

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum**

Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. There was a quorum present.

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| <u>Commissioners Present:</u> | <u>Appointed by:</u>  |
| Sandra Ainsworth              | Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)                     |
| Jenny Brekhus                 | Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”), City of Reno<br>WRWC member |
| Charlene Bybee                | TMWA, City of Sparks WRWC member                                      |
| Naomi Duerr                   | City of Reno  |
| Vaughn Hartung                | Washoe County   |
| Jeanne Herman                 | TMWA, Washoe County WRWC member                                       |

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| <u>Commissioners Absent:</u> | <u>Appointed by:</u>   |
| Ron Smith                    | City of Sparks   |
| Bob Lucey                    | TMWA, as successor to South Truckee Meadows<br>General Improvement District (“STMGID”) |

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Martini.

**3. Public Comment**

None

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

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the May 18, 2016, Meeting (For Possible Action)**

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2016, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT

- 6. Report from the Regional Effluent Management Team; review and possible approval of a proposal for a 4-year project entitled “Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration” and budget, not to exceed \$155,699 for fiscal year 2016-2017 and a total of \$676,475 from the Regional Water Management Fund (“RWMF”); if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an interlocal agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno for that purpose; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, and Rick Warner, Washoe County Community Services Department. (For Possible Action)**

Jim Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the Regional Effluent Management Team’s report and project proposal.

Rick Warner and John Enloe, TMWA, presented more detailed information regarding the proposed Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration Project. The project proposal is included as an attachment to the staff report for the record.

Mr. Warner explained to Commissioner Brekhus that the project's primary objective is to study feasibility.

Mr. Enloe further explained that this project could create another water resource independent of the Truckee River, but no use is identified at this time.

Commissioner Brekhus discussed the value of conservation programs and the need for this project to be an open forum so the public can be engaged and better informed.

At Commissioner Duerr’s request, Mr. Warner reviewed the portion of the presentation regarding the budget and answered funding questions.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ITEM PER THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED IN THE STAFF REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

- 7. Acceptance of a Clean Water Act grant in the amount of \$40,000 to offset funding for the Bedell Flat Rapid Infiltration Basin Investigation; if accepted, ratify the Chairman’s prior execution of a Subgrant Agreement with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (“NDEP”) for that purpose – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the Clean Water Act grant.

CHAIRMAN HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE \$40,000 GRANT FROM THE STATE TO OFFSET FUNDING FOR THE BEDELL FLAT RAPID INFILTRATION BASIN FEASIBILITY PROJECT AND RATIFY HIS PRIOR EXECUTION OF THE SUBGRANT AGREEMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**8. Presentation of the draft 2016 Washoe County Consensus Population Forecast; discussion and possible determination that the draft consensus population forecast for 2036 can be supported by the sustainable water resources set forth in the Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”); and possible direction to staff – Jeremy Smith, Ph.D., Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (“TMRPA”), and Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Dr. Jeremy Smith, TMRPA, gave an overview of the 2016 Washoe County Consensus Population Forecast and answered questions from the Commission.

Mr. Smitherman reported on the comparison of the forecast to the water resources in the RWMP. The NNWPC recommendation to the WRWC is that the draft Consensus Forecast Population Forecast is less than the estimated population that could be served by the sustainable water resources.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO DETERMINE THAT THE DRAFT CONSENSUS FORECAST POPULATION FOR 2036 CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES SET FORTH IN THE RWMP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**9. Presentation of regional water use and wastewater flow projections, a 20-year analysis using various spatial growth scenarios; and possible direction to staff – Jeremy Smith, TMRPA. (For Possible Action)**

Dr. Smith presented information included in the staff report regarding water and wastewater projections, and growth scenarios.

COMMISSIONER BYBEE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**10. Discussion and possible approval of a scope of work and budget, not to exceed \$20,176 from the RWMF, for the Truckee River Information Gateway (“TRIG”) website program upgrades and annual maintenance; if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Reno for that purpose; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented information included in the staff report regarding the proposed scope of work and budget for program upgrades and annual maintenance for the TRIG website.

COMMISSIONER BREKHUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED TRIG SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR WEBSITE PROGRAMS UPGRADES AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RENO FOR THAT PURPOSE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**11. Review and possible approval of a revised schedule for completion of the RWMP 2016 update; and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Smitherman presented information included in the staff report requesting an extension of the schedule for completion of the RWMP update.

Commissioner Duerr discussed the importance of allowing sufficient time for public input.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED SCHEDULE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BYBEE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**12. Report and discussion on the procedure for and possible consequences of 1) the dissolution of the WRWC; or 2) the transfer of the powers, duties and responsibilities of the WRWC to another regional governing board; and possible direction to staff (continued from May 18, 2016 meeting) – Jim Smitherman and John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. (For Possible Action)**

Chairman Hartung stated that today's meeting is proof that the WRWC has great purpose. There are very crucial and complex issues that the WRWC has staff and staff of other agencies studying.

Mr. Smitherman and John Rhodes, Legal Counsel, presented information included in the staff report and answered questions from the Commissioners regarding the WRWC make-up and possible procedures to transfer the duties of the WRWC to another regional governing board or substitute another existing board, with or without possible membership changes, for the WRWC board.

Chairman Hartung stated that the board and staff are dealing with some front-line issues and he is not convinced that dissolving the WRWC would be wise at this time.

Commissioner Duerr agreed with Chairman Hartung and stated that some excellent information was presented this morning. She added that combining meetings with the TMWA board would not allow adequate time to focus on broad, regional issues, and emphasized the need for that kind of time. Commissioner Duerr also expressed her desire for continued representation by Sun Valley GID, and possibly for other entities, such as the Flood Authority, and concluded by saying she would like to see the WRWC continue and not discuss this again this biennium.

Commissioner Bybee asked several questions concerning the transfer of duties to, or substitution of another governing board, which were answered by Mr. Rhodes.

Commissioner Herman stated that any change would be complicated, that reaching a decision would take a great amount of time, and there is no time to get it done before the coming legislative session.

COMMISSIONER BREKHUS MADE A MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION AND HAVE STAFF BRING BACK A REPORT ON THE HISTORICAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE TMWRF SEAT. Mr. Rhodes stated that the TMWRF position has been held by the Mayor of Sparks, Gino Martini, since the formation of the WRWC.

COMMISSIONER DUERR SECONDED THE MOTION AND REQUESTED THAT IT BE AMENDED TO RECONFIRM THE SUPPORT AND EXISTENCE OF THE WRWC, RATHER THAN TO TAKE NO ACTION. COMMISSIONER BREKHUS WITHDREW HER

MOTION, AND SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION. THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**13. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)**

The next WRWC meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 21, 2016.

No action was taken.

**14. Commission Comments**

None

**15. Staff Comments**

None

**16. Public Comment**

None

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

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Chairman Vaughn Hartung