

DRAFT - MINUTES
NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 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 Solaro at 1:37 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

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

Voting Members Absent: John Flansberg; Mickey Hazelwood; John Martini; Mervin Wright

Non-Voting Members Present: None

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

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

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELTON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the May 4, 2022 NNWPC Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MELTON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Presentation and introduction of new staff, Birgit Widegren, Water Management Planner – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, introduced Birgit Widegren as the new Water Management Planner.

6. Presentation on National Science Foundation project at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), “Nevada Water: A Science-With-Society Research and Education Network” – Anne Nolan, UNR

Anne Nolan, UNR, gave a presentation on the network building opportunity called Nevada Water and answered questions from the Commission.

7. Report on Regional Aquifer Status of the Truckee Meadows – Nick White, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

Lauren Jones, TMWA, gave a presentation on the Regional Aquifer Status of the Truckee Meadows and answered questions from the Commission.

8. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff, on the draft update to Chapter 4 “Wastewater and Effluent Management” for the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission Agenda for June 1, 2022 Page 2 of 2 Management Plan (RWMP) – Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Consultant, reported that staff did receive comments on this chapter after the staff report was distributed. Some of the comments need input from agency staff. Mr. Smitherman will email an updated draft of this chapter to the Commission members before the next meeting once he hears back from agency staff to address the comments that were received.

No action taken.

9. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff, on the draft update to Chapter 10 “Issues and Action Plan” for the 2021-2040 RWMP – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. Chapter 10 was provided to the NNWPC for review and comment at the May 4, 2022 meeting. Comments pertaining to the Flood Project were incorporated into Section 10.17 “Regional Flood Plain Management and Flood Control.” To date, no other comments have been received.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RWMP DRAFT CHAPTER 10 “ISSUES AND ACTION PLAN,” AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF AS APPROPRIATE CONCERNING THIS CHAPTER AS A PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021-2040 RWMP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIDMER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

Ms. Rigdon reported she will tentatively schedule the NNWPC public hearing for August 3. Comments from that public hearing would be incorporated and brought back to the NNWPC on September 7 with a Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) public hearing scheduled for October 19.

11. Action, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) for approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$462,954 from the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF) for an inter-local agreement with UNR, Nevada Water Innovations Institute (NWII) for “Regional Water Management Coordination and Support” – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. UNR has submitted a proposal to continue to support One Water Nevada to continue to determine if advanced purified water can provide long-term benefits to the region.

Staff proposes that the NNWPC forward a recommendation to the WRWC for approval of UNR’s scope of work and funding not to exceed \$462,954 from the RWMF, in accordance with the following Fiscal Year funding cycle: \$149,968 for Fiscal Year 2023, \$157,829 for Fiscal Year 2024 and \$155,157 for Fiscal Year 2025, contingent upon NNWPC priority setting and WRWC budget approvals, with a project completion date of June 30, 2025.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC FOR APPROVAL OF UNR’S SCOPE OF WORK AND FUNDING NOT TO

EXCEED \$462,954 FROM THE RWMF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

12. Action, discussion, and possible recommendation to the WRWC for approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$49,398 from the RWMF for a professional services agreement with the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) for the “OneWater Nevada, Expert Panel Review of the Advanced Purified Water Program at American Flat” – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. NWRI has submitted a proposal to assemble an Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) of subject matter experts for review of the Advanced Purified Water Program at American Flat.

Staff proposes that the NNWPC forward a recommendation to the WRWC for approval of the NWRI scope of work and funding not to exceed \$49,398 from the RWMF, and a project completion date of June 30, 2023.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ENLOE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

13. Action, discussion, and possible recommendation to the WRWC for approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$75,000 from the RWMF for an inter-local agreement with the Truckee River Foundation (TRF) to support the implementation of the One Truckee River (OTR) Management Plan, Phase 1 – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. The TRF is seeking approval for a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$75,000 to continue to lead, coordinate, and fundraise for the OTR partnership, and to further the water quality management efforts listed in the staff report.

Staff proposes that the NNWPC forward a recommendation to the WRWC for approval of the Truckee River Foundation scope of work and funding not to exceed \$75,000 from the RWMF, and a project completion date of June 30, 2023.

COMMISSIONER ENLOE MADE A MOTION TO FORWARD A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WRWC FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH TRF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000, SECONDED BY CHAIR SOLARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

14. 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

Ms. Rigdon presented the reports.

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

There was discussion regarding cancelling the July NNWPC meeting. The next NNWPC meeting will be August 3, 2022. The agenda will include: final review of RWMP Chapter 4; RWMP public hearing; presentation on the status of the wastewater source control program headed by UNR; and the consensus forecast.

COMMISSIONER HAUCK MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE JULY MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRINKWATER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

16. Commission Comments

None

17. Staff Comments

None

18. Public Comment

None

19. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Approved by:

Dave Solaro, NNWPC Chair

APPROVED BY COMMISSION IN SESSION ON _____, 2022.