

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2023
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) via Teleconference. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

TMWA Members Absent: None

TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Lucas Foletta

TMWA Staff Present: Jordan Grow, Sonia Folsom, Laura Rader, Stefanie Morris, John Zimmerman, and Leo Drozdoff

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Naomi Duerr, Paul Anderson Alexis Hill*

WRWC Members Absent: None

WRWC Legal Counsel: Lucas Foletta

WRWC Staff Present: Kim Rigdon and Birgit Widegren

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 Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Member Hill, and carried unanimously, the TMWA and WRWC Subcommittees approved the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JOINT WRWC AND TMWA LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2023

Upon motion duly made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Member Hill, and carried unanimously, the TMWA and WRWC Subcommittees approved the April 20, 2023 minutes.

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

LEGISLATION

Stefanie Morris informed the subcommittee that today, May 19th, is the last day for bills to pass out of second committee and staff will not know which bills failed to move out of the second committee until the end of day. AB 20 (expands the entities that have access to Clean Water State Revolving Funds) passed out of the second house committee without opposition. TMWA advocated for this bill and sees it as an opportunity to be eligible for additional grants and funding. Staff discussed the additional following bills: AB 261 (requires the State Plan for Economic Development to include water conservation and efficient water resources into the plan) is exempt from deadlines due to a fiscal note; and noted other Watch bills: SB 113, SB 180 and AB 220 have passed out of second committee.

Ms. Morris updated the Committee on the status of AB 387 which was heard on May 11th, but no action was taken. TMWA provided testimony to address the concerns with the bill language. Staff spent considerable time working on the bill and with the sponsor, Assemblyman Howard Watts, to come to a compromise amendment, which ultimately was not accepted.

No motion taken.

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 6

Lucas Foletta, WRWC Legal Counsel, updated the subcommittee and noted there were not many items of concern, but added that regarding AB 220, SNWA understands it will take decades to transition from septic to sewer and they need to focus on easiest customers to switch to septic and move policy in that direction. Also, AB 387 (the State Engineer to consider the best available science) will most likely have a different version of the bill to return.

No motion taken.

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Chair Duerr noted the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 2nd and it would be good to keep it on the calendar.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, to discuss, Chair Duerr adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and the Western Regional Water Commission on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk