

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2019  
CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF  
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY AND  
THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF  
THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

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The meeting of the Concurrent Legislative Subcommittees of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) at TMWA, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada in the Independence Conference Room. Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

TMWA Members Present: Jenny Brekhus\*, Vaughn Hartung\* and Kristopher Dahir

TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Michael Pagni

TMWA Staff Present: Mark Foree, Laura Rader, John Zimmerman, and Steve Walker (Walker & Associates)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Kristopher Dahir and Naomi Duerr\*

WRWC Members Absent: Bob Lucey

WRWC Legal Counsel: John Rhodes\*

WRWC Staff Present: Jim Smitherman

*\*Members Brekhus, Duerr and Hartung and WRWC Legal Counsel were present via phone.*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the  
TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2019**

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously,  
the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of March 18,  
2019.**

**5. APPROVAL OF THE WRWC MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2019**

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Program Director, informed the subcommittee the minutes were unavailable at this time.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF CONCURRENT MEETINGS OF TMWA AND WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES

Steve Walker, TMWA Lobbyist, informed the subcommittees Friday afternoons are most convenient and since most bills have been introduced, they would only need to meet a few more times.

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved to hold concurrent TMWA and WRWC Legislative Subcommittee meetings on Friday, April 5 and 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm.**

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved to hold concurrent TMWA and WRWC Legislative Subcommittee meetings on Friday, April 5 and 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm.**

7. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO TMWA AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING TMWA'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION

Steve Walker, TMWA Lobbyist, updated the subcommittee on the amendment to SB250 and that Senator Settlemeyer agreed which has moved TMWA's position to support. Member Brekhus stated she would prefer to stay neutral and watch the bill.

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried two to one with Member Brekhus dissenting, the TMWA Subcommittee approved staff recommendation to support SB250 once amended.**

Mr. Walker referred to the table of new bills (Attachment 1) that required action on positions recommended by staff. Bills with positions other than watch were discussed: AB371, oppose (eliminate common law exceptions which provide protections to public records requests); SB280, oppose (revises definition of navigable streams, to include rivers); SB334, oppose (prohibits government entities from entering into broadband contracts); SB340, oppose (expand prevailing wages); and all other bills have a position of watch.

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved staff recommendations to oppose, AB371, SB280, SB334 SB340, and watch on all other bills.**

8. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO WRWC AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION. THIS ITEM MAY BE COMBINED WITH ITEM 7

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved staff recommendations on all bills: to oppose AB371 and to add SB280 to their list.**

9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Vice Chair Duerr requested staff to confirm Member Lucey would be at the next concurrent legislative subcommittee meeting to ensure a quorum as she would be absent.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

*Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on April 12, 2019.*

*Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Commission on April 5, 2019.*

Submitted by,

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Sonia Folsom, Recording Secretary