

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2021
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) was held via Teleconference. Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Members Present: Kristopher Dahir, Naomi Duerr and Alexis Hill, and Alternate Paul Anderson
TMWA Legal Counsel: Michael Pagni
TMWA Staff Present: Mark Foree, Laura Rader, John Zimmerman, and Leo Drozdoff (TMWA Lobbyist)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Kristopher Dahir and Naomi Duerr and Alexis Hill
WRWC Members Absent: Alternate Jenny Brekhus
WRWC Legal Counsel: Michael Pagni
WRWC Staff Present: Chris Wessel

A quorum of the WRWC 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.

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE TMWA & WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2021.

Upon motion duly made by Member Duerr and seconded by Member Hill, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of April 16, 2021 meeting.

Upon motion duly made by Member Dahir and seconded by Member Hill, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the minutes of April 16, 2021 meeting.

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

6. 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 5

John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, informed the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee there were no new bills to introduce to them today. Mr. Zimmerman, Leo Drozdoff, TMWA Lobbyist, and Michael Pagni, TMWA General Counsel and WRWC General Counsel, reviewed the status of bills tracked by TMWA and WRWC.

Staff reported on bills: AB87 (proposes to streamline the process by which certain easements of cities and counties can be vacated and abandoned without a hearing) staff had concerns that the form on the amendment overlooked TMWA's language that the sponsor agreed to, but NELIS updated the form and TMWA's language is now included, can move from oppose to neutral; AB97 (revises provisions governing toxic chemicals) TMWA staff communicated with the bill sponsor that TMWA moved from oppose to support and he expressed appreciation for the change in position; AB3 and AB325 (allows for electronic recording of documents) both bills passed Assembly unanimously and now in the Senate; and AB368 (issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects at Lake Tahoe) and SCR9 (Nevada System of Higher Education to work collaboratively in science and research efforts to address climate change at Lake Tahoe) notified the bill sponsor of TMWA's position of support.

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Subcommittee that the proposed Innovation Zone bill has not been introduced and the Legislature intends to create a Senate Committee to study the concept during the interim and will be taking public comment; staff will be monitoring during the interim.

Chair Dahir stressed how important it is to have them work with us and inquired if we can be proactively involved in the study. Mr. Zimmerman replied that TMWA will be involved with the committee and staff has been contacted by their lobbyist and lawyer.

Member Hill said it would be beneficial if staff could provide updates as discussions progress with the state and how they can be supportive.

Member Duerr said staff has done a great job this session with keeping them updated and asked about the status of AB146 (addresses various requirements to control water pollution). Mr. Drozdoff replied there was not much to update since last meeting; the bill passed out of the Assembly, without fiscal impact, and is now in the Senate.

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 existing bills and to change position on AB87 from oppose to monitor.

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Dahir, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee accepted the report and staff recommendations on existing bills and to change position on AB87 from oppose to monitor.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SCHEDULING OF FUTURE CONCURRENT MEETINGS OF TMWA AND WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES.

Mr. Zimmerman said it was not necessary to schedule another meeting right now, but if something comes up staff will contact the subcommittee members to schedule one.

No action taken.

10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no committee comments.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Zimmerman updated the Subcommittee on the Water Commission set up by Justice Hardesty; Mr. Zimmerman is on the Commission and they had their introductory meeting and have scheduled meetings in June and August. Also, through the American Water Works Association (AWWA), TMWA, Southern Nevada Water Authority, and City of Henderson have met with representatives of Nevada's congressional delegation this past week in recognition of Water Week. Three main things of import were discussed: funding for State Revolving Fund (SRF) and WIFIA, ILead service line identification and replacement and PFAS, and reinstating tax exemption for advanced refunding of municipal bonds. Lastly, a few bills were pushed to the interim session and staff will bringing the subject of forming another Interim Legislative Subcommittee when the final report is presented to the Board. He thanked the Subcommittee for being responsive and helpful, as well as staff who were watching legislation and providing expertise when needed.

Mr. Drozdoff added the interim is expected to be very busy and staff has a desire to stay involved.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on May 17, 2021.

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Duerr adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Commission on _____.

Submitted by,
Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk