Director's designee, Chairman - John Buzzone, succeeded by Dave Solaro
Vice Chairman - Michael Drinkwater
- 2012 Member: Public at Large, Chairman - Mickey Hazelwood
Vice Chairman - John Buzzone
- 2011 Member: Washoe County Conservation District, Chairman - George Ball
Vice Chairman - Neil Krutz
- 2010 Member: TMWA, General Manager's designee, Chairman - John Erwin
Vice Chairman - Jerry Schumacher
- 2009 Member: Sparks Public Works Director, Chairman - Wayne Seidel
Vice Chairman - George Ball
- 2008 Member: SVGID General Manager, Chairman - Darrin Price
Vice Chairman - Wayne Seidel

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

Legal Counsel recommends that the NNWPC select Michael DeMartini to serve as Chairman, and select a Vice Chairman for one year terms effective April 1, 2018 and ending on March 31, 2019.

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