

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at the Sparks Council Chambers, 745 4th Street, Sparks, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

1. Roll Call

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

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott
Paul Anderson
Kristopher Dahir
Naomi Duerr (*Zoom - present at 9:21*)
Vaughn Hartung
Alexis Hill (*Zoom - present at 9:02*)
Bob Lucey (*Zoom - absent at 9:43*)

Appointed by:

Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) (Sparks)
City of Sparks
City of Reno
Washoe County
TMWA (Washoe County)
TMWA (STMGID Successor)

Commissioners Absent:

Sandra Ainsworth
Jenny Brekhus

Appointed by:

Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
TMWA (Reno)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

John Flansberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the June 15, 2022, WRWC Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LUCEY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH FIVE (5) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Action, discussion and direction to staff regarding a possible determination on whether the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) 2022 Consensus Forecast for Washoe County can be supported by the sustainable water resources set forth in the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan – Jeremy Smith, Truckee Meadows

Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) Director, and Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

(Commissioner Hill present at 9:02 a.m.)

Jeremy Smith, TMRPA Director, gave a presentation on the TMRPA 2022 Consensus Forecast and answered questions from the Commission.

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission. On August 3, 2022, the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) advanced a recommendation to the WRWC to make a determination that the draft Consensus Forecast population for 2042 is less than the estimated population that can be supported by the sustainable water resources set forth in the Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP), and a finding that the forecasted population can be supported by such water resources.

(Commissioner Duerr present at 9:21 a.m.)

Mr. Smith and Ms. Rigdon answered questions and received feedback from the Commission regarding sustainable water resources and how the projections are made.

(Commissioner Lucey absent at 9:43 a.m.)

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO DETERMINE THAT THE DRAFT CONSENSUS FORECAST POPULATION FOR 2042 IS LESS THAN THE ESTIMATED POPULATION THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES SET FORTH IN THE RWMP, AND DETERMINE THAT THE FORECASTED POPULATION CAN BE SUPPORTED BY SUCH WATER RESOURCES, AND DIRECT STAFF TO INFORM RENO, SPARKS, WASHOE COUNTY AND THE TMRPA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAHIR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Action, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding opportunities for WRWC and NNWPC members to tour purified water sites as presented by Data Instincts – Mark Milan, Data Instincts, and Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Mark Milan, Data Instincts, presented an update on outreach activities they have been working on the last few months. Outreach activities include: supporting funding efforts; developing a new brief video exploring advanced processes; updating project collateral and web content; briefing internal staffs at Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and City of Reno; educational mobile unit under development; and making plans for tours to existing facilities.

Mr. Milan answered questions and received feedback from the Commission.

Ms. Rigdon confirmed for Chair Hartung that she is looking for direction to work with the NNWPC and the WRWC to coordinate a few field trips. She also confirmed that the cost of the field trips has been worked into the budget for the professional services contract with Data Instincts.

Chair Hartung summarized direction to staff to bring back more information on tour times and locations and travel schedules.

No action was taken.

8. Report and discussion on the Draft 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan (Plan) approved by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC), schedule for public comment, and tentative public hearing date for the WRWC for possible adoption of the Plan – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. The complete final draft of the 2021-2040 RWMP including revisions was presented to, and approved by, the NNWPC on August 3, 2022. The approved final draft is being presented under this Item for discussion with a review of the proposed schedule for public comment and tentative public hearing date. A table detailing the material revisions made for each chapter is included with the staff report as Attachment 8a.

Ms. Rigdon answered questions and received feedback from the Commission regarding the process for updating and adopting the Plan.

9. Action, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding scheduling a concurrent fiscal year 2024 priorities setting meeting with the NNWPC – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. Staff is seeking direction on available dates and times for a concurrent meeting with the NNWPC.

COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO SCHEDULE THE CONCURRENT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2, 2022, AT 1:30 P.M., SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

The next WRWC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The agenda will include the Regional Water Management Plan public hearing and the budget audit.

11. Public Comment

John Martini and John Flansberg spoke regarding the great work Ms. Rigdon has done on the Plan.

12. Commission Comments

Chair Hartung expressed appreciation from the Commission for the work done by Ms. Rigdon and Jim Smitherman.

13. Staff Comments

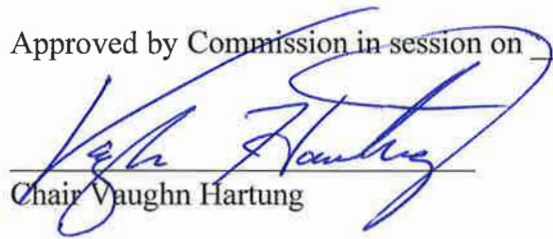
Ms. Rigdon expressed appreciation for Jim Smitherman.

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on October 19, 2022.



Chair Vaughn Hartung