

TMWA Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2011

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Pursuant to NRS 354.596, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 tentative budget of the Western Regional Water Commission at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011, in the Sparks Council Chambers - Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada. The budget has been prepared in such detail and on appropriate forms as prescribed by the Department of Taxation. Copies of the budget are on file and available for public inspection at Truckee Meadows Water Authority, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada, and the Washoe County Clerk, 350 So. Center St., Reno, Nevada.

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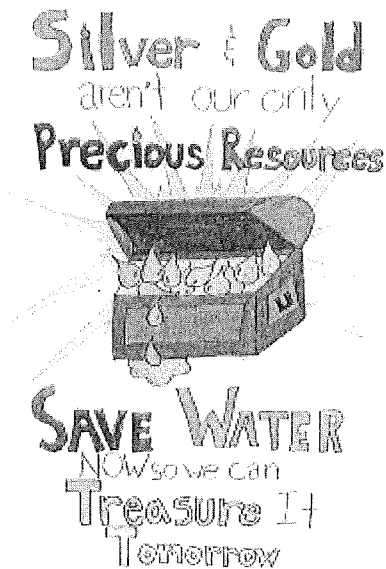
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Judges Select TMWA Poster Art Contest Winners

May 9, 2011

By [ThisIsReno](#)

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First-place winner, Samantha Nolan (7-8 grade category)

Local students' artwork shows "Water is a Precious Resource"

The results are in for Truckee Meadows Water Authority's (TMWA) 10th annual Poster Art Contest, sponsored by Wild Island Family Adventure Park and Family Pulse Magazine. Judges gathered to select winners in three grade categories. Winning posters reflect creativity and effectiveness in illustrating responsible water use around this year's theme: *"Water is a precious and limited resource. Save it today so we have it tomorrow!"*

First-place winners in each category received a \$100 savings bond. Second-place winners received a \$50 savings bond and third-place and honorable mention winners received a \$25 savings bond. The winners' respective schools will receive matching funds. All winners received a Wild Island Season Pass with two add-on attractions. Winning artwork may be used in TMWA promotions throughout the summer and will be displayed at various public locations in the Truckee Meadows.

Kyle Kim, a Sarah Winnemucca Elementary School student, won first-place in the kindergarten through third grade category for illustrating the easy ways he saves water for the future. Second-place was awarded to Mahima Patel and third-place went to Danni-le Lattin, both from Sarah Winnemucca Elementary School.

Amaya Rose, from Van Gorder Elementary School, won first-place in the fourth through sixth grade category, whose illustration shows how water can be saved for tomorrow by watering only twice a week. Iyanna Carroll, another Van Gorder student, received second place.

Samantha Nolan, a Kendyl Dapoali Middle School student, won first-place in the seventh through eighth grade category. Samantha, who has been awarded for her artwork in TMWA's Poster Art Contest before, reminds the community that silver and gold aren't our only precious resources. Tanya Marquez-Velazco, a student at Yvonne Shaw Middle School received second place.

An Honorable Mention was awarded to Lydia Traverso, another Sarah Winnemucca Elementary School student and Jonah Dees of Huffaker Elementary was awarded a “Special Mention for Artistry” by the panel of judges.

Judges for the contest included: Jessica Santina, editor of *Family Pulse Magazine*; Anita Hawkins, a TMWA Water Conservation Consultant; and Maria Dufur, TMWA New Business Project Coordinator.

To view all of the winning artwork, visit www.tmwaacademy.com.

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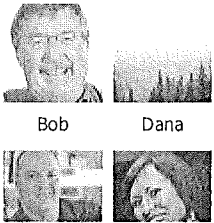
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Washoe County Department of Water Resources Recognizes Drinking Water Week, May 1 – 7, 2011

May 2, 2011
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The Washoe County Board of Commissioners proclaimed this week, May 1 – 7, 2011 is “National and

Washoe County to become involved in local water issues. Truckee Meadows Water Authority's Board of Directors also adopted a resolution supporting Drinking Water Week at their April 20 meeting.

The Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) carefully and conscientiously protect and manage water quality from the source to the tap to produce and deliver high-quality, safe drinking water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) looks to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and the Washoe County Health District to enforce the safe drinking water standards set by the EPA. These entities unanimously agree that TMWA and DWR consistently produce and deliver water that meets all safe drinking water standards, contrary to an erroneous report published by the Environmental Working Group that inaccurately portrays the quality of local drinking water.

Annual reports delivered to all DWR and TMWA customers clearly outline the consistently high quality of local tap water, complying with all drinking water standards. In many cases, drinking water in the Truckee Meadows is significantly better than the standards require.

Many have been celebrating Drinking Water Week for more than 30 years. This week-long observance was declared a joint congressional resolution and signed by then President Ronald Reagan.

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Tree planting celebrates Arbor Day

by Tribune Staff

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RENO — The Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition, along with the Reno Urban Forestry Commission, will celebrate Arbor Day 2011 by planting 35 trees Friday at the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant, located at 9605 McCarran Blvd.

The addition of 12 different species of deciduous trees will help beautify the site and provide “ecosystem services” to the site, reducing water runoff, increasing air and water quality, conserving energy and enhancing wildlife habitat.

Residents are encouraged to help the coalition celebrate Arbor Day by planting new trees and caring for their existing trees, using the free tools available for download from www.communityforestry.org.


Arbor Day, which was founded in 1872, is the “Tree Planter’s Holiday” and is celebrated in more than 3,400 communities across the country. The Arbor Day Foundation recognizes cities that have outstanding urban forestry programs across the United States as “Tree Cities” and Reno is Nevada’s oldest Tree City, recognized for 28 consecutive years.

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TMWA outlook

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Fitch Ratings says it's maintaining a negative outlook on the debt of Truckee Meadows Water Authority, although it didn't downgrade the ratings of the agency's debt. Fitch says weak economic conditions in the region remain worrisome.

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Boat inspections starting in Truckee area

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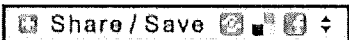
The Tahoe Resource Conservation District will again manage the Truckee Area Watercraft Inspection Program for 2011.

Entering its second season, Truckee area inspections and boater education on aquatic invasive species will take place at Donner Lake and Boca, Prosser, and Stampede reservoirs from April 30 through Sept. 30. Current funding for Truckee Area watercraft inspections and outreach has been provided by the Truckee River Fund.

Inspections are voluntary, but highly recommended to avoid the spread of AIS, such as quagga and zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails and aquatic invasive plants, which pose a significant threat to Truckee/Tahoe area water bodies and the local economy. Free decontaminations will be available for high-risk vessels wishing to launch at Truckee area water bodies at the Alpine Meadows Transportation Station parking lot off Highway 89 and Northstar-at-Tahoe Castle Peak parking lot off Highway 267.

During 2010, Tahoe RCD inspectors logged more than 7,400 Truckee area boater interactions, including inspections and opportunities for boater education on AIS. Boater surveys completed during 2010 inspections indicated that 85 percent agree inspections are an important component in stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species.

To better serve the Truckee area and facilitate AIS prevention efforts, Tahoe RCD has opened a new office in the Tin Can Building in Truckee, located at 10116 Jibboom St. For more information, program updates and announcements go [online](#) ^[1] or contact David Kean at (530) 587.4911.

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Community Forestry Coalition Celebrates Arbor Day

April 22, 2011
By [ThisIsReno](#)

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Tree planting scheduled for Friday, April 29

Truckee Meadow Community Forestry Coalition, along with the City of Reno Urban Forestry Commission, will celebrate Arbor Day 2011 by planting 35 trees at the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant. The tree planting is scheduled for Friday, April 29 at 11 a.m. and Chalk Bluff is located at 9605 McCarran Blvd.

