

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at the Truckee Meadows Authority Corporate Office, 1355 Capital Blvd, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

1. Roll Call

Chair Hartung called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott
Sandra Ainsworth
Paul Anderson
Kristopher Dahir
Naomi Duerr (*present at 9:14*)
Vaughn Hartung
Alexis Hill (*present at 9:23*)

Appointed by:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Jenny Brekhus
Bob Lucey

Appointed by:

TMWA (Reno)
TMWA (STMGID Successor)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Ainsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

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

5. Approval of the Minutes from the August 17, 2022, WRWC Meeting (For Possible Action)

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

6. Discussion and possible approval of the fiscal year 2022 WRWC financial statements and audit opinion, and possible direction to staff – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, and Zeth Macy, Schettler Macy & Associates, LLC (For Possible Action)

Zeth Macy, Schettler Macy & Associates, presented the results of the audit. The report is included in the meeting packet for the record.

(Commissioner Duerr present at 9:14 a.m.)

COMMISSIONER DAHIR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WRWC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT OPINION FROM SCHESSLER MACY & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, AND DIRECT STAFF TO FILE THE SAME AS A PUBLIC RECORD, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion and possible designation of Schettler Macy & Associates, LLC as the external auditors for the fiscal year 2023 WRWC financial statement audit; and, if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the related Engagement Letter, and direct staff to file the required documents with the State of Nevada – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the staff report. Staff recommends that the WRWC designate Schettler Macy & Associates, LLC as the external auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, authorize the Chairman to execute the related Engagement Letter, and direct staff to report the designation to the State of Nevada by the statutory deadline.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO DESIGNATE SCHESSLER MACY & ASSOCIATES, LLC AS THE WRWC'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE RELATED ENGAGEMENT LETTER, AND DIRECT STAFF TO REPORT THE DESIGNATION TO THE STATE OF NEVADA BY THE STATUTORY DEADLINE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

8. 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 NNWPC with any proposed change or addition – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report, including background information on the RWMP. The Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) approved the final updates on August 3, 2022. 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.

Commissioner Duerr asked about the timing of the RWMP updates and if we can go to more even increments.

Ms. Rigdon stated we can look into that for the next update.

(Commissioner Hill present at 9:23 a.m.)

Commissioner Dahir asked if the RWMP is utilized to educate and inform legislators suggested that future updates include public workshops as an education piece.

Ms. Rigdon stated she is not sure that is has been in the past, but staff can investigate an outreach component in the future update. It might be a good idea to have public workshops as we are updating the plan and maybe have an education piece for future updates.

Ms. Rigdon confirmed for Commissioner Hill that there were no comments or additions received from the City of Reno's Sustainability Manager.

Public Comment: Michael DeMartini suggested this is a very high-level plan and more local things are not addressed. There is limited public at these meetings because most of them are more affected by smaller projects. He discussed the need for more public outreach on the larger projects.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON MADE A MOTION 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, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

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

The next WRWC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2022 and will be a joint meeting with the NNWPC. The agenda will include a review of the NNWPC priority setting exercise.

10. Public Comment

None

11. Commission Comments

Commissioner Duerr agreed that Ms. Rigdon's suggestion to have public workshops during the update process rather than at the end would be very useful.

12. Staff Comments

None

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2023.

Chair Vaughn Hartung

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