

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

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 DeMartini at 1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael DeMartini, Jon Combs, Michael Drinkwater, John Enloe, John Flansberg, Bill Hauck, Danielle Henderson, David Solaro, Mickey Hazelwood, John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Mervin Wright, John Martini

Non-Voting Members Present: None

Non-Voting Members Absent: Cindy Turiczek, Harry Fahnestock, My-Linh Nguyen, Ron Penrose, Eddie Quagliari

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

4. Approval of Minutes from the June 6, 2018 Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 6, 2018 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH NINE (9) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION BY COMMISSIONER COMBS.

5. Presentation of the draft 2016 Washoe County Consensus Population Forecast; discussion and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") to make a determination that the draft consensus population forecast for 2036 can be supported by the sustainable water resources set forth in the Regional Water Management Plan ("RWMP"); and possible direction to staff - Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager, noted corrections to the agenda and the staff report. This agenda item should have the year 2018 instead of 2016, and 2038 instead of 2036. The staff report for this item in paragraph three, line three, the 20-year increase should be 106,000 and not 160,000.

Mr. Smitherman presented a brief summary of the 2018 Consensus Population Forecast and a comparison with the estimated population that can be supported by the sustainable water

resources as set forth in the RWMP. Damien Kerwin, Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (“TMRPA”) was present to answer questions as well.

Chair DeMartini suggested including a note acknowledging that there may be some decrease in our available water due to the following: increased evaporation of Lake Tahoe due to the increased water temperature; raising level of snow pack causing much less water to be stored in the mountains; and warmer temperatures and longer growing seasons that require more water in the spring and fall.

Commissioner Flansberg explained that the report says that the 2038 population will have a water demand of approximately just over 100,000 acre feet. We have identified that there is 140,000 acre feet in the current sources that we have and our RWMP shows that by that time we would have 190,000 acre feet. The report and recommendation are saying that we feel comfortable making the recommendation to the WRWC even with all the effects mentioned by Chair DeMartini.

Commissioner Enloe expressed concern regarding the (2038 water demand) number generated by Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”).

Mr. Smitherman explained how the calculation was made and Commissioner Enloe expressed concern again.

After some discussion regarding the water demand calculation Commissioner Enloe acknowledged that using a different calculation would not change the outcome but that he has a problem with the water demand number that was used in the analysis.

Mr. Smitherman explained that the recommendation itself goes forward without numbers. The numbers are just included in the staff report to support the recommendation.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO ADVANCE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE DRAFT CONSENSUS FORECAST POPULATION FOR 2038 IS LESS THAN THE ESTIMATED POPULATION THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES SET FORTH IN THE RWMP, AND A FINDING THAT THE FORECASTED POPULATION CAN, THEREFORE, BE SUPPORTED BY SUCH WATER RESOURCES. THE MOTION ALSO INCLUDED A REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE AT THE NEXT NNWPC MEETING ON ANY REVISED NUMBERS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Report by The Nature Conservancy (“TNC”) on its lower Truckee River restoration projects, and possible direction to staff - Mickey Hazelwood, TNC. (For Possible Action)

Mickey Hazelwood, TNC, gave a presentation on the Truckee River restoration projects and the benefits of that restoration. To date there has been approximately 11 miles of river restored and over 800 acres revegetated.

COMMISSIONER HAUCK MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. 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

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

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 5 at 1:30 in the Washoe County Commission Chambers.

Possible agenda items for the next NNWPC meeting include: a report on the Watershed Management Plan Gap Analysis project; a report from DRI on cloud seeding; any follow up items that would come from this month's workshop with the WRWC.

9. Commission Comments

None

10. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman thanked Commissioner Hazelwood for his presentation.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Michael DeMartini, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2018.