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The Mission of the Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition is to enhance the protection and preservation of the public and private community forest through education, research, conservation and collaborative policy development.

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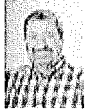
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Three-day watering schedule returns to Reno-Sparks



Written by

Jeff DeLong
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4:42 PM, Apr. 25, 2011

Summertime is nearing, and in the Truckee Meadows, it's the second year watering will be allowed three days per week.

It's been a year since the region's primary water provider altered rules to allow an extra day of watering each week, a change made to comply to customer requests and possibly help conserve water supplies across Reno-Sparks.

"It seems to meet people's needs well," said Lora Rose Richards, conservation administrator for the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, which serves about 93,000 homes and businesses in the area.

A twice-weekly watering limit was imposed in a 1996 settlement agreement with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe over a protracted lawsuit regarding use of the Truckee River's water.

The settlement required the two-day limit until at least 90 percent of the Reno area's

flat-rate residential water customers were converted to meters, which track the amount of water consumed and allow the utility to charge accordingly.

With almost all of the homes in the water authority's service area now installed with meters, the utility was able to lift the two-day restriction.

The extra day was seen as one way to potentially save water. When people are only allowed to water their lawns and gardens twice per week, they are sometimes inclined to use more, officials said.

"This has given people flexibility," Richards said.

Has the change resulted in less water use thus far? The many variables in play make that hard to say for sure, but it appears there might have been some positive impact, said John Erwin, the utility's director of natural resources, planning and management.

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Total water consumption in 2009, the last year of the two-day watering rules, was 24.1 billion gallons. In 2010, it was 23.2 billion gallons, a drop of about 900 million gallons, or about 1.1 percent.

The change in watering rules could have been a factor, but so could have been an exceptionally cool and wet spring in 2010. Last June set a record for rainfall in Reno.

There were also more vacant homes and businesses across the region last year due to the weak economy, lessening water consumption.

"Which variable was it? It's very difficult to say," Erwin said.

Perhaps more telling was a 4.2 percent drop in the amount of water used during the peak week of each summer — 832 million gallons between July 21 and July 27 in 2009, and 797 million gallons between July 19 and July 25 in 2010.

"Overall, with three days, we have seen a reduction in peak day usage," Erwin said. "We do see a slight reduction."

One clear difference likely tied to the change is a drop in water use on Monday, the one day of the week no one is supposed to water. Monday water use dropped from 102 million gallons in 2009 to 96 million gallons last year, a 5.9 percent reduction.

Because they have more days to water, fewer people appear tempted to violate the no-watering rule on Mondays, Richards

said.

"That's very helpful for our operation," Richards said. "It's really helpful to have a day of rest."

Watering rules

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Checking Into Our Infrastructure

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Arianna Bennett

Channel 2 News

It is an issue that President Obama mentioned during his Reno speech as a big problem facing the nation--our infrastructure is aging, and communities are struggling to keep it updated.



But how is our infrastructure in Northern Nevada doing? We took a look at the water system in the Truckee Meadows to see if it's outdated or if there could be problems on the horizon.

We found out that the situation actually isn't as bleak as it could be, but there are still plenty of challenges.

"Our sewer systems and our water systems are not where they need to be, and that's the old infrastructure," Obama said in his Reno town hall meeting. "What about the new infrastructure?"

When it comes to infrastructure, keeping it updated is a national issue that keeps bubbling up to the surface. In Northern Nevada, the situation is no different.

"In some cases, the pipes are older and they're just not as resilient as they used to be," Truckee Meadows Water Authority Water Distribution Manager Pat Nielson said.

And that is keeping TMWA busy, with water main breaks like one back in September of last year, when a pickup truck found out the hard way that a water main broke on Virginia Street downtown. Or a few months later, in November, when a break on Pyramid and Greenbrae in Sparks kept the intersection flooded for hours.

