

TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - WORKSHOP
MINUTES
August 25, 2025

The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) met at TMWA, 1355 Capital Blvd, Reno, NV. Vice Chair McGuire called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Primary Members and Voting Alternates Present: Fred Arndt, Ryan Greenhalgh, Jordan Hastings, Justin McDougal, Neil McGuire, Ken McNeil, Connor Naisbitt, **Jonnie Pullman, Dale Sanderson, Alex Talmant and *Jerry Wager.

Alternate Members Present: *Kevin Ryan.

Primary Members and Alternates Absent: Colin Hayes, John Krmptic and Chris Melton.

Staff Present: Raul Aviles, Matt Bowman, Sonia Folsom, David Kershaw, Danny Rotter, Shawn Stoddard, Sandra Tozi, John Zimmerman, and Legal Counsel Justina Caviglia (PBL).

**Members Ryan and Wager attended the meeting virtually.*

***Member Pullman left the meeting at 4:19p.m.*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion duly made by Member Pullman, and seconded by Member Hastings, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Committee approved the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2025 MEETING

Member Hastings recommended an amendment to the minutes by adding the word “staff” ahead of the word “positions” to make it clearer.

Upon motion duly made by Member Arndt, and seconded by Member Sanderson, and carried ten to one with Member Pullman abstaining, the Committee approved the minutes of June 3, 2025.

5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD
REGARDING TMWA'S COST OF SERVICE STUDY AND RATE STUDY

Matt Bowman, Chief Financial Officer, and Catherine Hansford, Hansford Economic Consulting, presented the Cost of Service Study for SAC consideration.

Member Pullman inquired about why TMWA still had flat-rate customers. Mr. Bowman and John Zimmerman, General Manager, replied that there are not that many, about 280, and the customers are duplexes or apartments that have shared plumbing so it would be cost prohibitive to update.

Member McNeil asked why the tiers were set differently for multi-family and single-family customers. Shawn Stoddard, Senior Economist, replied that they are different customers with different indoor water usage history and therefore are being charged accordingly.

Members of the Committee inquired about the meter calculations, pipe sizes for different customer groups, how different water agencies address this topic, and the simplified structure. Staff replied that the revenue will not be increased, rather the balance of fixed and variable revenue will change, recovering more from fixed revenue, making it more equitable for customers all around, multi-family customers will be charged a unit fee and not a meter charge, they compared to other agencies in neighboring states, but TMWA is unique with respect to adhering to the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), many water agencies separate single-family from multi-family customers more often than not, and the simplified structure addresses legacy tiering system brought over from Sierra Pacific Power Company and the different structure from the Washoe County Department of Water through the merger in 2015.

Mr. Zimmerman added that staff are looking for input from the Committee in order to better present the information to customers. Mr. Bowman added that he will bring this information back at the October 7th meeting to recommend to the Board the public outreach schedule, which will also include a memo highlighting the data used to determine the new rate schedules.

No action taken.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Towne, TMWA Customer and potential SAC member, inquired about the supporting information being available to the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discussion, Vice Chair McGuire adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Approved by the Standing Advisory Committee in session on October 7, 2025.

Sonia Folsom, Recording Clerk

***Member Pullman was present for agenda items 1 through 5 only.*