

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES**

Thursday, June 15, 2022

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at the Sparks Council Chambers, 745 4th Street, Sparks, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

1. Roll Call

Vice Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott
Sandra Ainsworth
Paul Anderson
Jenny Brekhus *(at 8:31)*
Kristopher Dahir
Vaughn Hartung *(Zoom)*
Alexis Hill *(Zoom)*

Appointed by:

Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)
Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) (Sparks)
TMWA (Reno)
City of Sparks
Washoe County
TMWA (Washoe County)

Commissioners Absent:

Naomi Duerr
Bob Lucey

Appointed by:

City of Reno
TMWA (STMGID Successor)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Ainsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Commissioner Brekhus present at 8:31 a.m.)

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the May 19, 2022, WRWC Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Report on projects supported by the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF) – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, and Jim Smitherman, Water Resource Consultant

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the staff report summarizing the projects prioritized by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) in FY 2022 and FY 2023. The summary includes an overview of the project scope of work and highlights progress made during FY 2022.

7. Action, discussion, and possible approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$462,954 from the RWMF for an inter-local agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada Water Innovations Institute (NWII) for “Regional Water Management Coordination and Support” – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. UNR has submitted a proposal and scope of work in support of regional water management leadership and technical assistance from Nevada Water Innovations Institute (NWII) and Warner and Associates, serving as an NWII sub-consultant. The scope of work includes technical assistance and coordination necessary to continue the next phase of advanced purified water treatment technology implementation at American Flat, continue investigations and demonstration projects in the region, and collaborate with regional partners to develop and manage a programmatic approach to address complex regional water challenges.

CHAIR HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$462,954 FROM THE RWMF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED FUNDING SCHEDULE, CONTINGENT ON ANNUAL NNWPC PRIORITIES SETTING AND WRWC BUDGET APPROVAL, FOR AN ILA WITH UNR FOR SERVICES OUTLINED IN THE “REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATION AND SUPPORT” PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNR, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

8. Action, discussion, and possible approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$49,398 from the RWMF for a professional services agreement with the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) for the “OneWater Nevada, Expert Panel Review of the Advanced Purified Water Program at American Flat” – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. NWRI has submitted a proposal to assemble an Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) of subject matter experts for review of the Advanced Purified Water Program at American Flat. NWII will schedule, plan, and prepare IAP meetings, and facilitate a virtual technical orientation workshop and one in person meeting of the panel in Fiscal Year 2023.

CHAIR HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$49,398 FROM THE RWMF FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NWRI FOR SERVICES OUTLINED IN THE “ONEWATER NEVADA, EXPERT PANEL REVIEW OF THE ADVANCED PURIFIED WATER PROGRAM AT AMERICAN FLAT” PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. Action, discussion, and possible recommendation to the WRWC for approval of a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$75,000 from the RWMF for an inter-local agreement with the Truckee River Foundation to support the implementation of the One Truckee River Management Plan, Phase 1 – Kim Rigdon (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. The Truckee River Foundation (TRF) is seeking approval for a scope of work and funding not to exceed \$75,000 to continue to lead, coordinate, and fundraise for the One Truckee River (OTR) partnership, and to further the water quality management efforts listed in the staff report.

Iris Jehle-Peppard, One Truckee River Executive Director, answered questions regarding restroom locations and other aspects of the OTR Management Plan.

COMMISSIONER BREKHUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 FROM THE RWMF FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRF FOR SERVICES OUTLINED IN THE OTR PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

10. Report and discussion on chapters and schedule related to the drafting and presentation of the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan – Kim Rigdon and Jim Smitherman

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. All of the draft chapters have been completed. One chapter will go back to the NNWPC for approval at their August meeting. A public hearing for the entire Plan will also be scheduled with the NNWPC at their August meeting.

11. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings

The next WRWC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17. The agenda will include the draft Regional Water Management Plan and the consensus forecast.

Vice-Chair Dahir requested a future agenda item to review A+ water or waste management projects we are doing.

12. Public Comment

None

13. Commission Comments

None

14. Staff Comments

Ms. Rigdon introduced Birgit Widegren as the new Water Management Planner.

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2022.

Chair Vaughn Hartung

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