

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 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 1:32 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Members Present: Kristopher Dahir\*

TMWA Members Absent: Jenny Brekhus and Vaughn Hartung

TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Michael Pagni

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

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was not present.

WRWC Members Present: Kristopher Dahir\* and Bob Lucey\*

WRWC Members Absent: Naomi Duerr

WRWC Legal Counsel: John Rhodes

WRWC Staff Present: Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel

A quorum of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee was not present.

*\*Members Dahir and Lucey 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  
WRWC Subcommittee approved the agenda.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2019

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously,  
the WRWC Subcommittee approved the minutes of March 26, 2019.**

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

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously,  
the WRWC Subcommittee approved the minutes of March 15, 2019.**

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

It was decided to discuss the bills and have no action.

Steve Walker, TMWA Lobbyist, provided an overview of the new bills introduced as of April 4. Mr. Walker explained staff recommended position on SB 358 to oppose unless amended. SB 358 proposes, on voter approval, that 50% of electricity will be renewable energy by 2030, but TMWA's hydroelectric power plants were unintentionally omitted. Michael Pagni, TMWA General Counsel, added staff is working on the amendment language to be submitted prior to the first hearing in the Assembly.

Mr. Pagni provided an update on SB 280 (revises definition of navigable streams, to include rivers), recommends changing TMWA's position from oppose to watch.

Mr. Walker informed the subcommittee SB 250 amendment was heard on April 4 in the Natural Resources committee, which was approved. Mr. Pagni added TMWA's amendment was agreeable to Senator Settlemeyer, and any future amendments would added to TMWA's amendment.

Chair Dahir requested an update on the status of SB 358 as soon as one was made available.

**No motion taken.**

7. 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

John Rhodes, WRWC General Counsel, updated the subcommittee on new bills introduced as of April 4.

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved staff recommendations on all bills: SB280 neutral/watch, SB250, support as amended, SB449, neutral/watch; and to delete bills AB362 and SB339 and SB388.**

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no committee comments.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.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 March 26, 2021.*

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Secretary