

# Western Regional Water Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** December 7, 2018  
**TO:** Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”)  
**FROM:** Jim Smitherman, Water Resources Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Discussion and possible establishment of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature, and possible direction to staff.

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### **SUMMARY**

Since the creation of the WRWC in 2008, the WRWC Board has established a Legislative Subcommittee, prior to each session of the Nevada Legislature, to track and possibly advance positions on pending legislation that may affect or be of interest to the WRWC/Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”). The Legislative Subcommittee, through legal counsel and staff, also provides regular reports to keep the full WRWC Board advised and informed on legislative activities. The WRWC formed the last Legislative Subcommittee in January 2017 and appointed Donald Abbott, Naomi Duerr and Secretary/Treasurer Ainsworth as members.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On January 18, 2017, the WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Donald Abbott (City of Sparks), Naomi Duerr (City of Reno) and Secretary/Treasurer Ainsworth (SVGID).

On January 21, 2015, the WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Chairman Hartung (Washoe County), Vice Chair Duerr (Reno) and Secretary/Treasurer Ainsworth (SVGID).

On September 19, 2012, the WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Chairman Carrigan (TMWA), Vice Chairman Hartung (Washoe County) and Treasurer Cohen (STMGID).

On January 14, 2011, The WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of Chairman Carrigan (TMWA), Commissioner Aiazzi (Reno) and Commissioner Cohen (STMGID).

On December 12, 2008, The WRWC formed a Legislative Subcommittee with membership consisting of the Chairman (Carrigan, TMWA), Vice Chairman (Aiazzi, Reno) and STMGID representative (Cohen).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the WRWC establish a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2019 Legislative session.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

“Move to establish a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2019 Legislative session to track and possibly advance positions on pending legislation that may affect or be of interest to the WRWC/NNWPC, to be comprised of the following members...”.