

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021
MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY**

The meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) was held via Teleconference. Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kristopher Dahir, Naomi Duerr, Alexis Hill and Alternate Paul Anderson
TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Michael Pagni
TMWA Staff Present: Mark Foree, Laura Rader, Danny Rotter, John Zimmerman, 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 by Member Duerr and seconded by Member Hill, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of February 1, 2021 meeting.

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

Leo Drozdoff, TMWA Lobbyist, updated the Subcommittee that bills are continuing to slowly be introduced, legislators are continuing to hold meetings virtually, the legislative building is still closed to the public, and the plan to open it is dependent upon legislators getting vaccinated.

John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, stated that staff will present TMWA's position of new bills introduced, and provide updates on existing bills as the session progresses. Staff informed the Subcommittee that their recommendation for AB87 (local governments simplify the process to abandon easements without a hearing) is Oppose unless the language is amended; AB97 (governing toxic chemicals) is Monitor to ensure there isn't any undue burden put on TMWA operations; AJR2 (forest health and water quality are linked) is Support; and SB106 (enacts the Uniform Easement Relocation

Act) is Monitor since public utilities are excluded from this bill and to ensure the language does not change that TMWA could potentially be included.

The Subcommittee thanked staff for being extremely involved in the legislative session and engaging with the bill sponsors.

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee accepted the report and staff recommendations.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There was no Committee comment.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Subcommittee on a bill draft request (BDR) which would allow private entities to establish local governments, which staff is monitoring at the moment until/unless it becomes a bill. Mr. Drozdoff added the governor's approach, which he referenced in his State of the State, is that the legislation implies certain smaller counties may not be equipped to handle large companies or industries and to recognize that so the businesses can create a local government.

Chair Dahir would like for staff to provide an update on this BDR as information becomes available.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on February 26, 2021.

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk