

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 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 9:03 a.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.

**Member Duerr arrived at 9:04 am*

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 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 11, 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, and Michael Pagni, TMWA General Counsel, updated the Subcommittee on new bills that have been introduced since the last legislative subcommittee meeting. Mr. Pagni stated TMWA has already implemented changes proposed in AB124 (prohibiting employers from discrimination on basis of sex and seeking wage history of a prospective employee, and requiring to disclose wage scale/salary range) and as such are Monitoring it for now, but can Support it if the Subcommittee decides to do so. Mr. Drozdoff stated that staff is still reviewing AB146 and are scheduled to meet with Assemblywoman Sarah Peters to clarify the bill's intent as there may be potential impacts on water quality standards.

Also, staff recommends changing position on SB67 Monitor to Support since language may be added to increase the threshold from \$100k to \$250k to allow for local governments to complete smaller public works projects itself, which TMWA supports doing.

John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, updated the Subcommittee on SJR1 which is proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide that the Nevada Court of Appeals has jurisdiction over cases related to water. Since it has to go through a constitutional amendment, it may be withdrawn. In the meantime, Chief Justice Hardesty has worked with the State Engineer's office, proposing a water commission to study the water adjudications process, and there is a public meeting next week with TMWA, Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) and other water stakeholders.

In addition, there are two water bill draft requests (BDRs) from the State Engineer's office, regarding water conservation and water banking: water conservation to allow farmers and irrigators to use less water and be able to conserve it and not have it forfeited.

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved staff recommendation to change its position on SB67 from Monitor to Support if proposed language amends the current bill.

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

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member Duerr appreciated the updates.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Zimmerman proposed scheduling the next meeting for Fri, Mar 12th at 1:00 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

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

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk

**Member Duerr was present for agenda items 2 thru 9 only.*