

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 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

TMWA Subcommittee 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.

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 TMWA & WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2021.

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of April 30, 2021 meeting.

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

John Zimmerman, TMWA Water Resources Manager, and Michael Pagni, TMWA General Counsel, updated the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee on SCR11, which proposes to create a special committee (made up of both members of the Assembly and Senate) to evaluate innovation zones. It proposes the creation of a joint special committee (made up of three members each from Assembly and Senate) required to meet at least once a month to study the potential community and economic benefits and impacts (economic development, affordable housing, regional water supplies, natural resources, environmental impacts on local and county governments as well as state and local revenues). The special committee is charged with soliciting input from interested stakeholders, including local and tribal governments, environmental and labor organizations, water authorities, and local interests. Any recommendations must be approved by a majority of the Assembly and Senate members on the

committee and must submit a report and recommendations by Dec 31, 2021. Mr. Pagni added the resolution is very broad in the charge and there is no specific direction to the joint committee and input from TMWA will be important as it progresses. Staff recommends continuing to communicate with the bill sponsors and Blockchains, LLC to stay informed.

At this time Subcommittee Members discussed the importance of setting up an interim legislative subcommittee to stay ahead of discussions as SCR11 moves forward; to ensure TMWA is prepared to address the topic of handling water with respect to innovation zones and for TMWA staff to provide expertise on its impact, both positive and negative, to the region; continue monitoring resources and staying engaged with stakeholders, including Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; and look forward to see how the study unfolds.

Mr. Zimmerman thanked the Subcommittee for the discussion and will bring the interim legislative subcommittee item at the June Board meeting for recommendation. Mr. Drozdoff stated regarding, AB146 (to address various requirements to control water pollution), staff continues to stay engaged to work with regional agencies in southern Nevada continue to have questions and concerns so they reached out to TMWA and they all spoke to NDEP who has agreed to, which is not part of the bill, in addition to going through regulatory workshops on any of the programs, they would also agree to hold a hearing on any such regulation. Member Duerr suggested that Mr. Drozdoff recommend that there be an outreach effort to the rural areas to address their concerns, especially related to wellhead issues. Mr. Drozdoff said he would relay the message.

Mr. Pagni updated the Subcommittee on AB87 (proposes to streamline the process by which certain easements of cities and counties can be vacated and abandoned without a hearing) and said staff had requested language be added to the bill to limit easements to federal and local governments, which has passed with language amendments included; recommend changing position from oppose to monitor.

No action taken.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no committee comments.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9.. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on October 18, 2021.

Submitted by,
Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk