

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2024  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Sparks Council Chambers. Chair Dahir called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Directors Present:** Paul Anderson, \*Clara Andriola, , Kristopher Dahir, Naomi Duerr, Alexis Hill, \*\*Devon Reese, and \*\*\*Alternate Megan Ebert.

**Directors Absent:** Jenny Brekhus

*\*Director Andriola left the meeting at 11:17 a.m.*

*\*\*Director Reese attended virtually via Zoom and left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.*

*\*\*\*Alternate Ebert attended virtually via Zoom.*

A quorum was present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Leo Drozdoff, TMWA Lobbyist.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. POSSIBLE BOARD COMMENTS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

There were no board comments.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Duerr, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the agenda.**

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MEETING**

**Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the February 21, 2024 minutes.**

Chair Dahir called for a closed session at 10:18 a.m.

Chair Dahir reconvened the meeting at 10: 41 a.m.

## 7. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Bill Hauck, TMWA Water Supply Supervisor, reported that the last storm increased the snowpack levels to 98% of normal and seven inches of water; there is no drought in the Sierra Nevada Range; all reservoirs on the Truckee River system including Lake Tahoe are projected to fill by early June; normal Truckee River flows are projected through at least 2025 and into 2026; it will be normal operations for TMWA again this year.

## 8. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON AMERICAN FLAT ADVANCED PURIFIED WATER DEMONSTRATION FACILITY

Danny Rotter, TMWA Director of Engineering, and Angel Lacroix, TMWA Senior Design Engineer, presented the staff item. Ms. Lacroix provided a detailed overview of the timeline for the project, including public outreach events, design status, permitting activities, projected construction and startup of the facility.

Director Duerr stated that Reno City Council dedicated \$80m in cash and \$70m in bonds to support the project and noted that there is a need for a community center in the north Valleys to hold neighborhood advisory board meetings. Alternate Ebert agreed. Ms. Lacroix replied staff would see if it was feasible when they get to the design stage for the education center.

Director Anderson congratulated staff on their hard work and noted one of his takeaways from the WaterReuse Symposium he attended is that most facilities have a learning center for the public and when designing the facilities, it allowed the team to make adjustments towards the end of the project, if necessary. He also urged staff to engage the Board especially during outreach events.

Chair Dahir agreed and said it is an exciting project that affects our region.

## 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE TMWA TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 AND DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 THROUGH 2029

Matt Bowman, TMWA Chief Financial Officer, and David Diegle, TMWA Engineer Manager, presented the tentative budget for FY 2025 and draft FY 2025-2029 CIP.

Director Duerr inquired about TMWA's debt coverage ratio. Mr. Bowman replied it would go above the required bond policy, but by using the established Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) it would not fall below 1.5x and the RSF would be replenished over time.

Chair Dahir noted that TMWA raised rates appropriately and by using the RSF it ensured the lowest rate increase possible. He also commented on how critical the preventative maintenance program for TMWA's infrastructure is to keeping rates low as it is more costly to replace aging infrastructure.

**Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Duerr, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the TMWA Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 and Draft Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029.**

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION FOR GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TMWA AND THE CITY OF RENO FOR COST-SHARE OF WASTEWATER SAMPLING FROM THE RENO STEAD WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY**

Lydia Teel, TMWA Emerging Resources Program Administrator, and Dan Nubel, TMWA Staff Attorney, presented the interlocal agreement for Board consideration.

**Upon motion by Director Duerr, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved authorization for General Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement between TMWA and the City of Reno for cost-share of wastewater sampling from the Reno Stead Water Reclamation Facility.**

**11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager's report as presented.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**13. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Dahir

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.

***\*Director Andriola was present for agenda items #1 through part of #9 only.***

***\*\*Director Reese was present for agenda items #1 through #9 only.***