

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** January 31, 2019

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)

**FROM:** Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager, Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”)

**SUBJECT:** Report and discussion on annual priority setting, fiscal year (“FY”) 2019-2020 budget development process, and timing of concurrent workshops with the WRWC; and possible direction to staff.

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### **SUMMARY**

The WRWC Board Chairman requested staff to postpone, until March 20, 2019, the concurrent WRWC/NNWPC workshop on annual priorities, initially scheduled for January 16, 2019. The workshop delay is due to three existing vacancies on the WRWC Board that will not be filled in time to hold the meeting in February.

The 2019 meeting schedule recommended to, and adopted by the WRWC appears below:

January: WRWC/NNWPC workshop to review, discuss and confirm annual priorities  
March: WRWC/NNWPC workshop to review proposed budget  
May: WRWC budget hearing  
June: WRWC meeting to approve project contracts, possible location at tour site  
October: WRWC meeting to approve financial statements and audit, review project progress, milestones, and accomplishments; possible location at a tour site

The postponement of the January workshop compresses the meeting schedule relative to the required May budget hearing. Staff is considering two alternatives and seeks a recommendation or direction from the NNWPC:

1. Combine the January priorities workshop and the March proposed budget review workshop. Covering both topics in March may be more time efficient than separate workshops, but will likely take more time than a single-topic workshop; or,
2. Hold the priorities workshop in March and schedule an April concurrent meeting for the budget review workshop.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff requests that the NNWPC consider the alternatives and provide a recommendation to the WRWC, or provide direction to staff as appropriate.

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