

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at the Washoe County Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and, conducted the following business.

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

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: Michael Drinkwater; John Enloe; John Flansberg; Bill Hauck; Mickey Hazelwood; Danielle Henderson (Zoom); John Martini; Chris Melton; Dave Solaro (Zoom); Michael Widmer (Zoom); John Zimmerman

Voting Members Absent: Mervin Wright

Non-Voting Members Present: None

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

Staff Members Present: Kim Rigdon; Lucas Foletta; Jennifer Purgitt

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the March 2, 2022, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HAUCK. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH EIGHT (8) IN FAVOR AND THREE (3) ABSTENTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS DRINKWATER, MELTON AND HAZELWOOD.

5. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission for the term of April 2022 to April 2023, and possible direction to staff – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER WIDMER AS CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN.

Commissioner Widmer stated he is not prepared to take over as Chair but would be happy to serve as Vice Chair.

THE MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER FLANSBERG MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER SOLARO AS CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER WIDMER AS VICE CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Report and discussion on the draft update to Chapter 4 “Wastewater and Effluent Management” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) – Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant

Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Consultant, presented an update on the status of this chapter which includes sections generally describing wastewater service providers, water reclamation facilities, environmental control and pretreatment programs, effluent management practices and regional effluent management efforts, and studies and programs to address certain areas served by septic systems.

Comments on this chapter should be emailed to Mr. Smitherman by mid-April and a final draft version will be presented to the NNWPC in May.

7. Report and discussion on the draft update to Chapter 10 “Issues and Action Plan” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive RWMP – Kim Rigdon

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented an update on the status of each section of this chapter.

Comments on this chapter should be provided to staff by mid-April and a final draft will be presented to the NNWPC in May.

8. Report and discussion regarding chapters and schedule related to the drafting and presentation of the 2021-2040 RWMP – Kim Rigdon

Ms. Rigdon presented information included in the staff report. A final draft of Chapter 9 “Cost and Financing” will be presented to the NNWPC in May. The update schedule anticipates a complete draft will be available in June 2022. On March 16, 2022, the WRWC approved a scope of work and budget not to exceed \$34,000 submitted by AECOM for professional services to provide editing and formatting services needed to package the 2021-2040 RWMP update during the months of April, May and June.

9. Program Manager’s Report – Kim Rigdon

- a. Report on the status of Projects and Work Plan supported by the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF)
- b. Financial Report on the RWMF

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the reports.

10. Discussion regarding location and possible agenda items for the upcoming NNWPC meetings, and possible direction to staff – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

The next NNWPC meeting will be May 4, 2022. The agenda will include final drafts of RWMP sections for review and possible project updates.

Commissioner Drinkwater discussed a news report regarding a UNR project to address water issues in Nevada and suggested having staff reach out to UNR to see where that project is going and how we might help.

Commissioner Hauck offered to provide a report on the water supply and conservation measures that will be employed this summer.

COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AS PROPOSED BY STAFF INCLUDING A REPORT BY COMMISSIONER HAUCK ON THE WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND TO DIRECT THE PROGRAM MANAGER TO CONTACT UNR TO DISCUSS HOW THE NNWPC MIGHT ASSIST IN THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS NORTHERN NEVADA WATER ISSUES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

11. Commission Comments

Commissioner Enloe stated that in 2002 the NNWPC approved a water and wastewater facility plan for the South Truckee Meadows and one of the recommendations of that facility plan was to construct a small water treatment plant on Mt. Rose to augment groundwater supplies to help with their recovery of the water table. He reported that today is the first day water from Whites Creek has gone into the distribution system up there.

Commissioner Flansberg reported on last week's International Water Association Leading Edge Technologies Conference in our region.

12. Staff Comments

Ms. Rigdon reported that the 2020 Integrated Source Water and Watershed Management Plan received a national award through the American Water Works Association for the Large Water Systems Exemplary Source Water Protection.

13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Dave Solaro, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2022.