

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2025  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at Sparks Council Chambers. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Directors Present:** Paul Anderson, Naomi Duerr, \*Alexis Hill, Miguel Martinez, Kathleen Taylor, and Dian VanderWell.

**Director Absent:** Clara Andriola.

A quorum was present.

*\*Member Hill participated virtually from 10:23am to 10:38am.*

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kim Rigdon, Western Regional Water Commission Program Manager.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. POSSIBLE BOARD COMMENTS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

John Zimmerman, General Manager, welcomed Director VanderWell to the Board.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2025 MEETING OF THE TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Taylor, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the January 15, 2025 minutes.**

## 7. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Bill Hauck, TMWA Water Supply Supervisor, informed the Board that February has been a great month in terms of water supply; as of yesterday, Lake Tahoe Basin snowpack was at 100% of median, which includes 10 sites that measure the water in the basin and about 10 inches was added to the snow pack since February 3; upstream storage is at 70% of capacity system-wide; Truckee River natural flow projection is around 100% normal; Lake Tahoe is projected to be about half-foot below the rim; and the water supply outlook is positive, with sufficient river flows into 2025 and 2026 projected. Mr. Hauck added that Northern Nevada is not experiencing any drought conditions.

## 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING 2025 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES, CURRENT BILLS, AND TMWA RECOMMENDED POSITIONS ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Dan Nubel, Staff Attorney, and Leo Drozdoff, Government Affairs Consultant, presented the staff report and bill list to the Board and recommended support to AB104.

**Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Martinez, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved staff recommendation to support TMWA positions shown in the bill list, and specifically to support AB104.**

## 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SELECTION OF EIDE BAILLY AS TMWA'S EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025, 2026, AND 2027

Sophie Cardinal, Financial Controller, presented the staff report.

Director Taylor inquired about changing the audit team, while understanding the benefit of a good working relationship and what is the cost the Board is approving. Ms. Cardinal replied the staff at Eide Bailly is periodically switched within the audit partners and the proposal includes additional costs that may potentially occur during the audit.

**Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Taylor, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the selection of Eide Bailly as TMWA's external auditor for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027.**

## 10. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 Q2 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL RESULTS

Matt Bowman, Chief Financial Officer, presented the staff report.

## 11. PRESENTATION REGARDING TMWA PUBLIC FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Zimmerman reported that staff had planned to provide an update to the Board prior to the fires in Los Angeles, California and give the Board an update on what TMWA does in regards to providing fire hydrant maintenance to the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County.

Ryan Dixon, Distribution Services Director, and Dave Mothershead, Distribution & Operations Supervisor, informed the Board on TMWA's public fire hydrant maintenance program. Ben Barnard, Apprentice Fitter, further explained his experience working on the maintenance program and showed a video of the process. Matt Kramer, Light Foreman, explained the different colored hydrants, red and yellow, City of Sparks and City of Reno and Washoe County, respectively.

Chair Duerr asked how long the hydrants run during maintenance and how prepared we are to deal with fires. Mr. Kramer replied they run the hydrants until the water quality meets standards, which can take anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour or so, depending on the area. Mr. Zimmerman replied TMWA has supported a few pretty bad fires and staff is investing in emergency management, making sure the system has backup power generators, and operators usually know about the fire first from fire agencies or see water levels in storage tanks drop more than usual; TMWA staff are not seen as first responders, but are and ensure the tanks in the area of the fire remain as full as it is possible, and that TMWA has not lost water pressure in a wildfire, which is due to staff's efforts and the manner in which the system is built and operated. Will Raymond, Operations Director, added that TMWA's service area has both low and high elevation and the pump system plays a factor, the tanks are available to provide for water pressure during high demand, whether it is customer or due to a fire.

Director Anderson thanked staff for their update and praised them for their efforts to ensure the hydrants are maintained and working order.

## 12. PUBLIC HEARING ON RULE AMENDMENTS

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

There was no public comment.

### B. RULE AMENDMENT, SECOND HEARING, PUBLIC HEARING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 331: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POTENTIAL 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 for Board approval, which are to make it more efficient and streamline processes.

Director Taylor inquired about the public outreach. Mr. Nubel replied, in addition to the open house, staff reached out to the Builders Association of Northern Nevada (BANN) to inform BANN of the open

house. Additionally, a page informing the public about the rule changes and the open house was posted on TMWA's website.

Director Hill thanked staff for talking to the developers and expressed appreciation to staff for improving the process.

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

There was no public comment.

**Upon motion by Director Hill, second by Director Anderson, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board adopted Resolution No. 331: A resolution to adopt potential amendments to TMWA Rule 5 Water System Facilities, Rule 6 Service Meter Facilities, Rule 8 Dispute Resolution, and Rule 10 Special Conditions and Programs.**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENTS OF TRUSTEE(S) TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION (WRWC) FROM THE TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR NEW TWO-YEAR TERMS FROM APRIL 1, 2025 TO MARCH 31, 2027:**

**A) PURSUANT TO SEC.25(3)(A) OF THE WRWC ACT FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF QUALIFIED PERSONS: KATHLEEN TAYLOR.**

**B) PURSUANT TO SEC.25(3)(B) OF THE WRWC ACT FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF QUALIFIED PERSONS: PAUL ANDERSON.**

**C) PURSUANT TO SEC.25(3)(C) OF THE WRWC ACT FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF QUALIFIED PERSONS: ALEXIS HILL.**

**D) PURSUANT TO SEC. 25(4) OF THE WRWC ACT REPRESENTING TMWA AS SUCCESSOR TO SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF QUALIFIED PERSONS: BRANDI ANDERSON, MEGHAN EBERT, DEVON REESE, HILLARY SCHIEVE, MICHAEL CLARK, MARILUZ GARCIA, JEANNE HERMAN, DONALD ABBOTT, CHARLENE BYBEE, ED LAWSON, AND JOE RODRIGUEZ**

Sonia Folsom, Executive Assistant, provided historical background information on the appointments to the WRWC.

**Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Martinez, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved appointing Kathleen Taylor, Paul Anderson, Alexis Hill, and Mariluz Garcia.**

#### 14. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that John Enloe, is being given the 2025 Presidents Award by the WaterReuse Association and TMWA is a sponsor for University of Nevada, Reno Fire Adaptive Summit in March.

#### 15. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### 16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Anderson thanked staff for all their work and said he met with TMWA staff, Robert Charpentier, Lydia Teel and John Enloe to address some questions he had after reading the book, *Purified*.

Chair Duerr also recommended that new Board Members meeting with Mr. Zimmerman before Board meetings, which she found helpful when she first got appointed to the TMWA Board.

#### 17. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Duerr adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.

***\*Director Hill was present for agenda item 8 thru 16.***