

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2024
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on Monday August 19, 2024 at Truckee Meadows Water Authority. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: Jenny Brekhus

A quorum was present.

**Director Reese arrived at 1:06 p.m.*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Gallagher, Nevada Water Solutions LLC.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. POSSIBLE BOARD COMMENTS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Director Dahir expressed excitement about discussing water planning and future directions.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2024 MEETING OF THE TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Dahir, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the June 20, 2024 minutes.

Agenda items 7 and 8 were presented concurrently.

7. PRESENTATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FROM THE 2020-2040 WATER RESOURCE PLAN (WRP)

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE PROPOSED POLICIES AND RECOMMENDED MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES SECTION OF THE 2025-2045 WATER RESOURCE PLAN

Nate Allen, Director of Natural Resources, Kara Steeland, Senior Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, Bill Hauck, Water Supply Supervisor, Eddy Quaglieri, Water Rights Manager, and John Enloe, Operational Strategies Manager, presented the current status of recommended actions from the 2020-2040WRP. The WRP is reviewed, and updated, every five years.

The Board reviewed the progress and updates on the water resource plan. Key topics discussed included conjunctive use (coordinated management of surface and groundwater resources), maintaining and improving groundwater levels through active and passive recharge, aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) to augment groundwater supplies, conservation efforts to promote efficient water use and comply with regulations, source water contamination, maintaining a seven-day emergency water supply standard, the importance of coordinating with regional agencies to ensure accurate water demand forecast, and the necessity for updated modeling to predict future climate impacts on water resources.

Staff and the Board discussed recommendations to be included in the 2025-2045WRP. Specifically, strategic water rights acquisitions and focus on purchasing agricultural rights and developing new tools for commercial excess water rights; integrating water resource planning with economic development efforts; scope of TMWA's influence, Great Basin Water Company and Marlette Lake Water System Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); forest management and watershed protection (efforts to treat 60,000 acres for forest health and wildfire prevention); and return flow management agreement with Truckee-Reno General Improvement District (TRIGID).

The Board discussed the potential for incentivizing industries that use water efficiently and the importance of coordinating with economic development efforts, both locally and at the state level, the potential acquisition or collaboration to address nitrate and arsenic treatment needs at GBWC (the Board agreed to collaborate), agreed the Marlette Lake Water System's potential for providing surplus water to the region is worthwhile pursuing, the importance of forest management to protect water resources, the ongoing efforts to manage return flows from treated effluent and the importance of efficient water rights management, and considered the development of direct potable reuse regulations, which would allow treated wastewater to be used directly for drinking water without an environmental buffer.

Ms. Steeland informed the Board of the plan update timeline: staff will bring back a draft 2025-2045WRP in April based on the feedback provided today, provide a two-month public comment period, present a revised draft in August and provide the final in September or October.

No action was taken.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION OF GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR CORPORATE CAMPUS NEEDS

Mr. Rotter presented the staff report.

The Board discussed the previous option for expanding the corporate campus, the location, and asked what the appraisal was for the proposed property. Mr. Rotter replied the previous location was next door, whereas the proposed location is across the street, and the current accepted offer is \$7.4 million.

The board approved the purchase of a new building to address space and parking needs for TMWA's operations.

Upon motion by Director Hill, second by Director Anderson, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved authorization of General Manager to sign all documents necessary to purchase certain real property for Corporate Campus needs.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION FROM BOARD REGARDING THE EVALUATION PROCESS FOR CONDUCTING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Jessica Atkinson, TMWA Human Resources Director, presented the staff report and process for evaluating the general manager's performance, including feedback from board members and direct reports.

Chair Duerr requested to have Mr. Zimmerman's goals attached to have on hand while doing the survey.

Upon motion by Director Hill, second by Director Anderson, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the evaluation process for conducting the General Manager's performance evaluation.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board of TMWA's staff efforts in response to the Gold Ranch Fire, including the deployment of generators and coordination with local agencies to maintain water supply. Specifically thanking Darrin Garland, Water Operations Supervisor, and Ryan Dixon, Hydro Manager, and all of the hydro team. Mr. Zimmerman also recognized the efforts of customer service representatives in handling customer interactions: April Goins, Kim Boldi, Trish Geppert and Veronica Kennedy.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

13. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no board comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.

***Director Reese was present for agenda items 7 thru 14 only.**