

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024  
CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY AND  
THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

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The meeting of the Concurrent Legislative Subcommittees of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) in TMWA's Independence Conference Room. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Members Present: Naomi Duerr and Paul Anderson

TMWA Members Absent: Alexis Hill

TMWA Legislative Subcommittee Legal Counsel Present: Michael Kealy

TMWA Staff Present: Sonia Folsom, Laura Rader, Stefanie Morris, Dan Nubel, Eddy Quaglieri, John Zimmerman, and Leo Drozdoff

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Naomi Duerr and Paul Anderson

WRWC Members Absent: Alexis Hill

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 Chair Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.**

**Upon motion duly made by Vice Chair Duerr, seconded by Chair Anderson, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the agenda.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE JOINT WRWC AND TMWA LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 19, 2023

**Upon motion duly made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Chair Duerr, and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the May 19, 2023 minutes.**

**Upon motion duly made by Vice Chair Duerr, seconded by Chair Anderson, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the May 19, 2023 minutes.**

5. OMNIBUS BILL UPDATE

Leo Drozdoff, TMWA's Government Affairs Consultant, informed the Subcommittee that the 2023 Legislative Session ended with unfinished items and a number of bills in opposition. As such, a number of entities came together to create a beneficial, non-controversial legislation, leading to the development of the omnibus bill. Its intent is to codify programs such as voluntary retirement of water rights and includes support for direct potable reuse, which is significant for the City of Sparks and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. There is legislative support for the omnibus bill.

**No motion taken.**

6. NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES (NDWR) BILL DRAFT REQUEST (BDR) UPDATE

Stefanie Morris, TMWA Outside Counsel, updated the Subcommittee on NDWR's BDR, which was just introduced and staff is working with the State Engineer's office.

**No motion taken.**

7. 2025 LEGISLATIVE FORECAST

A. HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW OF BDR NUMBERS AND TOPICS

Sonia Folsom, TMWA Executive Assistant, informed the Subcommittee that there are 543 BDRs introduced to date, of which TMWA staff is tracking 124.

B. ELECTION UPDATE

Mr. Drozdoff provided an election update.

C. UPDATE ON TOPICS LIKELY TO ARISE

Mr. Drozdoff reported that since COVID, there has been influx of federal funds, which is running out; instructions to agencies is to have flat budgets going forward.

8. REPORT FROM WRWC LEGAL COUNSEL ON PROCESS FOR TRACKING AND MONITORING LEGISLATION FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Lucas Foletta, WRWC General Counsel, reported that the WRWC will be a companion process to TMWA's, and will continue to have joint meetings, but WRWC does not track as many bills.

Kim Rigdon, WRWC Program Manager, added that Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) will review bills which will be presented to the WRWC Subcommittee for approval.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

There were no subcommittee items.

10. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Zimmerman introduced Michael Kealy, Parsons-Behle & Latimer, counsel for TMWA's Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Kealy is being recognized by the Bar Association for his 40 years of service.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Duerr adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

*Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and the Western Regional Water Commission on February 7, 2025.*

Submitted by,

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk