

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2013  
JOINT MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES OF  
THE TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY AND  
THE WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

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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: Mike Carrigan and Mike Cate

TMWA Legal Counsel Present: Mike Pagni

TMWA Staff Present: Scott Estes, John Erwin, Mark Foree, Jeff Tissier, Jessica Wiley and Steve Walker (Walker & Associates)

A quorum of the TMWA Legislative Subcommittee was present.

WRWC Members Present: Mike Carrigan, Steve Cohen and Vaughn Hartung

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  
unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee approved the agenda.**

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried  
unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee approved the agenda.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE TMWA LEGISLATIVE  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Chairman Carrigan commented that adding a third member to the committee would be beneficial and suggested an item be added on the next TMWA Board Meeting agenda.

**Upon motion made and seconded and carried unanimously, the TMWA Subcommittee elected Mike Carrigan as Chairman and Mike Cate as Vice Chairman.**

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Upon motion made and seconded and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee elected Mike Carrigan as Chairman and Vaughn Hartung as Vice Chairman.**

**6. 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 15, 2013. Mike Pagni and Steve Walker gave a brief description of each bill TMWA is monitoring and provided their insights into what was happening at the legislature on each of these bills and gave staff's recommendation.

After discussion with the committee, Mr. Erwin asked for the Committee's concurrence with staff's recommendations. He stated upon adoption of the Committee's recommendations on the bills, at future meetings staff would provide updates to any changes on the bills discussed today and then present for discussion any new bills.

**Upon motion made and seconded, and carried by unanimous vote of the members present, the TMWA Subcommittee will support the recommendations of the staff report, but changed staff's recommended positions on AB 13, AB 88, AB 104 and SB 90 from *neutral watch* to *neutral*. Status on AB 37 changed from *watch* to *neutral watch*, and AB 94 changed from *neutral* to *watch*.**

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

John Rhodes, legal counsel for the WRWC, referred to the staff report dated February 13, 2013 on legislation of interest to the WRWC, as introduced through February 13, 2013. Mr. Rhodes stated that staff position on the BDR's and the bills that have been introduced is to *watch* with the following exceptions: AB 31, AB 65, and SB2 are *neutral*; AB 4 is *support*; and SB 74 is *support if amended*.

Chairman Carrigan expressed the desire that the positions of TMWA and WRWC be consistent whenever possible.

**Upon motion made and seconded, and carried unanimously, the WRWC Subcommittee adopted the staff recommendation as stated except for SB74 where the recommendation will be changed to *not support as written*.**

8. COMMITTEE OR STAFF COMMENTS

Chairman Carrigan said that the legislative Memorandum of Understanding has been compromised by the Washoe County School District. They have introduced a bill to move zoning issues from the local governments to the Regional Planning Governing Board. This was done without prior notification to the other participants of the MOU.

9. STAFF COMMENTS

Mark Foree said water issues will be presented on March 5 at a joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly Natural Resources Committees.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Carrigan adjourned the meeting at 3:48 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,  
  
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Cara Rives, Recording Secretary