"The biggest challenge that we face is the economic times," Nielson said. "Revenues are down for everybody. That's a challenge for us. We still need to get the work done."

TMWA has invested \$190 million in the last ten years in projects to update the water system. Saturday they made a permanent fix on a leaky joint at the intersection of Prater Way and Sparks Boulevard.

Part of the difficulty in the Truckee Meadows is our constantly changing weather. Our unpredictable warming and freezing patterns put stress on the pipes in our water system, making them more vulnerable.

"A lot of the pipe is very stiff," Nielson said. "It doesn't want to move, and as the ground heaves it does cause it to move a little bit, and that will cause it to fracture."

But the news isn't all bad. Nielson said Northern Nevada's system is in much better shape than most cities. The majority of our pipes are about 30 years old, and the average shelf life for pipes is about 50-75 years.

Still, he says if Obama is able to pump a little more money into the system, that would be welcome news.

"It would be nice to see the government help with these projects," Nielson said, "whether it's through grants or whatever is available."

TMWA said the intersection at Prater Way and Sparks Boulevard is still open to traffic, and they expect the project to be finished by Saturday night.



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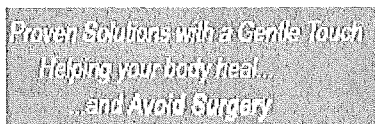
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You may want to take another route if you're heading into Sparks this weekend.

The Truckee Meadows Water Authority will work at the intersection of Prater Way and Sparks Boulevard on Saturday.

The construction will begin at 5 a.m. and traffic control will run until midnight. While lanes will be open, there will be no left turns allowed and traffic may be slow.

Crews will be repairing a cracked steel water main.



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Traffic Control: Construction at Prater Way and Sparks Blvd. on April 23

April 21, 2011
By [ThisIsReno](#)

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Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) will work at the intersection of Prater Way and Sparks Blvd. on Saturday, April 23. The construction will begin at 5 a.m., and traffic control will run between 5 a.m. and midnight. While lanes will be open, there will be no left turns allowed and traffic may be slow.

This construction is a permanent repair to a 24-inch steel water main where a leak occurred on Dec. 24, 2010. At the time of the leak, the necessary parts were unavailable and the planned repair taking place on Saturday is a better option for our customers and the water system.

For more information about TMWA and your water, please visit www.tmwa.com.

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Two Job Fairs Scheduled for This Week

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Michael Wolfe
Channel 2 News



Two different job fairs are being held this week in Reno.

On Friday, Truckee Meadows Community College is hosting its seventh annual "Building Women Career Fair."

It's an event entirely focused on women interested in construction and other related careers.

It's from 7:30am to 12:30pm at TMCC's Applied Technology Center on Edison Way.

You must register ahead of time. Registration forms are available online at www.buildingtradejobs.org, at both Reno and Sparks JobConnect offices or by calling 825-6866 in Reno.

Represented at the fair will be the City of Reno's Public Works, electricians, ironworkers, operating engineers, plasterers & cement masons, plumbers & pipefitters, sheet metal workers, Truckee Meadows Water Authority and TMCC's Automotive program.

That same Friday you're invited to a College of Education job fair.

It's free for University of Nevada students and alumni, but there is a small fee for others to come out too.

That's from 10am to 3pm in room 4001 of the education building.

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TMWA Poster Art Contest: Save Water Today So We Have it Tomorrow

Washoe County Students Can Win U.S. Savings Bonds and Wild Island Waterpark Passes

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), Washoe County School District, Wild Island Family Adventure Park and *Family Pulse* Magazine invite all Washoe County elementary and middle school students to participate in the 10th annual Poster Art Contest. Students will share the importance of responsible water use through their artwork.

First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected in each of the three categories: kindergarten through third grade, fourth through sixth grade, and seventh and eighth grade. All winners will receive Wild Island Waterpark season passes with two add-on attractions; first-place winners will also each receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, second-place winners will each receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and third-place winners will each receive a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, the school of each winner will receive a matching cash donation from TMWA.

