

# Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** September 30, 2022

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC)

**FROM:** Kimberly Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager and Birgit Widegren, Water Management Planner

**SUBJECT:** Report and discussion regarding the draft 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) Update

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### **SUMMARY**

Staff began updating the draft 2021-2040 RWMP in October 2020 and brought revised chapters individually to the NNWPC for review, discussion, direction, and acceptance throughout 2020, 2021 and 2022. Throughout the plan update process, the NNWPC reviewed draft chapter revisions, and upon acceptance by the NNWPC, the draft chapters were made available for public review on the [Western Regional Water Commission \(WRWC\) website](#).

On August 3, 2022, the NNWPC approved all revisions and accepted the final draft 2021-2040 RWMP. Through Resolution 22-01 the NNWPC forwarded a recommendation to the WRWC to adopt the draft 2021-2040 RWMP.

The draft 2021-2040 RWMP was made available on the WRWC and NNWPC websites, and a copy was placed at the front desk of the Washoe County Community Services Department for review and comment. Each website has respective Commission member and staff contact information and an email link to provide comments on the plan through the [wrrwc@washoecounty.gov](mailto:wrrwc@washoecounty.gov) email address.

WRWC staff have not received comments on the draft 2021-2040 RWMP.

### **BACKGROUND**

Provisions of Chapter 531, *Statutes of Nevada 2007*, of the Act, Section 41(1) requires the NNWPC to develop, and as necessary recommend revisions to the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP). Per Section 45(2,3), a public hearing on the Draft 2021-2040 RWMP was duly noticed on July 24, 2022, and held on August 3, 2022, by the NNWPC. The NNWPC approved the draft 2021-2040 RWMP.

Section 45(4) of the Act requires the NNWPC to submit the proposed draft 2021-2040 RWMP or any amendment to the adopted RWMP to the WRWC by resolution. On August 3, 2022 the

NNWPC approved Resolution 22-01 to recommend the adoption of the draft 2021-2040 RWMP by the WRWC.

Section 46(4,5) requires that a copy of the proposed Comprehensive Plan or amendment thereto be placed in the Washoe County Clerk's office not less than 30 days before the hearing and that notice be published in a local newspaper of the planning area that the plan is available for review and comment. The plan was placed in the Clerk's office on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and public notice was published in on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The NNWPC may consider direction to staff regarding proceeding with a public hearing scheduled for October 19, 2023 with the WRWC to adopt the draft 2021-2040 RWMP.

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