



**STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
DRAFT MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2011**

The Standing Advisory Committee met for a Water Resource and Water Rights Workshop at Truckee Meadows Water Authority in the Independence Room, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada. Vice-Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Neil McGuire, Susan Ralphe, Jeannie Redinger, Fred Schmidt, Jim Smith, Ron Turner and Barry Winzeler.

Alternates Present: Bob Chambers, Mike Heffner and Paul Rose.

Staff Present: John Erwin, Mark Foree, Lora Richards, Paul Miller, Levi Kleiber, Martin Wildeman and Shawn Stoddard

A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lora Richards announced that the joint meeting scheduled for August 17 had been cancelled and will not be rescheduled until the end of September at the earliest. There will be no reports ready for review at the SAC's scheduled meeting on August 15. She spoke with Chairman Vorreyer who asked her to poll the SAC members for their thoughts about cancelling the August meeting. She then talked with Mr. Erwin and Mr. Tissier, and they would prefer to cancel the August meeting. They felt the rate training could be done in September and October. The members agreed it would be best to cancel the August meeting and have rate training in September and October.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the Committee approved the agenda.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION WORKSHOP FOR SAC MEMBERS ON THE TOPICS OF PLANNING AND MANAGING TMWA'S WATER RIGHTS AND WATER RESOURCES

John Erwin presented the workshop which focused on Truckee River water resources, water resource management and the process of validating title to a water right.

Mr. Erwin traced the route of the Truckee River from its source at Lake Tahoe through the reservoirs (Donner Lake, Independence Lake, Boca, Stampede, Prosser), the diversion at the Derby Dam to the Lahontan Reservoir and then to Pyramid Lake. Mr. Erwin gave an overview of the snowpack measurement from 1986 through 2011 and discussed how the Farad daily flows, the decree flows, the Lake Tahoe elevation and production flows relate to water resource management. Mr. Erwin touched briefly on the sources of supply from groundwater and surface water and how, through careful management, the sources have changed in recent years from using groundwater as a source of water to using it as drought storage, and how the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) has helped enhance TMWA's drought storage supply. He then showed a comparison of Tahoe elevations during drought cycles and reviewed the number of major water right holders by reaches of the Truckee River and the historic changes in production and water resources from 1950 through 2010.

At the end, Mr. Erwin went through the research process that the Water Rights staff at TMWA undertakes for each water right submitted for dedication to TMWA to determine if there is a valid title to that water right. Some of the steps in that process include:

- A) Identify the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) using an APN map
- B) Obtain a Legal Description
- C) Identify the Truckee River claim number
- D) Search the official documents recorded in the County Recorder's office
- E) Check the abstract of title
- F) Check the filings with the State Engineer, Division of Water Resources

He ended with showing a map of all TMWA's wells and a review of the State Engineer's monthly tracking system.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discussion, Vice-Chairman Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Approved by the Standing Advisory Commission in session on _____

Corinne Cassell, Recording Secretary