This year's Poster Art Contest theme is "Water is a precious and limited resource. Save it today so we have it tomorrow," and TMWA's Conservation staff can't wait to see the artistic work the 2011 contest will bring.

"We encourage young responsible water users to reflect the 2011 theme in their artwork,"

Lora Rose Richards, TMWA's Administrator of Conservation and Community Education, said. "We're excited to see students' creativity around an important topic like responsible water use."

The deadline for entry is Friday, April 22, 2011 and all entries must illustrate responsible water use. Visit www.tmwaacademy.com to download the entry form and guidelines. For more information, please contact TMWA's Conservation Department at (775) 834-8005 or conservation@tmwa.net.

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Responsible Water Use: Easy as 1-2-3! was the 2010 Poster Art Contest theme. The first-place winning poster in the seventh through eighth grade category went to Haley Posukonis from Mendive Middle School.



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Truckee Meadows Water Authority Poster Art Contest Returns for 2011

What better way to celebrate World Water Day, held annually on March 22, than with the launch of Truckee Meadows Water Authority's (TMWA) Poster Art Contest? TMWA is excited to invite all Washoe County elementary and middle school students to participate in the 10th annual Poster Art Contest and communicate the importance of responsible water use through their artwork.

International World Water Day is held annually to focus attention on the importance of fresh and sustainable water sources. On World Water Day, TMWA will announce prizes and guidelines for the 2011 Poster Art Contest. Entry forms will be distributed to all Washoe County School District (WCSD) teachers and principals and all elementary and middle school students are invited to participate.

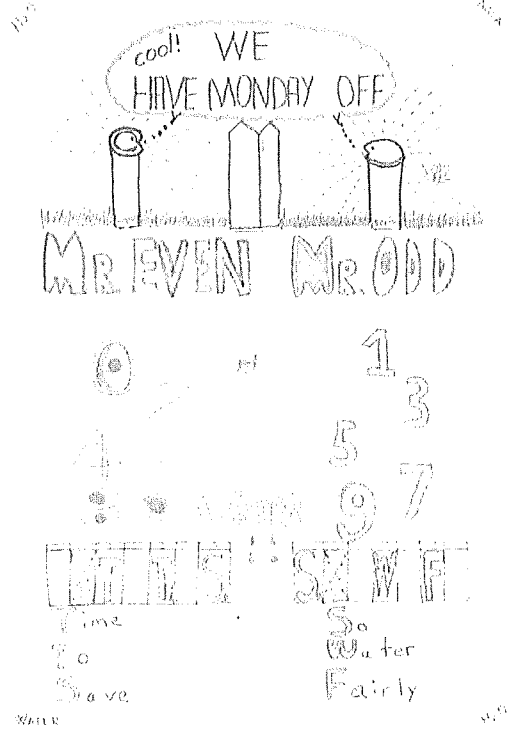
"Our theme this year for the Poster Art Contest is 'Water is a precious and limited resource. Save it today so we have it tomorrow,'"

Lora Rose Richards, TMWA's Administrator of Conservation and Community Outreach, said. "We encourage young responsible water users to reflect this in their artwork."

The contest is open to Washoe County students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Judging will be divided into three grade categories: kindergarten through third grade, fourth through sixth grade and seventh through eighth grade. First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected for each category.

The deadline for entry is Friday, April 22, 2010 and all entries must illustrate responsible water use.

Visit www.tmwaacademy.com to view last year's winners and to download the entry form and guidelines. For more information, please contact TMWA's Conservation Department at (775) 834-8005 or conservation@tmwa.net.



"Responsible Water Use: Easy as 1-2-3!" was the 2010 Poster Art Contest theme. The first-place winning poster in the fourth through sixth grade category went to Nicolas Ortiz Lopez from Van Gorder Elementary.