



## STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

June 4, 2013

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The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) met at Truckee Meadows Water Authority in the Independence Room, 1355 Capital Blvd., Reno, Nevada. Chairman McGuire called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

**Members and Voting Alternates Present:** Robert Chambers, Harry Culbert, Bruce Gescheider, Colin Hayes, Jim Maass, Neil McGuire, Jonnie Pullman, Fred Schmidt and Ron Turner

**Alternates Present:** Mike Heffner, Karl Katt, Ken McNeil, Mike Pidlypchak, Jim Smith and Jerry Wager

**Staff Present:** Robert Charpentier, John Erwin, Scott Estes, Kim Mazeres, Cara Rives, Shawn Stoddard, Jeff Tissier, Legal Counsel Debbie Leonard, and TMWA Lobbyist Steve Walker

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2013 MEETING

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the SAC approved the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting.**

#### 5. FINAL STATUS REPORT ON THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

John Erwin introduced Steve Walker, TMWA Lobbyist, and referred to the Staff Report dated

May 29, 2013. Mr. Walker then gave a review of the final actions of the Nevada legislative session. The bills discussed and their final status at the end of the session were as follows:

Assembly Bills:

**Passed:** AB 31, AB 150, AB 181 and AB 283.

**Dead:** AB 169, AB 186, AB 215, AB 247, AB 251, AB 291, AB 301, AB 342, AB 396

Senate Bills:

**Passed:** SB 55, SB 90, SB 123, SB 228, SB 266, SB 277, SB 336, SB 404, SB 468.

**Dead:** SB 316 and SB 232

Mr. Walker reported that from a TMWA standpoint, it was overall an excellent session.

6. REPORT ON STATUS OF THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (STMGID) INTO TMWA

Jeff Tissier stated that TMWA is about 95 percent complete with the due diligence and is currently looking at a few financial areas which need to be clarified prior to any changeover. No discussion has occurred for a couple of months and a new meeting is in the process of being set up. Mr. Foree stated that the goal is to try to work within the STMGID term sheet and that the priority is to ensure that the merger, if it occurs, would not adversely affect any customer group.

7. STATUS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE WASHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) WATER UTILITY INTO TMWA

Mr. Tissier said that pending what happens with STMGID, TMWA is planning to do one more “refresh” of the financial projections for DWR. The only area that is of current concern is the Fish Springs/Honey Lake Project. This facility has not been operated in almost five years, which means that there could be issues with the infrastructure.

8. REPORT ON VACANT PREMISES

Kim Mazeres introduced Shawn Stoddard, Senior Resource Economist, and presented a report on vacant premises. The graphs that Dr. Stoddard created show that the trend for vacancy continues to decline, while active accounts continue to rise. Dr. Stoddard took information going back to 2003 looking at all active premises, which are any addresses that receive a water bill. The discussion centered around how many vacant premises existed before the 2006/2007 economic downturn versus after the downturn. Dr. Stoddard’s findings suggest that approximately 1,500 more premises were active prior to the downturn. Current trending is a return to pre-downturn averages, but there is still a way to go for full recovery to pre-downturn amounts.

9. INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS ON ICE FIGHTING AND CONSTRUCTION ON THE HIGHLAND CANAL

Robert Charpentier, TMWA Communications Specialist, showed two videos to the Committee that are both a part of the "TMWA at Work" series of videos. These videos are also available to be viewed by the public via the TMWA website. Social media sites such as Youtube and Facebook are being utilized to get the word out about these videos and notices about them are also being placed in our bill inserts.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

**Upon motion duly made and seconded, and carried by unanimous consent of the members present, the SAC set the date of the next meeting as Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 3 p.m. and requested the following items be placed on the agenda:**

- 1. Update on merger of STMGID and TMWA**
- 2. Update on merger of DWR and TMWA**

11. STAFF ITEMS

Cara Rives distributed a draft version of the SAC Contact list for approval and changes. A final version will be passed out at the next SAC meeting.

12. COMMITTEE ITEMS

There were no committee items.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

17. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discussion, Chairman McGuire adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Approved by the Standing Advisory Commission in session on August 6, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cara Rives, Recording Secretary