



STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Board Members
FROM: Sonia Folsom, SAC Liaison
DATE: December 7, 2015
SUBJECT: Discussion and action regarding reappointments to the Standing Advisory Committee of members whose term expires December 31, 2015 from the following list of candidates: (1) Fred Schmidt, Wholesale Customer Representative; (2) Jonnie Pullman, Multi-Family Residential Class Representative; (3) Ron Turner, Primary Representative, Residential Class 1; (4) BANN appointment: Colin Hayes, Primary Representative; (5) BANN appointment: Jim Smith, Alternative Representative; and (5) Reno-Sparks Chamber appointment, Bruce Gescheider, Primary Representative

Recommendation

Staff recommends that current Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) members and alternates (if any) be reappointed for an additional two year term beginning January 1, 2016. *(Please refer to the attached membership chart.)*

Background

In August, 2005, a Subcommittee of the TMWA Board appointed the original, eight SAC members along with six alternate members. Subsequently, additional members and alternates were appointed by the Builders' Association of Northern Nevada, the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC), the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. Six of the twenty-three members of the SAC have terms which expire on December 31, 2015. *(Please see the attached SAC History and Governing Rules)*

Discussion

The attached chart reflects the proposed SAC members and their alternates (if any). SAC members and their alternates confirmed their willingness to be reappointed.

- The Wholesale customer representative, Fred Schmidt of Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) was re-appointed by the SVGID to the SAC for another term.
- Jonnie Pullman, primary representative of the Multi-Family Residential Class, has agreed to continue for an additional term and Mike Schulewitch is now serving as alternate.
- Ron Turner, primary representative of the Residential Class 1, has agreed to continue for an additional term.
- BANN decided at their November meeting to reappoint Colin Hayes, primary representative, and Jim Smith, alternate, for another term.
- Reno-Sparks Chamber has reappointed Bruce Gescheider as their primary representative for an additional term.

TMWA Standing Advisory Committee

Term Appointments
2016 Membership List

| Customer Class | Primary Representative | Term Ends | Alternate Representative | Term Ends | Secondary Alternate | Term Ends |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Wholesale (Sun Valley) | Fred Schmidt | 12/31/2015 | N/A | | | |
| Irrigation | Neil McGuire | 12/31/2016 | Mike Heffner | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Multi-family Residential | Jonnie Pullman | 12/31/2015 | Mike Schulewitch | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Commercial | Kevin Haddock | 12/31/2016 | Pat Martinez | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Senior Citizen | Robert Chambers | 12/31/2016 | Karl Katt | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Residential: | | | | | | |
| Representative 1 | Ron Turner | 12/31/2015 | Carol Litster | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Representative 2 | Harry Culbert | 12/31/2016 | Mike Pidlypchak | 12/31/2016 | Ralph (Lee) Leighton | 12/31/2016 |
| Representative 3 | Jerry Wager | 12/31/2016 | Ken McNeil | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Appointments: | | | | | | |
| BANN | Colin Hayes | 12/31/2015 | Jim Smith | 12/31/2015 | | |
| NNWPC | <i>Vacant</i> | | <i>Vacant</i> | | | |
| Reno-Sparks Chamber | Bruce Gescheider | 12/31/2015 | Steve Stegmeir | 12/31/2016 | | |
| Consumer Advocates Office | <i>Vacant</i> | | <i>Vacant</i> | | | |



TMWA Standing Advisory Committee History

Bullet Points for SAC history

- 2004: The Board formed a Rate Making Review Committee (RMRC) for the purpose of reviewing and providing customer input on the proposed second and third phases of the current rate case that was going before the Board in 2005. At the time this Committee was formed, the Board did not foresee a permanent role for them.
- The initial RMRC recommended that the Board form a committee that serves in an advisory capacity on a permanent basis. Staff supported the recommendation for a standing committee.
- January 2005: Staff first approached the Board to recommend formation of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC).
- March 2005: the Board established a SAC consisting of eleven (11) members: one (1) each of the following customer types – commercial; irrigation; multi-family; senior citizen; wholesale; and three (3) residential users all appointed by the TMWA (Truckee Meadows Water Authority) Board; the Builders Association of Northern Nevada, Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Water Planning Commission to appoint one (1) member each. Duties of the SAC include, but are not limited to: budget and rate increase review and recommendations and other matters the Board may assign.
- July 2005: The Board appointed subcommittee to select applicants.
- September 2005: The Board appointed the first SAC members.
- August 2007: The State of Nevada Consumer Advocates Office appointed a member to the SAC.
- The SAC reviewed rate proposals in 2009, 2010 and 2012.
- December 31, 2014: Successful consummation of the mergers of South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District and Washoe County Water Utility into TMWA.

**TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY
STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GOVERNING RULES**

1. **Members:** Membership in the Standing Advisory Committee (“Committee”) is governed by the Truckee Meadows Water Authority’s Board of Directors (“Board”). Each Member is appointed for a two-year term. Members serve and may be reappointed at the Board’s pleasure.
2. **Compliance with NRS Chapter 241:** Meetings shall be conducted in compliance with NRS Chapter 241, the Nevada “Open Meeting Law.”
3. **Quorum:** A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Members. Members may participate telephonically in meetings, but telephonic participation shall not be considered in establishing a quorum.
4. **Action:** For items other than those that constitute recommendations to the Board, an action may be taken by affirmative vote of the majority of Members physically present. For items that constitute recommendations to the Board, an action shall be taken only by an affirmative vote of the majority of the Membership. Each member shall have one vote. Members participating telephonically may not vote on action items. An Alternate sitting in for an absent Member has all of the voting rights of the absent Member. Otherwise, an Alternate has no voting rights.
5. **Agenda Items:** The Committee may, by action at a prior meeting, make suggestions to staff as to items to be placed on a future agenda. Except as otherwise directed by the Board, Staff shall have discretion as to the items that will be placed on the Committee’s agendas.
6. **Officers:** There shall be a Chair and a Vice Chair, elected by the Members. The Chair will conduct the meetings. The Vice Chair will conduct the meetings in the absence of the Chair. The Chair or Vice Chair may designate an alternate to conduct the meeting in their absence. Or, in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, a majority of the Members present may designate an alternate to conduct the meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair each shall serve for a one-year term, with their terms expiring at the first meeting scheduled following the beginning of the calendar year following their election. The Vice Chair shall automatically succeed to the position of Chair for the subsequent term, unless an alternate action is made by the Members. Officers may be reelected. The Chair or the Chair’s designee is the only Member who may speak on behalf of the Committee to the Board, to any member of the Board, or to the public.
7. **Conflicts of Interest:** Members shall disclose conflicts of interest regarding any decisions of the Committee and shall disclose any financial interest in Committee decisions and in organizations affected by Committee action, other than the financial interest that derives from being a TMWA customer. Members who will receive a direct financial benefit from any action taken by the Committee, other than a financial interest that derives from being a TMWA customer, shall abstain from voting on such action. In the event that a Member presents an idea to the Committee for consideration on behalf of another individual or entity, said Member shall disclose to the Committee the identity of said individual or entity.

- 8. Uses of staff:** Staff will provide reasonable assistance to facilitate meetings and provide readily available information to the Committee to carry out its functions. The Committee shall reasonably limit its demands on staff time, and any demands made in excess of what staff deems reasonable shall require Board approval. No Member may request the use of staff time without approval of the Committee.
- 9. Amendment of Rules:** Any amendments to these Rules shall require an affirmative vote of the majority of the members.

As amended, February 3, 2015