



## STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 7, 2022

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The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) met via ZOOM. Chair McGuire called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

### 1. ROLL CALL

**Primary Members and Voting Alternates Present:** Fred Arndt, \*\*Kristine Brown-Caliger, Jordan Hastings, Colin Hayes, \*Don Kowitz, Carol Litster, Neil McGuire, Ken McNeil, Chris Melton, \*Jonnie Pullman, Alex Talmant and \*Jerry Wager.

**Alternates Present:** Ken Becker, Karl Katt, \*John Krmptotic, Dale Sanderson, and \*Jim Smith.

**Primary Members and Alternates Absent:** Robert Chambers, Kevin Ryan, and Ann Silver.

*\*Indicates members who attended the meeting virtually via Zoom.*

*\*\*Member Brown-Caliger arrived at 3:08 p.m.*

**Staff Present:** Matt Bowman, Sandra Tozi, Robert Charpentier, John Enloe, Sonia Folsom, Mark Foree, Andy Gebhardt, Stefanie Morris, Danny Rotter, Kara Steeland, John Zimmerman, and Legal Counsel Lucas Foletta (McDonald Carano).

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Upon motion duly made by Member Hayes, and seconded by Member Melton, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Committee approved the agenda.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2022 MEETING

Vice Chair Hastings noted an error on page five; change the wording to say, “*Chair McGuire* adjourned...” and delete “Vice Chair Hastings”.

**Upon motion duly made by Member Melton and seconded by Member Arndt, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Committee approved the amended April 5, 2022 meeting minutes.**

5. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 Q3 YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL RESULTS

Matt Bowman, TMWA Financial Controller, presented the third quarter fiscal year 2022 financial results.

Members of the Committee inquired if the new NV Energy rate increase would impact TMWA (yes, electricity is TMWA's largest cost) and hydro generation was higher than projected (Washoe Hydro was supposed to be offline for maintenance and expected lower river flows, which didn't happen)

6. PRESENTATION ON THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AND THE 2023-2027 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Bowman and Sandra Tozi, TMWA Financial Analyst, presented the staff report of the proposed final FY2023 Budget and FY2023-27 CIP. Mr. Bowman thanked Ms. Tozi, Danny Rotter, TMWA Engineering Manager and Sonia Folsom, TMWA Executive Assistant, for their hard work in putting together the CIP, and thanked Sophie Cardinal, TMWA Financial Controller, in her assistance on the operating budget.

Ms. Tozi addressed a new section in the introduction, conservation projects, per Director Hill's request at the March meeting; the final capital spend increased \$27m from the 5-yr CIP total; the changes were related to the Advanced Purified Water Facility at American Flat (American Flat) (\$17m) and for treatment plant improvements (\$5.3m Orr Ditch Pump Station rehab and \$2.3m to the Longley Plant HV Wells 3&4); updated construction estimates which show an increase of \$10.2m in customer rate projects, two significant projects, American Flat and AMI, not reliant on internal staff, and if these projects were removed, then the cost in the CIP would be similar to past CIPs.

The Committee discussed the impact of NV Energy's rate increase (it goes into effect January 2023 and a budget augmentation would need to be filed with the state if the increase is significant), TMWA has a purchase power agreement with NV Energy until 2029 (TMWA's hydro generation sales price is locked in until then), the system improvement in Verdi for new development and the significant cost in the CIP (majority of the improvements were paid before any of the projects started and TMWA's current customers are not responsible for new growth infrastructure).

7. UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE MT. ROSE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Rotter updated the Committee the Mt. Rose Water Treatment Plant went live on April 6<sup>th</sup> and is producing water, met the permit for 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm) and an Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will receive the invite when it's been finalized.

8. PRESENTATION OF TMWA'S AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION FOR THE LADY BUG PROJECT FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT ABOVE STAMPEDE RESERVOIR

Kara Steeland, TMWA Hydrologist, and Stefanie Morris, TMWA Water Resources Manager, presented an overview of the Lady Bug project.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

**Upon motion duly made by Member Hayes and seconded by Member Melton, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Committee approved the following agenda items for future meetings.**

**Next meeting:**

1. Water Supply Update
2. Presentation of fourth quarter FY2022 financial performance
3. Presentation and discussion of TMWA's five-year funding plan for FY2023-27
4. Update on Mt. Rose Water Treatment Plant status
5. Presentation of turf analysis

10. STAFF ITEMS

Sonia Folsom, TMWA Executive Assistant, reminded the Committee that TMWA's summer picnic will be held on Sat, Aug 20<sup>th</sup> and to RSVP if they'd like to attend.

12. COMMITTEE ITEMS

There were no committee items.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discussion, Chair McGuire adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Approved by the Standing Advisory Committee in session on October 4, 2022.

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk