



STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Pagni, General Counsel
DATE: December 10, 2015
SUBJECT: **Discussion and Action on appointment of TMWA Board member to the Western Regional Water Commission to fill the term ending on March 31, 2017 from the following list of eligible persons: Neoma Jardon and Jenny Brekhus**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the TMWA Board appoint an eligible member of the TMWA Board of Directors who is a member of the City Council of the City of Reno to the Board of Trustees of the Western Regional Water Commission pursuant to Section 25(3) of the Act for the remainder of the two year term ending on March 31, 2017. The term of Neoma Jardon, the current TMWA appointee in this position, has expired.

DISCUSSION

During the 2007 legislative session, SB487 was enacted to create the Western Regional Water Commission (effective date April 1, 2008), a governing board to oversee water resources planning and management in Washoe County. The Western Regional Water Commission Act, Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada, Section 25, provides for appointments to the Board of Trustees as follows:

Sec. 25. 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.
8. The position of a trustee must be considered vacated upon his loss of any of the qualifications required for his appointment, and in such event, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

Pursuant to the Act, TMWA may appoint any member of the TMWA Board who is also a member of the City Council of the City of Reno to this position. The person appointed to this position must be different than the persons appointed by the City Council of the City of Reno under Section 25(1) of the Act. The current appointees to the Western Regional Water Commission Board are as follows:

Appointing Body	Trustee
City of Reno	Councilmember Naomi Duerr
City of Sparks	Councilmember Ed Lawson
Washoe County	Commissioner Vaughn Hartung
TMWA (Section 3 - from TMWA Board):	Councilmember Ron Smith (Sparks)
	Councilmember Neoma Jardon (Reno) - expired
	Commissioner Jeanne Herman (Washoe)
Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility	Mayor Geno Martini
Sun Valley General Improvement District	SVGID Trustee Sandra Ainsworth
TMWA (Section 4 – as successor to STMGID)	Commissioner Bob Lucey

The Western Regional Water Commission has notified TMWA that the appointment of Councilmember Neoma Jardon has expired. The members of the TMWA Board eligible for consideration of this appointment are Councilmember Neoma Jardon and Councilmember Jenny Brekhuis.