



TO: TMWA Board of Directors
FROM: Mark Foree, General Manager
DATE: January 9, 2011
SUBJECT: **Request for appointment of two TMWA Board members to the Western Regional Water Commission to fill the unexpired term beginning January 16, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2013 and the appointment of three TMWA Board members to the Western Regional Water Commission for the two-year term beginning April 1, 2013**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the TMWA Board appoint two TMWA Board members to the Western Regional Water Commission to fill the unexpired term beginning on January 16, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2013 to include:

1. One TMWA Board member who is a member of the Reno City Council
2. One TMWA Board member who is a member of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners

It is recommended that the TMWA Board appoint three TMWA Board members to the Western Regional Water Commission to serve a two-year term, commencing April 1, 2013 to include:

1. One TMWA Board member who is a member of the Reno City Council
2. One TMWA Board member who is a member of the Sparks City Council
3. One TMWA Board member who is a member of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners

Background

During the 2007 legislative session, SB487 was enacted to create the Western Regional Water Commission, a governing board to oversee water resources planning and management in Washoe County. The WRWC became effective on April 1, 2008.

Section 25 of SB 487 provides for the following appointments:

- “1. The Regional Water Commission must be directed and governed by a Board of Trustees composed of the following nine members appointed pursuant to this section:
- (a) Two members of the City Council of the City of Reno;
 - (b) Two members of the City Council of the City of Sparks;
 - (c) Two members of the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County;

- (d) One member representing the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility or its successor;
 - (e) One member designated by the Board of Trustees of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District or its successor; and
 - (f) One member of the Board of Trustees of the Sun Valley General Improvement District or its successor.
2. The City Council of the City of Reno, the City Council of the City of Sparks and the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County shall each appoint one trustee from their membership for an initial term of 2 years.
- 3. The Board of Directors of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority or its successor shall appoint from its membership, for initial terms of 3 years:*
- (a) One trustee who is a member of the City Council of the City of Reno;*
 - (b) One trustee who is a member of the City Council of the City of Sparks; and*
 - (c) One trustee who is a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County.*
- The trustees appointed pursuant to this subsection must be different persons than those appointed pursuant to subsection 2.*
4. The Board of Trustees of the Sun Valley General Improvement District or its successor and the Board of Trustees of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District or its successor shall each appoint one trustee from its membership for an initial term of 3 years.
5. The owners of the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility or its successor shall jointly appoint one trustee for an initial term of 2 years.
6. After the initial terms, each trustee who is appointed to the Board serves for a term of 2 years. A trustee may be reappointed.
7. All trustees must be elected officials. No trustee may serve beyond his term of office.”

In August 2007, the TMWA Board appointed Member Larkin, Washoe County; Mike Carrigan, City of Sparks; and Bob Cashell, City of Reno to serve a three-year term beginning April 1, 2008 and ending March 31, 2011 and reappointed them to serve a two-year term beginning April 2, 2011 and ending March 31, 2013.

Chairman Carrigan, City of Sparks, currently serves on the WRWC. Members Larkin, Washoe County, and Cashell, City of Reno, are no longer on the TMWA Board. Two appointments are needed to fill the remainder of their terms.

On January 8, 2013, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners appointed Vaughn Hartung as a member of the Board of County Commissioners to represent Washoe County on the WRWC.

The City of Reno will clarify their appointment to the WRWC on January 16, 2013.