

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2025
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Sparks Council Chambers. Chair Duerr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Gebhardt, Director of Distribution, Maintenance & Generation.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. POSSIBLE BOARD COMMENTS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

John Zimmerman, General Manager, recognized Andy Gebhardt, Director of Distribution, Maintenance & Generation, for all his years of service, dedication to the community and staff.

The Board thanked Mr. Gebhardt for being such an icon in the community, his barbecuing skills at the annual picnic and being the voice of TMWA.

Director Anderson read a proclamation from the City of Sparks in recognition of Mr. Gebhardt and his standing in the community, announcing June 18th as Andy Gebhardt day.

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 MAY 22, 2025 MEETING OF THE
TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Andriola, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the May 22, 2025 minutes.

7. OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND
EVALUATION PROCESS

Jessica Atkinson, Human Resources Director, presented the staff report.

The Board discussed synchronizing the evaluation process with renewal of the contract (it can be addressed during the renewal of the general manager's contract in spring 2026), providing the average evaluation scores by the Board separate from TMWA leadership, and confirming the FY 2026 budget includes the maximum amount of pay increase. Ms. Atkinson confirmed that is the case.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SECOND
AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF
NEVADA, WASHOE COUNTY, AND THE CITIES OF RENO, SPARKS, AND
FERNLEY TO FUND NEVADA'S SHARE OF THE FEDERAL WATER MASTER'S
ANNUAL TRUCKEE RIVER OPERATING AGREEMENT (TROA) EXPENSES FOR
2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, AND 2029

Kara Steeland, Sr. Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, presented the second amendment to the TROA Joint Funding Agreement.

Upon motion by Director Andriola, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the Second Amendment to the Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Nevada, Washoe County, and the Cities of Reno, Sparks, and Fernley to fund Nevada's share of the Federal Water Master's annual Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) expenses for 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATE

Marci Westlake, Customer Service Manager, and Amanda Filut, Field and Meter Service Supervisor, presented the customer service update: Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) has saved customers almost \$800k to date, 51% of customers are now enrolled in paperless billing saving TMWA almost \$660k annually, and the Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project will be completed this fall 2025, which allows for remote reading of data hourly.

The Board thanked staff for providing the SLWA service saving customers money. Discussion followed regarding the SLWA (which is endorsed by the National League of Cities) mailings and confusion by

customers whether it was legitimate and requested to have the vendor include an opt-out option to mail back so they can stop receiving the letters, and restructuring the contract when it is up for renewal.

10. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF 2025 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AND BILLS

Stefanie Morris, Outside Counsel, presented the results of the 2025 Legislative Session. Ms. Morris highlighted a few bills: AB 104 (omnibus bill) passed which is setting policy for direct path to direct potable reuse (DPR) benefitting the region; SB36 (groundwater retirement) creates a voluntary market; SB260 (air quality protection from wildfires) likely be exemptions, but tracking for TMWA; and SB276 (reporting unauthorized discharge in the river) agencies need to report to Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) who will then notify the tribes.

Chair Duerr inquired if the American Flat project would change from indirect potable reuse (IPR) to DPR. Mr. Zimmerman replied no and Danny Rotter, Assistant General Manager, added that the design is planned for it, but keeping it as IPR for the foreseeable future. Ms. Morris further added that staff is looking at it for ... areas, managing wastewater and benefiting customers.

Director Hill thanked staff for their hard work during the legislative session and she learned a lot.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR AND REQUEST FOR BOARD ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 336 APPOINTING A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Chair Duerr informed the Board that a new process was established in 2023 to have rotating Chair and Vice Chair representing each jurisdiction, and it was a pleasure to serve as Chair.

Director Hill thanked Chair Duerr for her service and advocating the rotation of Chair and Vice Chair so everyone has an opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity.

Director Anderson thanked Chair Duerr for her leadership and opportunity to serve as Vice Chair.

Upon motion by Director Duerr, second by Director Hill, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board adopted Resolution No. 336: A resolution to elect Director Andriola as Chair and Director Anderson as Vice Chair for fiscal year 2026.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that the July Board meeting is cancelled and staff is looking for feedback from the Board regarding the Draft 2025-2045 Water Resource Plan by July 18th, and TMWA's annual picnic is on Saturday, August 2nd at the Verdi Hydro Park. He thanked Chair Duerr for her leadership.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

14. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Board comments.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Duerr adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on August 20, 2025.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.