

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** February 24, 2022  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)  
**FROM:** Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Report and discussion on draft modifications to Chapter 9 “Cost and Financing” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP).

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### SUMMARY

During the January 5, 2022, NNWPC meeting, members of the commission commented on the draft Chapter 9 “Cost and Financing” for the 2021-2040 RWMP Update. Due to plan development delays, some information had become dated. Staff and Hansford Economic Consulting (HEC) met with commission members individually to receive further comments and direction. Subsequently, HEC is working with regional partners to include updated data into chapter. Staff anticipates the modified draft will be available for NNWPC review in May.

### BACKGROUND

As part of the required 5-year RWMP review process, staff identified the need to update various elements of the “Cost and Financing” chapter for the 2021-2040 RWMP update. The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC), at their May 21, 2020 meeting, retained Catherine Hansford of Hansford Economic Consulting (HEC) to update the chapter as part of the 2021-2040 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.

HEC presented the first draft to the NNWPC on May 5, 2021, and staff presented the draft update to the NNWPC on June 2, 2021. No comments have been received. On December 1, 2021 HEC sent a final draft with the following modifications:

- Updated Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District 5-year CIP
- Updated City of Sparks 5-year CIP
- Minor text and typo errors, and clarifying language (no material changes)

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