

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION  
AND  
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION**

**CONCURRENT MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

The concurrent meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees and the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, via Virtual Meeting, and conducted the following business.

**1. Roll Call**

WRWC Chair Hartung called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

<u>WRWC Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Paul Anderson	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) (Sparks)
Jenny Brekhus	TMWA (Reno)
Kristopher Dahir ( <i>present at 8:56</i> )	City of Sparks
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Alexis Hill	TMWA (Washoe County)
Bob Lucey ( <i>left at 9:51</i> )	TMWA (STMGID Successor)
Bonnie Weber ( <i>left at 9:41</i> )	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)

<u>WRWC Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Appointed by:</u>
Naomi Duerr	City of Reno

*NNWPC Commissioners Present:* Bill Hauck, Jon Combs, Michael Drinkwater, John Enloe, John Flansberg, Mickey Hazelwood, David Solaro, Mervin Wright, John Zimmerman

*NNWPC Commissioners Absent:* Danielle Henderson, John Martini, Michael Widmer

*Staff Members Present:* Kim Rigdon, Michael Pagni, Jennifer Purgitt

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)**

WRWC COMMISSIONER WEBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER HILL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

**4. Election of WRWC Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2022 calendar year. (For Possible Action BY WRWC)**

WRWC COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER HARTUNG AS WRWC CHAIR, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH.

WRWC Commissioner Brekhus stated she will not support the motion for Chair Hartung to be WRWC Chair again this year. According to the staff report this would be the eighth year in a row he has been WRWC Chair. Regional cooperation works best when we rotate that important role on regional bodies.

WRWC Commissioner Lucey expressed support for the motion and stated being Chair is a responsibility that does not come easily to most people. The Chair needs to be able to work collectively with the entire board and WRWC Chair Hartung has done that very well.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SIX (6) WRWC COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) OPPOSITION BY WRWC COMMISSIONER BREKHUS.

WRWC CHAIR HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER DAHIR AS WRWC VICE CHAIR, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER WEBER.

WRWC Commissioner Brekhus stated she will not support the motion and noted there are three Reno City Council members on the WRWC and none of them have been nominated or served in many years.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SIX (6) WRWC COMMISSIONERS IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) OPPOSITION BY WRWC COMMISSIONER BREKHUS.

WRWC COMMISSIONER WEBER MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH AS SECRETARY/TREASURER, SECONDED BY WRWC CHAIR HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**5. Approval of the Minutes for the WRWC Meeting on October 20, 2021. (For Possible Action by WRWC)**

WRWC COMMISSIONER WEBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**6. Presentation and report concerning progress and status of Regional Category A+ Reclaimed Water studies and demonstration projects supported by the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF) during Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 - Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager; Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Consultant; John Flansberg and Laura Haak (15 min)**

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, stated this is a presentation item only and introduced Dr. Krishna Pagilla and Dr. Laura Haak with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).

Dr. Pagilla and Dr. Haak presented a report on the completion of the Advanced Water Treatment Project Demonstrations at the South Truckee Meadows and the Reno Stead Water Reclamation Facilities.

*(WRWC Commissioner Dahir present at 8:56)*

NNWPC Commissioner John Flansberg spoke regarding the interlocal agreement between TMWA and the City of Reno to advance the American Flat Demonstration Project.

**7. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff for approval of an additional \$50,400 in funding not to exceed \$157,259 from the RWMF, and extension of the project completion date to June 30, 2022, as an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the WRWC and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), Nevada Water Innovation Institute (NWII) to continue project management and provide consulting services for the Regional Category A+ Reclaimed Water Feasibility Study (“OneWater Nevada”) - Kim Rigdon and John Enloe (5 min). (For Possible Action by WRWC)**

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. UNR is requesting a time extension through June 30, 2022, and a budget increase not to exceed \$50,400 to retain Warner and Associates, LLC and continue with the Regional Category A+ Reclaimed Water Program Coordination Scope of Work Task Objective to pursue outside funding on behalf of UNR and the regional participants for regional A+ projects. The NNWPC has prioritized this project for funding and has recommended it for approval by the WRWC.

WRWC COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE UNR’S REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$50,400, NOT TO EXCEED A PROJECT TOTAL OF \$157,259 AND EXTEND THE PROJECT COMPLETION DATE TO JUNE 30, 2022, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER HILL.

