

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

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Independence Room. Chair Andriola 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, and Dian VanderWell.

Director Absent: Kathleen Taylor

A quorum was present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Andriola.

Chair Andriola stated that this was TWMA's Board of Directors annual and strategic planning meeting and they will aim for a lunch break around 12pm for about 15 minutes.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING OF THE TMWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upon motion by Director VanderWell, second by Director Martinez, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the September 17, 2025 minutes.

7. WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Kara Steeland, Senior Hydrologist and Watershed Coordinator, informed the Board that the 2025 water year, which ended on September 30th, was notably average in terms of snowpack, precipitation, and soil moisture—marking the third consecutive year of normal or above-normal conditions. The Truckee Basin closely matched the median, and late summer and early fall storms boosted soil moisture to above-average levels, supporting efficient spring runoff. Lake Tahoe remained well above its rim, indicating a healthy water supply and expected normal river flows. Upstream and system-wide storage levels were typical for non-drought years, with overall storage at about 70% capacity. As the 2026 water year begins, early forecasts and modeling suggest continued healthy water conditions, with expected normal river flows and promising signs of precipitation and cooler temperatures.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE TMWA 2025-2045 WATER RESOURCE PLAN

Ms. Steeland presented the staff report and the final TMWA 2025-2045 Water Resource Plan (2045WRP). Ms. Steeland noted that staff has finalized the at-a-glance report, which is available today, and it is also available online, including the Spanish translated version. She thanked the Board for all of their valuable input during the planning process, which helped make the plan the best version it could be, as well as the Communications Team for formatting the plan and making it easily accessible to the community.

Eddy Quaglieri, Natural Resources Manager, thanked Ms. Steeland for her hard work on the plan and corralling the group gathering data, and she's already brainstorming for the next five-year plan.

Members of the Board congratulated Ms. Steeland and the team on a very easy to read and accessible document as well as including climate change information in the projections.

Public Comment

Trista Gomez inquired about the problems with wells and groundwater levels in the north valleys related to the article in This Is Reno which covered the decline in groundwater levels, and the information is different from what is explained in the 2045WRP.

Chair Andriola thanked Ms. Gomez for her question and stated that TMWA staff will reach out to her to go into detail answering her questions. Chair Andriola also thanked TMWA staff for presenting at the Spanish Springs Community Association Board (CAB) where they answered many questions related to this topic.

Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Duerr, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the TMWA 2025-2045 Water Resource Plan as presented.

9. OVERVIEW OF TMWA'S WATER FACILITY PLANNING PROCESS

Danny Rotter, Director of Engineering, and David Kershaw, Engineering Manager, presented the planning process for the next 2025-2045 Water Facility Plan, which is done every five years upon completion of

the Water Resource Plan. Mr. Kershaw explained that the preliminary timeline is to begin now and return in about a year's time with a draft plan for Board approval.

Vice Chair Anderson inquired what would fall under "facility". Mr. Kershaw replied that it applies to major facilities or infrastructure that benefit or serve the region, such as booster pump stations, transmission lines, pressure regulator stations, and tanks.

10. PRESENTATION ON TMWA'S STREET AND HIGHWAY WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Levi Kleiber, BIS Manager, and David Diegle, Engineering Manager, presented TMWA's street and highway water main replacement program, which addresses TMWA distribution system in order to replace aging infrastructure.

Vice Chair Anderson thanked TMWA staff for their response to the Sparks issues recently and working with Sparks Public Works Department, who have praised TMWA staff. He inquired about the use of cameras or other visual technology in water lines. Mr. Diegle replied no, unlike storm drains, water lines are pressurized and sanitary. There are monitors that assist staff and emerging technologies such as meter sounding equipment that could be better utilized in detecting leaks.

John Zimmerman, General Manager, added that the purpose of this item is to provide relevant information to the Board so they are prepared to answer questions in the community.

