

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2023
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 at TMWA and via Teleconference. Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Subcommittee Members Present: Paul Anderson, Naomi Duerr and *Alexis Hill

TMWA Legal Counsel: Lucas Foletta

TMWA Staff Present: Jordan Grow, Sonia Folsom, Stefanie Morris, John Zimmerman, and Leo Drozdoff (TMWA Lobbyist)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

**Member Hill joined at 1:25 p.m.*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Duerr inquired why the meeting was not a joint meeting with Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) as it has been held in past sessions, and would like to see it scheduled concurrently for the rest of the session.

Stefanie Morris, TWMA Director of Legal & Regulatory Affairs, replied that staff from both agencies are coordinating to reduce inefficiencies . They tried to make it efficient by scheduling the WRWC meeting right after TMWA’s subcommittee meeting.

Lucas Foletta, TMWA General Counsel, added that having separate meetings can simplify the process because the agencies well aligned have purviews.

Vice Chair Anderson had no additional comment.

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE TMWA SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2023

Upon motion duly made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the minutes of the March 7, 2023 meeting.

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

Ms. Morris stated that staff is tracking 84 bills and 74 Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) and noted that bills previously presented and taken action on are denoted in blue and bills added since the last meeting = are shown in green. She also informed the Subcommittee that staff is monitoring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation on PFAS and PFOA and will update the Subcommittee as needed.

Ms. Morris and Leo Drozdoff, TMWA Lobbyist, provided updates on key bills: AB 20 (changes expand who is eligible for certain State Revolving Funds) went to committee and there was no opposition during the hearing, but plenty of support; AB 105 (related to broadband Internet access to utilities with existing easement) amendments were proposed and TMWA's position is known; AB 220 (requires residents in Counties with populations of 700,000 or more on septic to connect to the municipal sewer system if within 400 feet and municipal water system if within 1,250 feet) could impact TMWA with potential changes to approval of tentative mapping process, but amendments were added to state the changes would apply to counties with a population of 700,000 or more; AJR 3 (proposes a constitutional amendment to add the public trust doctrine e) was heard and there was support from non-governmental agencies the Tribal members, but opposition from organized labor, developers and the Chamber of Commerce related to Section 4, which Assemblywoman Peters has said will be removed; SB 113 (allow senior water rights holders to opt out of groundwater management plan) staff participated in the work session on the amendment; SB 176 (create an account for the State Engineer to purchase water rights from over appropriated groundwater basins) working with The Nature Conservancy on their amendments .

Ms. Morris and Mr. Drozdoff presented the new bills: AB 261 (maximize efficient use of water resources and encourage conservation) was heard in committee and there was no opposition, recommended Support; and Watch for AB 387 (requires the State Engineer to use best available science in relating to the appropriation of underground water), the bill does not address priority conflicts and views it as a single source.

The Subcommittee discussed staff's recommendation for Support on AB 261.

Upon motion duly made by Member Hill and seconded by Member Anderson, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee accepted the report and staff recommendation to support AB 261.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Member Hill said she was very impressed with staff in their due diligence and explanation of the bills. Chair Duerr would like to hold concurrent meetings with the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee.

7. STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Vice Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority on April 20, 2023.

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk

****Member Hill was present for agenda items 5 thru 9 only.***