

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2019
CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY AND
THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

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 1:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Members Present: Chair Kristopher Dahir, Vice Chair Jenny Brekhuis*, and Vaughn Hartung
TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Michael Pagni*
TMWA Staff Present: Mark Foree, John Zimmerman, Laura Rader, and Steve Walker (Walker & Associates)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Kristopher Dahir
WRWC Members Absent: Naomi Duerr and Bob Lucey
WRWC Legal Counsel: John Rhodes was absent
WRWC Staff Present: Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel

There was not a quorum of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee.

**Member Brekhuis and General Counsel Michael Pagni 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 THE MARCH 26, 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of April 5, 2019 meeting.

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

Steve Walker, TMWA Lobbyist, provided an overview of certain key bills on which TMWA has taken a position, including all water-related bills. 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. Mr. Walker added that he and McDonald Carano are working with the bill sponsor and that the bill sponsor has assured him that the omission of TMWA's hydroelectric power plants was a mistake that will be corrected. Mr. Walker said the bill sponsor advised him that the bill will be amended on the floor of the assembly to fix the issue with TMWA's hydroelectric power plants.

Regarding SB 250, Mr. Walker informed the subcommittee that the bill sponsor, State Engineer's office, and TMWA agreed on the language of a proposed amendment and that the amendment was heard by the senate committee and passed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved staff's recommendation to oppose SB 358 unless amended.

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

There being no quorum or legal counsel present, this item was not heard.

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 1:55 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on November 1, 2019.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Commission on March 26, 2021.

Submitted by,
Sonia Folsom, Recording Secretary