11. PRESENTATION OF TMWA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Mr. Zimmerman and leadership presented the goals and objectives results for FY 2025 and explained certain goals will not carry forward into FY 2026 due to them either being outside of staff control or replaced by more actionable/relevant goals.

At this time the Board thanked staff for their diligence and hard work to meet established goals and noted that it is good to have goals that make it a bit more challenging to meet.

Chair Andriola called for a recess at 11:51 a.m.

Chair Andriola reconvened the meeting at 12:17p.m.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE PROPOSED TMWA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Mr. Zimmerman and leadership presented the proposed goals and objectives for FY 2026.

Discussion followed regarding data centers and water policy and TMWA's role, regional goals including collaboration with Western Regional Water Association (WRWC) wastewater study and local governments regarding water efficiency and water use and requested an agenda item to discuss how TMWA interacts with local entities and how TMWA advises them on water use.

Mr. Zimmerman replied staff can return with an agenda item regarding TMWA's interaction with community partners to get Board input with regards to the Natural Resources Objective #6 "TMWA's Regional Influence".

Upon motion by Director Hill, second by Director Duerr, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved proposed Goals and Objectives for fiscal year 2026.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE FY 2026-2030 FUNDING PLAN

Matt Bowman, Chief Financial Officer, presented the FY 2026-2030 Funding Plan for Board consideration.

Mr. Zimmerman added when putting the funding plan together the baseline is to not jeopardize level of service and staff worked hard to accomplish that including considering the impact of a future drought which could include a call for conservation that would have a negative financial impact.

Member Hill inquired why rates were not increased in 2018. Mr. Bowman replied that TMWA had a healthy cash balance so it was deferred.

Upon motion by Director Anderson, second by Director Martinez, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved the FY2026-2030 Funding Plan.

14. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 7, REQUIREMENTS FOR WILL-SERVE COMMITMENT LETTERS

Mr. Quaglieri and Shawn Stoddard PhD, Senior Economist, presented the proposed changes to Rule 7. Mr. Quaglieri stated that the last time Rule 7 was reviewed was in 2019 and it is good practice to review demand estimates every five years or so. The analysis focused on single-family residential and multi-family residential dedication units, with commercial dedications based on fixture counts. The proposed formula change resulted in an 18% decrease in water dedication for 6,000 square foot lots, while multifamily properties saw a reduction from 0.11 to 0.10 acre-feet per unit.

Member VanderWell inquired how often staff look at industrial and commercial properties. Mr. Quaglieri replied they look at individual types of services, not the property type.

Mr. Zimmerman added that the Board can refer it to a second hearing in December which will then go to the state engineer's office for approval, upon which it would go into effect immediately.

Upon motion by Director Hill, second by Director VanderWell, which motion duly carried by unanimous consent of the Directors present, the Board approved amendments to Rule 7, Requirements for Will-Serve Commitment Letters and directed staff to return a final version to the Board at the next meeting.

15. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Zimmerman thanked the Board for their time, updated them on the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) decision Verdi Meadows Water Utility (VMWU) where they approved VMWU staff to move forward with applying for wholesale water service from TMWA and staff will keep the Board updated; Ms. Steeland was on Face the State regarding the Middle Truckee River Forest Partnership; congratulated Eleo Colacho, Light Foreperson, originally from El Salvador, who obtained his US Citizenship recently; and the November meeting is cancelled so the next meeting is Thursday, December 11th; and congratulated Amanda Filut, Field & Meter Service Supervisor, upon the completion of the AMI project which began in 2019.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

17. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Duerr noted that the State Climatologist,... and recommended he meet with staff.

Chair Andriola thanked staff for all their work to put on today's meeting and appreciated the enthusiasm and transparency. She said she spoke with TMWA's former attorney who said they are proud where TMWA is now and that it is an exemplary organization in the community.

18. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Chair Andriola adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Approved by the TMWA Board of Directors in session on December 11, 2025.

Sonia Folsom, Board Clerk.