

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2011
JOINT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES OF
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY AND
THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

The joint meeting of the Legislative Subcommittees of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) met at TMWA, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada in the Independence Conference Room. Chairman Mike Carrigan called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

TMWA Member Present: Dave Aiazzi and Mike Carrigan (by telephone)
TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Mike Pagni
TMWA Staff Present: John Erwin, Jack Byrom and Steve Walker (Walker & Associates)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was not present.

WRWC Members Present: Dave Aiazzi, Mike Carrigan (by telephone) and Steve Cohen
WRWC Legal Counsel Present: John Rhodes
WRWC Staff Present: Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel

A quorum of the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee was present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO TMWA AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING TMWA'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION

John Erwin referred to the staff report and table of bills on legislation of interest to TMWA, as introduced through February 22, 2011, gave a brief description of each bill table and gave staff's

recommendation. Mike Pagni and Steve Walker gave their insights into what was happening at the legislature on each of these bills. Jack Byrom, TMWA Supervising Project Manager, added input regarding the position of Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Builders Association of Northern Nevada (BANN). After discussion with the committee, Mr. Erwin asked the committee's concurrence with recommendations or alternate positions on the bills the committee would direct staff to support. He stated upon adoption of the committee's recommendations on the bills, staff would just provide updates to any changes on the bills discussed today and then present for discussion any new bills from this date forward.

Upon motion made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members, the TMWA Subcommittee accepted staff recommendations on all bills as presented on the staff report.

5. PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO WRWC AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION REGARDING WRWC'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION

John Rhodes referred to the staff report on legislation of interest to the WRWC. The staff report summarized all bill drafts requested as of February 18, 2011 relating to water issues, and four bill draft requests relating to open meeting issues which may have a direct effect on the WRWC. He noted that the full language of the bills is available by hyperlink on both the WRWC website and the Legislative Counsel Bureau website. Mr. Rhodes reviewed the position taken last session by the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee, which was to support the bills introduced by the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission, at the request of the WRWC, but remain neutral on all other pending legislation unless the bill created a regional benefit or detriment from a regional water planning perspective, or otherwise directly affected the WRWC. That position was based in part on the potential for a conflict arising between some of the member entities and the WRWC. He stated this is a legitimate policy decision, but it does not preclude the WRWC from taking a position on legislation which may conflict with the position taken by member entities. After a discussion, the committee unanimously agreed that their position would remain the same this year.

Mr. Rhodes again referred to the staff report and stated that staff recommendation would be to support the two bill draft requests (20-243 and 20-244) proposed by the Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission, at the request of the WRWC, and the corresponding bills when they come out, remain neutral on all other bills, and watch all the open meeting law bill draft requests and the one bill already introduced.

Upon motion made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members, the WRWC Subcommittee accepted staff's recommendations on all bills as presented on the staff report.

6. COMMITTEE OR STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrigan adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of Truckee Meadows Water Authority on
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Approved by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Western Regional Water Authority on
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Respectfully Submitted,

Corinne Cassell, Recording Secretary