

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 27, 2021
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)
FROM: Chris Wessel Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Report, discussion, and possible action on comments received on the draft update to the “Cost and Financing” chapter for the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan; discussion and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

The Western Regional Water Commission, at their May 21, 2020 meeting, retained Catherine Hansford of Hansford Economic Consulting (“HEC”) to update the “Costs and Finance” chapter as part of the 2021 RWMP update. The chapter is a high-level analysis of costs associated with planned and recommended major facility improvement programs for water, wastewater, drainage, and flood management. Cost data are summarized from local government and utility five-year capital improvement programs (“CIP”). The chapter includes some major improvements anticipated beyond the five-year CIP timeframes for informational purposes, but because of a higher level of uncertainty, they are not included in the cost analysis.

Since HEC’s initial presentation of the draft chapter at the May 5, 2021 NNWPC meeting, staff has not received any comments regarding the chapter. Catherine Hansford will provide a report on her progress to date and expected timeframes for completion of the updated chapter.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the NNWPC accept the report on the consultant’s progress in revising Chapter 9 “Finance & Costs” of the 2011 RWMP, and provide direction to staff as appropriate concerning this chapter as part of the development of the 2021 RWMP update.

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