

MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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 Chair DeMartini at 1:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael DeMartini; Jon Combs; Michael Drinkwater; John Flansberg; Bill Hauck; John Enloe; Mickey Hazelwood; John Martini (*present at 1:42 p.m.*); David Solaro; Mervin Wright; John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Danielle Henderson

Non-Voting Members Present: Thomas Pyeatte

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

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 ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the term of April 2019 to April 2020, and possible direction to staff (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER WRIGHT AS CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER HAUCK AS VICE CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of Minutes from the February 6, and March 6, 2019 Meetings (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") to approve a request by the University of Nevada, Reno ("UNR") to readjust certain task completion dates, and reallocate previously approved funding for fiscal years 2018 - 2019 and 2019 - 2020, to continue the Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration Project - Jim

Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager; and Krishna Pagilla, Ph.D., Professor, UNR. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, presented information included in the staff report. UNR has made substantial progress to date, including the completion of Tasks 1, 2, 3 and 4, and delivery of draft reports for each task. Because of unforeseen circumstances beyond its control, UNR has requested changes to the Project schedule and budget allocations. UNR has requested that Tasks 5 and 6 of the Project be rescheduled for completion in year 4 to compensate for the unanticipated delay. Funding for Tasks 5 and 6 would be reallocated to year 4. Neither the total dollar amount, nor the completion date for the Project will be changed by approval of the request.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC FOR APPROVAL OF UNR'S REQUEST TO READJUST TASK COMPLETION DATES, AND REALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, AS DESCRIBED IN THE STAFF REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Report on 2019 Snow Pack and Water Supply - Bill Hauck, Truckee Meadows Water Authority ("TMWA")

(Commissioner Martini present at 1:42 p.m.)

Commissioner Hauck gave a presentation on the snow pack and Northern Nevada water supply outlook. New records for snow fall were set in February. Basins are significantly above average for snow water content. The supply outlook for Northern Nevada is excellent at this point. Streamflow runoff forecasts are impressive for the Tahoe and Truckee River basins this year.

8. Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC/NNWPC - John Rhodes, WRWC/NNWPC Legal Counsel

John Rhodes, WRWC / NNWPC Legal Counsel, provided a report listing BDRs and Bills pending in the 2019 Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. There are 2 BDRs and 28 Bills on the list being tracked. The Legislative Subcommittee will be discussing SB280 and SB250 when they meet this Friday.

9. Program Manager's Report – Jim Smitherman.

- a. Report on the status of projects and Work Plan supported by the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF");
- b. Financial Report on the RWMF.

Mr. Smitherman presented a brief overview of the staff reports included for this agenda item.

10. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the May 2019 NNWPC meeting, and other future meetings, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

The next regularly scheduled NNWPC meeting date is Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Agenda items will include: reports on ongoing projects and recommendations for contracts or contract amendments for project continuation.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 1, 2019, MEETING INCLUDING AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED BY STAFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

11. Commission Comments

Commissioner Flansberg thanked Commissioner DeMartini for his service as Chair and welcomed the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Wright expressed appreciation for the support of the NNWPC and staff.

12. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman expressed appreciation for Commissioner DeMartini's service as Chair of the NNWPC. He also welcomed Chair Wright as the first Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe member to serve as Chair of the NNWPC.

13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:



Mervin Wright, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON 05/01/19, 2019.