



# Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 7, 2016

Subject: Review and confirm the order of alternates to the RPC

**Agenda Item Number: 9A**

Summary: Discussion and possible action to confirm the order of alternates to represent the Washoe County Planning Commission on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission; and to direct the Planning Commission Secretary to transmit the list of confirmed alternates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and to the Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency.

**Recommendation: Review and confirm the order of PC alternates to the RPC and direct the PC Secretary to transmit the confirmed list of alternates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and to the TMRPA Executive Director.**

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## **Description**

Discussion and possible action to review and confirm the following order of alternates selected to represent the Washoe County Planning Commission (PC) on the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission (RPC) in the event the regularly appointed PC members are unavailable to serve: First Alternate, Phillip Horan; Second Alternate, Gregory Prough; Third Alternate, Thomas Daly; and Fourth Alternate, Francine Donshick; and further, to direct the Planning Commission Secretary to transmit the list of confirmed alternates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners (Board) and to the Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA).

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### **Alternates to the Regional Planning Commission**

Nevada Revised Statutes requires the Board to appoint three members of the PC to serve as members on the RPC. The Board allows the PC to select the remaining Commissioners not specifically appointed to the RPC to serve as alternates to the appointed PC members on the RPC. Alternates terms are effective upon the date of most recent appointment of a new RPC member by the BCC.

If an appointed PC member on the RPC is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, the Commissioner will contact the Planning and Development Division Director or the PC Secretary as soon as possible. The Director or the Secretary will then contact the first alternate to serve in the absent Commissioner's stead. If the first alternate is unable to attend, then the second alternate will be contacted and so forth until an alternate is available to attend the meeting.

### **Background**

The PC term of office for Roger Edwards representing Commission District 3 will expire on June 30, 2016. This PC vacancy has been filled by Francine Donshick.

The departure of Roger Edwards will create a vacancy from the PC on the RPC. The BCC appointed Larry Chesney to the RPC on April 26, 2016, Sarah Chvilicek to the RPC on June 9, 2015, and also re-appointed James Barnes to the RPC on June 9, 2015. The currently appointed PC members on the RPC are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
Sarah Chvilicek	July 2015 – June 2017
James Barnes	July 2015 – June 2018
Larry Chesney	July 2016 – June 2019

Note: Sarah Chvilicek was appointed to complete the unexpired term of D.J. Whittemore.

On July 7, 2015, the PC confirmed the following list of alternates to the RPC:

First alternate: Larry Chesney  
 Second alternate: Philip Horan  
 Third alternate: Gregory Prough  
 Fourth alternate: Thomas Daly (This place was held for the PC appointee for District 2, which was vacant at the time.)

Rule G(2)(a)(i) from the PC's adopted *Rules, Policies and Procedures* provides that alternates move up in succession to fill the gap created by an RPC appointment.

### **Rule G(2)(a)(i)**

When vacancies on the Regional Planning Commission are filled by the Washoe County Commission, unless otherwise decided by the Planning Commission, previously selected alternates will move up in succession to fill the gap created by the appointment of a Commissioner to the Regional Planning Commission. For example, if the first alternate is appointed to the Regional Planning Commission, then the second alternate moves into the first alternate position, the third alternate into the second alternate position, the fourth alternate into the third

alternate position, and the fourth alternate position will be filled by remaining Commissioner.

At their September 3, 2013 meeting, the PC provided direction that gaps in the list of alternates created by the departure of a member from the PC would be filled in one of two methods:

1. PC members will move up in the order of succession to fill the gap; and/or
2. Newly appointed PC members will move into the order, starting at the lowest alternate (e.g., move into the fourth alternate position).

Based on the PC's adopted rule, and the direction provided by the PC in September of 2013, the suggested list of RPC alternates is:

First alternate: Philip Horan  
Second alternate: Gregory Prough  
Third alternate: Thomas Daly  
Fourth alternate: Francine Donshick

Staff recommends that the PC review the list of alternates and either confirm the order or provide staff with the PC preferred order of alternates. Rule G(2)(a)(iii) from the PC's adopted *Rules, Policies and Procedures* requires the PC Secretary to transmit the list of alternates to the Board and to the TMRPA Executive Director. The PC Secretary will transmit the list after its confirmation by the PC.

#### **Rule G(2)(a)(iii)**

The Secretary to the Planning Commission, or his/her designee, shall transmit the names of the County Commission appointed members and alternates to the Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency. The Secretary, or his/her designee, shall also inform the County Commission of the names of all alternates.

#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission review the list of alternates to the RPC as shown below, and either confirm the order or provide staff with the preferred order of alternates.

#### **RPC alternates**

First alternate: Philip Horan  
Second alternate: Gregory Prough  
Third alternate: Thomas Daly  
Fourth alternate: Francine Donshick

Staff further recommends that the Planning Commission direct the PC Secretary to transmit the confirmed list of RPC alternates to the Board and to the TMRPA Executive Director. The following motion is provided for your consideration:

**Motion**

I move to confirm the order of alternates to the Regional Planning Commission as follows (*list the first, second, third and fourth alternate names*). I further move to direct the Planning Commission Secretary to transmit the confirmed list of alternates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and to the Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency.

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