

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2017, at the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Vaughn Hartung
Naomi Duerr
Sandra Ainsworth
Jenny Brekhus

Jeanne Herman
Donald Abbott
Bob Lucey (present at 9:06 a.m.)
Ron Smith

Appointed by:

Washoe County
City of Reno
Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”, City of Reno)
TMWA (Washoe County)
City of Sparks
TMWA (STMGID Successor)
TMWA (City of Sparks)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ainsworth.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Introduction of New WRWC Trustees

Donald Abbott was introduced as the new WRWC Trustee. Chair Hartung thanked Charlene Bybee for her work on the WRWC.

6. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2017 calendar year – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT CHAIR HARTUNG AS WRWC CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN.

Commissioner Brekhuis discussed the fact that a City of Reno representative has never served as WRWC Chair and suggested that the rules be revisited and changed so that the position of Chair rotates giving each agency a chance to serve as Chair.

Commissioner Duerr expressed interest in serving as Chair.

(Commissioner Lucey present at 9:06 a.m.)

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND THREE (3) OPPOSITIONS BY COMMISSIONERS BREKHUIS, DUERR, AND AINSWORTH.

COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER SMITH AS WRWC VICE-CHAIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR AND TWO (2) OPPOSITIONS BY COMMISSIONERS DUERR AND AINSWORTH.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO REAPPOINT COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH AS SECRETARY-TREASURER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

It was confirmed that there is still currently one vacant WRWC position. A Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility ("TMWRF") representative has not yet been jointly appointed by the Cities of Reno and Sparks.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the September 21, 2016, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER LUCEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Presentation of a proposal, recommended by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"), to update the Truckee Meadows Watershed Management and Protection Plan for Tributaries to the Truckee River; possible approval of a request for \$70,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund ("RWMF") to begin the update process; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Reno for that purpose – Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planning. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planning, presented an overview of the staff report regarding the need to update the Truckee Meadows Watershed Management and Protection Plan for Tributaries to the Truckee River. The Storm Water Permit Coordinating Committee ("SWPCC") intends to update the Plan to meet specific criteria so that the community would qualify to apply for federal funding. The requested funds will provide the initial investigation required for the Plan update.

Chair Hartung asked if conversations on this item would include Flood Management.

Mr. Wessel explained for Chair Hartung that the regulation calls out the elements for flood water and storm water separately.

Teresa Jones, SWPCC Coordinator, confirmed that this is a water quality plan and discussed the need for the Plan to be updated and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AND FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RENO IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000.00), SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Presentation on the Nevada Integrated Source Water Protection (“ISWP”) Program, and possible approval of a letter requesting participation in the program for the Washoe County geographic planning area – Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Wessel presented an overview of the staff report. The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) voted unanimously to recommend that the WRWC approve and provide a letter of support for the ISWP Program.

The WRWC decided not to hear the presentation on the program at this time as it will be given at the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”) meeting.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND APPROVE THE LETTER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Discussion and possible establishment of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, presented an overview of the staff report and recommended that the WRWC establish a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2017 Legislative session.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS ABBOTT, DUERR, AND AINSWORTH TO THE WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BREKHUS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

11. Discussion and possible approval of the schedule for review of the draft 2016 Regional Water Management Plan (“RWMP”) update, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman presented an overview of the staff report on the schedule for review of the draft RWMP update.

- February 17, 2017 - Publish 10-day notice of NNWPC public hearing
- March 1, 2017 - NNWPC public hearing required by statute, and possible resolution to submit the Plan to the WRWC with a recommendation for adoption
- March 17, 2017 - Submit attested copy of the Plan to the WRWC (on or before March 17)
- March 17, 2017 - Deliver copy of the Plan to the Washoe County Clerk for 30-day public inspection period, and publish notice of availability
- TBA 2017 - Hold afternoon / evening public workshop

- April 8, 2017 - Publish 10-day notice of WRWC public hearing (On or before April 8)
- April 19, 2017 - WRWC public hearing required by statute, and possible adoption of the Plan, as amended.

Chair Hartung requested that a copy of the draft be placed on file with the clerks of the City of Reno and the City of Sparks. He also suggested that flexibility be allowed in the schedule as needed.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BY STAFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

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

Mr. Smitherman presented an overview of the staff report regarding the schedule for 2017 meetings of the WRWC.

- January 17, 2017 - Election of officers
- March 15, 2017 - Submit attested copy of the 2016 RWMP update to the WRWC
- April 19, 2017 - WRWC public hearing and possible adoption of the Plan update, and Review draft FY 17-18 budget
- May 17, 2017 - WRWC public hearing and possible adoption of the FY 17-18 budget
- June 21, 2017 - Contract renewals prior to end of FY 16-17
- August 16, 2017 - Receive cloud seeding program annual report and possible approval of contract for following year
- November 15, 2017 - Review/approve annual audit and financial statements for FY 16-17

Chair Hartung requested that a review of the cloud seeding program be added around April.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

13. Commission Comments

None

14. Staff Comments

None

15. Public Comment

None

16. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2017.

Chair Vaughn Hartung

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