

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** August 1, 2019

**TO:** Chair and members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)

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

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and possible recommendation to the WRWC to approve a proposed scope of work and budget, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund (“RWMF”), for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) to continue the Bedell Flat Aquifer Storage and Recovery (“ASR”) Investigation, and enter into an interlocal agreement with TMWA for that purpose.

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### **SUMMARY**

An interlocal agreement with TMWA is necessary to provide for reimbursement to TMWA, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the RWMF, for expenses associated with the Bedell Flat ASR Investigation. A grant application for the same amount has been approved by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (“NDEP”) and the Subgrant Agreement will be submitted for approval to the WRWC at its October meeting. The Subgrant Agreement (see Agenda Item 6) will be attached to the interlocal agreement with TMWA. The WRWC will reimburse TMWA for project expenses by way of the interlocal agreement, and the NDEP Subgrant Agreement will in turn reimburse the RWMF.

### **BACKGROUND**

In May 2016, the NNWPC recommended that the WRWC apply for and accept a \$40,000 grant from the State to partially fund the Bedell Flat ASR Investigation proposed by TMWA. The WRWC approved the recommendation and the grant was awarded in July 2016. After a protracted federal permitting process, TMWA and its consultants conducted the project in 2018 and 2019. Work completed indicates that near-surface soils in the southwestern part of the Bedell Flat basin are favorable for Rapid Infiltration Basins.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, the net fiscal impact to the RWMF will be neutral. The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget recommended by the NNWPC, and approved by the WRWC, includes grant revenue in the amount of \$40,000, which is adequate to offset the \$40,000 in expenses budgeted for this project. Budget authority is located in Fund Group 766, Fund 7066, Account Number 710100, Professional Services, Cost Object WP310204.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the NNWPC consider the proposal and provide a recommendation for approval to the WRWC.

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