

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
MEMORANDUM**

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TO: The Commission
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SUBJECT: Report on Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission and the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development Focus Group to Discuss Infrastructure Improvement Needs in Rural Nevada, from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2015.

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada created a new regional water entity in Washoe County named the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC"). The law, effective April 1, 2008, also created the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC"). The NNWPC is a technical advisory group that reports to the WRWC. The NNWPC is responsible for developing a Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan and recommending it to the WRWC for adoption. I serve as a non-voting board member representing the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN).

I was able to attend the NNWPC meetings on February 3, 2016, March 2, 2016, April 6, 2016, and May 4, 2016, held in Reno, NV. I was unable to attend the June 1, 2016, meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The meeting that was supposed to be held on January 6, 2016, was canceled.

At the February 3, 2016, meeting the main topics of discussion included updates from the Regional Effluent Management Team, presentation of comments regarding the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan updates, and review of WRWC tentative 2016-2017 budget. The Regional Effluent Management Team discussed requirements for Wellhead Protection Plans that the PUCN requires for its regulated utilities. I informed the NNWPC that the Standards of Service per Nevada Administrative Code 704.628 does not include a provision for a Wellhead Protection Plan; however, we do usually include a directive that states they should have a Wellhead Protection Plan on file and approved by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

The March 2, 2016, meeting main topics of discussion were engineering qualification requests for the membrane treatment at Truckee Water Reclamation Facility, Truckee River Watershed

restoration budget from the Nature Conservancy, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Water Usage Review Program, and comments and revisions to the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan. None of the topics discussed throughout the meeting impact any of the companies regulated by the PUCN.

The April 6, 2016, meeting main topics of discussion were selection of the new NNWPC Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Septic Nitrate Baseline Data and Risk Assessment Study Report, and the comments and revisions to the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan. None of the topics discussed throughout the meeting impact any of the companies regulated by the PUCN.

The May 4, 2016, meeting main topics of discussion were the Desert Research Institute proposal to evaluate the long-term regional precipitation/climate variability data, WRWC tentative budget, Clean Water Act Grant and Subgrant for integrated wastewater system planning, Washoe Evapotranspiration project interlocal agreement, and comments and revisions to the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan. None of the topics discussed throughout the meeting impact any of the companies regulated by the PUCN.

The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development Focus Group to Discuss Infrastructure Improvement Needs in Rural Nevada

The Governor's Office has confirmed that I have replaced Eddy Quaglieri, the former Water Engineer, on the Focus Group. However, the Governor's Office has not contacted me yet as to when the next meeting is scheduled.