Public Comment:

Michael DeMartini spoke regarding the importance of getting the public to buy into this total program.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**8. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding approval for funding in the amount of \$100,000 annually, from the RWMF, for an evergreen professional services agreement to retain consulting services from Data Instincts for communication and outreach assistance related to regional effluent management planning and to support implementation of the OneWater Nevada Communication Plan – Kim Rigdon, John Enloe and Mark Milan (10 min). (For Possible Action by WRWC)**

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. Data Instincts has submitted a proposal and subsequent scope of work for professional services in an amount of \$100,000 annually to continue to implement the OneWater Nevada, Communication Plan for the Advanced Purified A+ Water Feasibility Study. The NNWPC has prioritized retaining Data Instincts to implement the OneWater Nevada Communication Plan and has recommended approval by the WRWC.

Mark Milan, Data Instincts, gave a presentation on Data Instincts and their work on this project.

NNWPC Commissioner Brekhus expressed support for the contract. She asked for further clarification on the evergreen agreement. She discussed the need for a product showing what the complexion is going to be of the rate schedule. She would like to modify the scope for Mr. Milan to have discussions with stakeholders to understand the fiscal decisions that are going to be coming forward. A broader scope is needed to help us lay the map work for the fiscal decisions that have to be made.

WRWC Commissioner Hill expressed support for the contract and stated that she is hoping the graphic that will be produced can be utilized for social media.

WRWC Commissioner Dahir discussed the importance of timing for outreach and asked if it is too soon to begin that communication.

NNWPC Vice Chair Wright asked for more information on the state of the art technology mentioned in the presentation.

Mr. Milan responded to questions from commissioners. One of the aspects of what we do in supporting efforts like this is in regard to funding and impacts to rate payers. We have worked closely with the various partners and will continue to do so, especially as funding impacts happen. With regard to social media and different communication channels, we work in all the various channels that are available and provide information to all the partners and their communications teams. He also discussed the technology referenced in this process and the timing of communication.

WRWC Chair Hartung read the information include in the staff report regarding the evergreen agreement.

**Public Comment:**

Michael DeMartini discussed the unique aspects of the closed basins in the North Valleys and the need to understand how total dissolved solids will play into the long term sustainability of the total program.

Mr. Milan explained that through the process being utilized here there is no brine. The processes already in place are addressing the issues that were mentioned under public comment.

**WRWC COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DATA INSTINCTS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FOR \$100,000 ANNUALLY, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER ANDERSON.**

WRWC Commissioner Brekhus stated she will support the motion with reservation. Mr. Milan does have a good breadth of expertise to offer to the technical people. There are outstanding questions and narrative issues to this effort on the water source which is the effluent.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.**

**9. Report, discussion, and possible direction to staff concerning the results of the NNWPC recommendations on annual priorities for ongoing and future projects and studies for fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023 – Kim Rigdon (10 min). (For Possible Action)**

*(WRWC Commissioner Weber left at 9:41)*

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report including results of the NNWPC December 17, 2021, priority setting workshop. The NNWPC approved the results of the workshop at their January 5, 2022, meeting and recommended the Draft Tentative Professional Services Budget Detail for FY2022-2023 be presented to the WRWC for approval and inclusion in the development of the draft WRWC Tentative Budget for FY2022-2023.

Public Comment:

Michael DeMartini discussed a project for a proposed White Lake Reservoir in Cold Springs where flooding and total dissolved solids are presenting themselves as unique problems in the closed basin.

*(WRWC Commissioner Lucey left at 9:51)*

WRWC COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT TENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET DETAIL FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE DRAFT WRWC TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2022-2023, SECONDED BY WRWC CHAIR HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**10. Report, discussion, and possible direction to staff regarding chapters and schedule related to the drafting and presentation of the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) – Kim Rigdon and Jim Smitherman (15 min). (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. More time is needed to complete the draft update to the 2021-2040 RWMP. Staff estimates that a review draft of Chapters 4 and 10 will not be available before April 2022 and a revised RWMP Update schedule was presented for consideration.

NNWPC COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY NNWPC COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) NNWPC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

WRWC COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE UPDATED SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY WRWC COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) WRWC COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

**11. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings.**

None

**12. Public Comment**

None

**13. Commission Comments**

None

**14. Staff Comments**

None

**15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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WRWC Chair Vaughn Hartung

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