

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 14, 2022
TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC)
FROM: Kimberly Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 2021-2040 Regional Water Management Plan (2021-2040 RWMP); possible approval of a Resolution adopting the 2021-2040 RWMP, or possible remand to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) with any proposed change or addition.

SUMMARY

The 2021-2040 RWMP is an update of the initial Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan adopted in January 2011 with the first amendment approved in 2016. The 2021-2040 RWMP consists of ten chapters, various charts, graphs and maps, and two appendices. The 2021-2040 RWMP can be viewed at http://www.wrwc.us/2021-2040_draft_chapters.html. Staff presented the key elements of the 2021-2040 RWMP and material changes at the August 17, 2022 WRWC meeting. The public review period for the 2021-2040 RWMP began on August 3, 2022. No comments were submitted.

The WRWC may adopt the 2021-2040 RWMP during the public hearing. After adoption, the statutes require that the 2021-2040 RWMP be submitted by resolution to the Regional Planning Commission to review for consistency with respect to the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan. A draft WRWC Resolution 8 is attached for this purpose.

BACKGROUND

[Chapter 531](#), Statutes of Nevada 2007, the Western Regional Water Commission Act (the Act) created the NNWPC and required the NNWPC to develop a Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan for the Planning Area defined in Section 22 covering municipal and industrial water supply, water quality, sanitary sewerage, sewage treatment, stormwater drainage and flood control. The Act further required the NNWPC to develop the initial plan on or before January 1, 2011. After adoption of the initial plan, the Act requires the NNWPC to review the plan at least every 5 years and to prepare proposed amendments for submittal to the WRWC or report that there are no amendments. The 2021-2040 RWMP is the second amendment updating the initial Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan. The first amendment was completed in 2016 and adopted by the WRWC on April 19, 2017.

The 2021-2040 RWMP update began in October 2020 and the complete final draft including revisions was presented to, and approved by, the NNWPC on August 3rd, 2022.

In accordance with the Act, the NNWPC held a public hearing on the 2021-2040 RWMP during the August 3rd, 2022 NNWPC meeting in the Washoe County Chambers. The hearing was noticed in accordance with statute. The NNWPC recommended the 2021-2040 RWMP for WRWC approval and adoption through Resolution 22-01 (attached).

Upon approval of the 2021-2040 RWMP by the NNWPC, a 30-day public review was initiated, and no comments have been received. Upon recommendation from the majority of the NNWPC members, staff scheduled a public hearing with the WRWC, on October 19, 2022, for the 2021-2040 RWMP adoption. The public hearing was duly noticed on October 9, 2022.

Following possible adoption by the WRWC, the 2021-2040 RWMP will be submitted to the Regional Planning Commission to review for consistency with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan. The Regional Planning Commission has 40 days to make a determination. If the Regional Planning Commission determines the 2021-2040 RWMP is not consistent with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, staff from both agencies will work together to address necessary revisions and resubmit the plan to the Regional Planning Commission.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 19, 2017, the WRWC approved and adopted the 2016-2035 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff proposes the WRWC approve and adopt the 2021-2040 RWMP, authorize the Chairman to execute WRWC Resolution 8, and direct staff to submit the plan to the Regional Planning Commission for consistency review.

POSSIBLE MOTION

“Move to approve and adopt the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan, authorize the Chairman to execute WRWC Resolution 8 and direct staff to submit the plan to the Regional Planning Commission for consistency review.”

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Attachments: 8a: NNWPC Resolution 22-01
8b: WRWC Draft Resolution 8

NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution No. 22-01

Submitting the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan to the Western Regional Water Commission

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 531, *Statutes of Nevada 2007*, the Western Regional Water Commission Act (the "Act"), Section 41(1) requires the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission to develop, and as necessary recommend revisions to, a comprehensive regional water management plan (the "Plan") for the entire area within the boundaries of Washoe County, except certain lands excluded by Sections 22(1) and 22(2) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes the items required by Section 41 of the Act, and the elements required by Section 42 of the Act, and, without limitation: identifies the boundaries of the region; includes surface water and groundwater policies and criteria; covers municipal and industrial water supplies, water quality and wastewater, sanitary sewerage, treatment of sewage, flood control and storm water drainage, watershed management and protection, projections of population, water demand and wastewater flow, legal and regulatory constraints, conservation, issues identification, a financial analysis, and an action plan with proposed action items; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes written text, maps, goals and policies to deal with current and future issues affecting the region with respect to the subjects of the Plan, and will become effective, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, upon adoption by the Board of Trustees of the Western Regional Water Commission, and review by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission for consistency with the Regional Plan, pursuant to sections 48 and 49 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, all subject matter in the Plan has been reviewed, accepted, and recommended for adoption by the voting members of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Plan was duly noticed on July 24, 2022, and held on August 3, 2022, by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission hereby finds that the 2021-2040 Plan provides a reasonable updated and amended necessary general plan for the management of the region's water resources and wastewater disposal until such time as future amendment is required; and


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Resolution No. 22-01, Page 2

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021-2040 Plan shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Western Regional Water Commission for approval and adoption, and to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission for consistency review.

Executed this 3rd day of August 2022

NORTHERN NEVADA WATER PLANNING COMMISSION



David Solaro
Chair, NNWPC

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Adopting the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter 531, *Statutes of Nevada 2007*, the Western Regional Water Commission Act (the "Act"), Section 41(1) requires the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission to develop, and as necessary recommend revisions to, a comprehensive regional water management plan (the "Plan") for the entire area within the boundaries of Washoe County, except certain lands excluded by Sections 22(1) and 22(2) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes the items required by Section 41 of the Act, and the elements required by Section 42 of the Act, and, without limitation: identifies the boundaries of the region; includes surface water and groundwater policies and criteria; covers municipal and industrial water supplies, water quality and wastewater, sanitary sewerage, treatment of sewage, flood control and storm water drainage, watershed management and protection, projections of population, water demand and wastewater flow, legal and regulatory constraints, conservation, issues identification, a financial analysis, and an action plan with proposed action items; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes written text, maps, goals and policies to deal with current and future issues affecting the region with respect to the subjects of the Plan, and will become effective, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, upon adoption by the Board of Trustees of the Western Regional Water Commission, and review by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission for consistency with the Regional Plan, pursuant to Sections 48 and 49 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, all subject matter in the Plan has been reviewed, accepted, and recommended for adoption by the voting members of the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Plan was duly noticed on July 24, 2022, and held on August 3, 2022, by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, a second public hearing on the Plan was duly noticed on October 9, 2022, and held on October 19, 2022, by the Western Regional Water Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Western Regional Water Commission hereby finds that the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan provides a reasonable updated and amended necessary general plan for the management of the region's water resources and wastewater disposal until such time as future amendment is required; and

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO.8, Page 2

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021-2040 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan be, and is hereby, approved and adopted, and shall be submitted to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission for consistency review.

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted October 19, 2022, by the following vote of the Board of Trustees:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____ Absent: _____

Dated: October 19, 2022

Vaughn Hartung, Chairman
WRWC Board

STATE OF NEVADA

COUNTY OF WASHOE

On October 19, 2022, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, Vaughn Hartung, known to me to be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Western Regional Water Commission, who acknowledged that he executed the foregoing Resolution.

Notary Public