

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2019
MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY**

The meeting of the Legislative Subcommittees of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) at TMWA, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada in the Independence Conference Room. Member Hartung called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Members Kristopher Dahir, Jenny Brekhus, and Vaughn Hartung

TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Michael Pagni

TMWA Staff Present: Mark Foree, John Zimmerman, Laura Rader, Danny Rotter, and Leo Drozdoff (TMWA Lobbyist)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

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 with the amendment to hear agenda item 5 at the end.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2019 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of April 12, 2019 meeting.

6. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON A.B. 62 (2019) AND OTHER POTENTIAL INTERIM LEGISLATIVE SESSION ISSUES OF INTEREST TO TMWA AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SAME

John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, introduced Leo Drozdoff as TMWA's primary lobbyist going forward.

Laura Rader, TMWA Purchasing Contract Supervisor, provided an update on the status of SB 207 (all public works projects require apprentices for 10% and 3% of total hours for vertical and horizontal construction, respectively), which TMWA opposed, but passed at the end of the 2019 Legislative Session. The bill allows for three exceptions to obtain a waiver: government agencies, no established apprenticeship programs, and highly hazardous conditions. Staff is working with the Labor Commissioner to minimize delays prior to the January 1, 2020 implementation date. The Committee discussed the implications for constantly having to apply for the same waivers where there are no

apprenticeship programs; potential lawsuits and project delays and increased costs; and the importance for all governmental agencies to be unified.

John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, provided an update on AB 62 (proof of completion and beneficial use) which passed after it was amended and TMWA's position is neutral (no issue filing surface water proof of completion within 15 years, but it takes longer for groundwater rights) Mr. Drozdoff added staff is concerned about proof of beneficial use and the State encourages long-term water planning. For example, Vidler water system, proof of completion has happened, but proof of beneficial use has not occurred since growth has not happened.

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Committee regarding AB 30 (3M bill), which did not pass, but will be discussed during the interim session. This bill does not directly impact TMWA, but what is similar to 3M is the domestic well mitigation and the potential impact on new water sources (such as advanced purified water). Discussion followed regarding the potential impact on groundwater rights holders.

No action taken.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TMWA ENGAGEMENT WITH LEGISLATORS AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER PURVEYOR ENTITIES DURING INTERIM SESSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SAME

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Committee that based off of Member Dahir's suggestion during the legislative session to be more engaged and at the forefront of new legislation, staff will be more engaged with legislators during the interim session. Mr. Drozdoff added it is important to build a relationship with leadership in both houses as well as chairs of key committees. Staff will inform the Committee when meetings have been scheduled to allow for them the opportunity to attend if their schedules allow.

8. PRESENTATION ON POTENTIAL TMWA LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR 2021 SESSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SAME

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Committee that this will be a placeholder for potential legislation that may have an impact on TMWA operations. Discussion followed regarding the existing Purchase Power Agreement between TMWA and NV Energy which is in the process of being renewed; AB 198 (providing assistance to small water systems), ensure they are held to a higher standard; and the possibility for hydro generation on the Highland canal.

5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved Member Dahir to be Chair and Member Hartung to be Vice Chair of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee.

9. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no committee comments.

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 2:33 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on August 11, 2020.

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk