

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 9, 2020

TO: Chair and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”)

FROM: Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and action concerning the WRWC Program Manager position, and possible direction to staff.

SUMMARY

I intend to retire from service as a Washoe County employee effective July 18, 2020. Therefore, today’s WRWC meeting will be my last as Program Manager. In anticipation of my retirement, last January I presented the WRWC the following recommendation, which was approved unanimously:

“I recommend that Chris Wessel be appointed Interim Program Manager effective upon my retirement. In addition, I recommend that Washoe County conduct an open competitive recruitment for a Water Resources Program Manager and provide the WRWC with a list of qualified candidates who have been interviewed and approved for hire by Washoe County. The WRWC could then interview and select from among the candidates and indicate to the County which candidate is the WRWC’s choice.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County has provided staff to the WRWC since 2007 by way of a Cooperative Agreement for Contractual Professional and Administrative Staff Services. The Agreement as amended expires on June 30, 2021. All three WRWC staff members are Washoe County employees and were hired through an open competitive recruitment conducted by the Washoe County Department of Human Resources.

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