

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2025
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at Sparks Council Chambers. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Paul Anderson, Clara Andriola, Naomi Duerr, Miguel Martinez, and Kathleen Taylor.

Director Absent: Alexis Hill.

A quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Taylor.

Chair Duerr welcomed newly appointed Board members, Miguel Martinez and Kathleen Taylor appointed by Reno City Council.

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 Anderson, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING OF THE TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Anderson, which motion duly carried three to two, with Directors Martinez and Taylor abstaining, the Board approved the December 12, 2024 minutes.

7. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Bill Hauck, TMWA Water Supply Supervisor, informed the Board that the Truckee River Basin snowpack remains at or near the 30-year median; Truckee River natural flow projection will be around 96% normal; upstream drought storage is in good condition; and the water supply outlook is positive, with sufficient river flows into 2025 and 2026 projected.

The Board inquired about atmospheric river events, lake elevation changes, and the significance of Floriston Rates for the local watershed. Bill emphasized that while winter's precipitation could still fluctuate, our reservoir storage and overall supply remain in good shape.

8. PRESENTATION REGARDING WATER SYSTEM PRESSURE STANDARDS AND TMWA'S SYSTEM

Danny Rotter, Assistant General Manager, and Will Raymond, Operations Director, provided an in-depth presentation on TMWA's water pressure zones. TMWA oversees 279 distinct pressure zones, managed via 118 pump stations, 97 storage tanks, 380 pressure-regulating stations, and approximately 100 wells. Mr. Rotter and Mr. Raymond explained how TMWA coordinates with local fire agencies to ensure fire flows remain stable during emergencies. In addition, since 2019, TMWA has budgeted for seasonal leases of generators and is looking to purchase them to permanently install them at key sites.

The Board thanked staff for their explanation and continuous efforts.

9. UPDATE ON 2024 INTERIM SESSION AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Dan Nubel, Staff Attorney, updated the Board on legislative activities ahead of the start of the 2025 Legislative Session.

Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Taylor, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the appointments of Naomi Duerr, Paul Anderson, and Alexis Hill as primary members, and Clara Andriola and Kathleen Taylor as alternates, to the legislative subcommittee.

10. PUBLIC HEARING ON RULE AMENDMENTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT — LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER*

There was no public comment.

B. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO TMWA RULE 5 WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES, RULE 6 SERVICE METER FACILITIES, RULE 8 DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AND RULE 10 SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND PROGRAMS

Mr. Nubel presented the red-lined amendments to Rules 5, 6, 8 and 10.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT — LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER*

There was no public comment.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Martinez, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved recommending to second reading of proposed amendments to TMWA Rule 5 Water System Facilities, Rule 6 Service Meter Facilities, Rule 8 Dispute Resolution, and Rule 10 Special Conditions and Programs.

11. PRESENTATION OF TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ACTIVITIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Sonia Folsom, Executive Assistant, and Kara Steeland, Senior Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, presented the staff report.

Director Taylor inquired how recipients are notified of the grant cycle and what the match was for funding requests. Ms. Folsom replied that the program manager at the Northern Nevada Community Foundation has a list of recipients she emails at the beginning of each cycle and the match is 25%.

12. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION (WRWC) PURSUANT TO SEC.25(3)(A) OF THE WRWC ACT REPRESENTING TMWA FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF QUALIFIED PERSONS TO FILL THE REMAINING TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2025 VACATED BY MEMBER JENNY BREKHUS: KATHLEEN TAYLOR

Ms. Folsom presented the staff report.

Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Martinez, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the appointment of Kathleen Taylor to the Western Regional Water Commission to fill the remaining term ending Mar 31, 2025 vacated by Director Brekhus.

13. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

John Zimmerman, General Manager, recognized staff and their swift deployment of portable generators and constant monitoring of the water system during emergencies, and consistent coordination with NV Energy and local fire departments in protecting public safety. Finally, all Board members will receive a copy of the book *Purified*, an overview of indirect and direct potable reuse projects across the country; insights that will be beneficial in regard to the American Flat project.

In addition, Mr. Zimmerman expressed his support for those water utilities involved with the LA fires and our thoughts and prayers to everyone affected by them.

Director Anderson inquired about TMWA's aquifer recharge. Mr. Zimmerman replied that aquifer storage and recovery program is important for TMWA's water supply. It is treated Truckee River water used to recharge the groundwater table so it can be relied on during peak demand and droughts.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

15. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Anderson requested an update on TMWA's aquifer storage and recovery program.

Chair Duerr requested an analysis of TMWA's water use and potentially prioritizing low-water users or penalizing high-water users and an update on the status of the private water system serving the River Oak community and their options for TMWA water service.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Duerr adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on February 19, 2025.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.