

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") held a workshop meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at the Mt. Rose Conference Room, Bldg. A Washoe County Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wright at 1:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Jon Combs; Michael Drinkwater; John Enloe; Kerri Lanza for John Flansberg; Bill Hauck (*present at 1:34 p.m.*); Danielle Henderson; John Martini; David Solaro; Mervin Wright; John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present: None

Non-Voting Members Absent: Thomas Pyeatte; Ron Penrose; Harry Fahnestock; Cindy Turiczek; My-Linh Nguyen

Staff Members Present: Chris Wessel; Michael Pagni, Legal Counsel; and Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

Michael DeMartini spoke regarding the importance of having a domestic well representative participate in this workshop and suggested continuing the workshop to a point in time when one will be able to participate. He expressed support for allocating more money to linked studies in closed basins. He suggested speeding up outreach to the public on the Class A+ water issue.

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SOLARO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of Minutes from the October 2, 2019 Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Workshop to review the priorities, projects and studies listed in the WRWC FY 2019-2020 Budget; discussion of priorities for ongoing and future projects and studies, possible recommendation to the WRWC, and possible direction to staff – Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)

(Commissioner Hauck present at 1:34 p.m.)

Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner, presented the staff report and reviewed the process for the workshop to identify priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. The priorities relate to the water planning subjects identified in the WRWC Act and in the Regional Water Management Plan. Strategic priority recommendations for FY 2020-2021 developed at this workshop and subsequent draft budget will be reviewed and discussed with the WRWC at a concurrent workshop.

Dwayne Smith, Washoe County, and Iris Peppard, One Truckee River, answered questions regarding projects they are involved with.

Public Comment: Michael DeMartini confirmed his desire to continue representing domestic well owners and again suggested a continuance of the workshop to allow a domestic well representative to vote on the priorities. He would like to see more money going toward linked studies regarding the closed basins.

Michael Pagni, Legal Counsel, confirmed for Commissioner Enloe that the two expired NNWPC positions will not be able to participate in today's workshop activity.

Commissioner Solaro noted this is not the last time this will be brought to us for comment so whoever fills the vacant NNWPC seats will have a chance to comment.

Mr. Wessel answered questions and explained the process for prioritizing projects.

(Commissioner Hauck absent at 2:27 p.m.)

After the commissioners identified priority projects, Mr. Wessel summarized the process stating that staff will tally the results and bring them back to the NNWPC for review.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO TALLY THE RESULTS OF THE PRIORITY SETTING EXERCISE IN PREPARATION FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Report on actions taken at the October 2019 meeting of the WRWC regarding appointments of the NNWPC's At Large and Domestic Well positions – Chris Wessel.

Chris Wessel presented the staff report. The WRWC Board directed staff to conduct a public recruitment to identify qualified candidates and have the NNWPC review the qualified candidates and make recommendations to the WRWC concerning appointments. The staff report includes details regarding required candidate qualifications. The qualified candidates will be invited to attend the December NNWPC meeting.

7. Commission Comments

None

8. Staff Comments

Mr. Wessel reported the next NNWPC meeting will be held in December. The January meeting will be cancelled as it falls on New Year's Day.

9. Public Comment

Michael DeMartini asked about the selection process for new Legal Counsel.

10. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Mervin Wright, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2020.

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