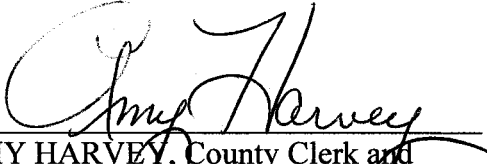


CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF WASHOE, STATE OF NEVADA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the County Clerk of the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, that a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners has been called by the Chairman thereof and will be held in the County Commission Caucus room in the Washoe County Administration Complex, Building A, Second floor, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 19, 2005 concerning the Fiscal Year 2006/07 budget process, issues related to SCR 26 Legislative Committee Interim Study of the use, allocation and management of water resources in Nevada, and issues related to the SCR 26 Legislative Sub-Committee Interim Study of the feasibility and advisability of consolidating water-related services in Washoe County, which would include possible discussion by the County Commission and direction to staff.


AMY HARVEY, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bonnie Weber, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway
David Humke
Pete Sferrazza

COUNTY MANAGER

Katy Singlaub

**ASSISTANT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Melanie Foster

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSION CAUCUS ROOM

1001 E. 9th Street (Building A, 2ND Floor), Reno, Nevada

December 19, 2005

11:00 a.m.

NOTE: Items on the agenda without a time designation may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda. Items may be moved to or from the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the Board Meeting or may be voted on in a block.

The Washoe County Commission Chambers are accessible to the disabled. If you require special arrangements for the meeting, call the County Manager's Office, 328-2000, 24-hours prior to the meeting.

Public Comment during the Commission's Special Meeting on December 19, 2005 will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. The Commission reserves the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment if more than 10 people request to speak during the comment period or on an agenda item. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Commission meeting.

The County Commission can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Commission. However, responses from Commissioners to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Commission may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: **"*Commissioners'/Manager's Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda"**.

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Commission Meeting has been posted at the following locations. Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A), Washoe County Courthouse-Clerk's Office (Court and Virginia Streets), Washoe County Central Library (301 South Center Street) and Sparks Justice Court (630 Greenbrae Drive). At the meeting after salute to the flag and roll call, the Board of County Commissioners may vote on the following items as the Board and, ex-officio, as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District, and/or the Board of Trustees of either the Lawton/Verdi or South Truckee Meadows General Improvement Districts.

Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners is available to members of the public at the County Manager's Office (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A, 2nd Floor, Reno, Nevada) and on the County's website at www.washoecounty.us.

Unless otherwise indicated by asterisk (*), all items on the agenda are action items upon which the Board of County Commissioners will take action.

- 11:00 a.m.**
- *1. Salute to the flag.
 - *2. Roll call.
 3. Approval of the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners' special meeting of December 19, 2005.
 - *4. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. The Commission reserves the right to reduce the time, or limit the total time allowed for public comment if more than 10 people request to speak during the comment period or on one agenda item. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.
 5. Discussion and possible direction to staff concerning Fiscal Year 2006/07 budget process--Budget Division.
 6. Review and possible direction to staff regarding issues related to the SCR 26 Legislative Committee Interim Study of the use, allocation and management of water resources in Nevada; and review and possible direction to staff on issues related to the SCR 26 Legislative Sub-Committee Interim Study of the feasibility and advisability of consolidating water-related services in Washoe County--Water Resources.
 7. Adjournment.

Lencioni, Rita

From: Bradhurst, Steve
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2005 5:38 PM
To: Weber, Bonnie; Larkin, Robert; Humke, David; Galloway, Jim; Sferrazza, Pete
Cc: Singlaub, Katy; Poche, Michelle; Slaughter, John; Skow, Julie; Carter, Kathy
Subject: Information for the Board's December 19 workshop on the work of the SCR 26 Committee and the SCR 26 Subcommittee

Commissioners,

At the first SCR 26 Subcommittee meeting (November 30, 2005) the Subcommittee asked water entities/purveyors and interested parties to submit recommendations to the Subcommittee concerning management models for a public entity that would be focused on regional water resource acquisition, management and conservation in Washoe County. A primary reason for your December 19 workshop on the work of the SCR 26 Committee and SCR 26 Subcommittee is to discuss management models and give staff direction. Attached your your review is a two page document entitled "Summary of Alternatives for Regional Water Supply Entity." This document, plus other background information (my testimony at the November 30 meeting, Jim Smitherman's testimony at the November 30 meeting for the Regional Water Planning Commission and SCR 26) is in paper form at your office.

The SCR 26 Subcommittee plans on having five more meetings (January 19, February 13, March 15, April 24 and June 8). The last meeting will be held in Carson City, the next four meetings will be held in your chambers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Steve



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Summary of Alternatives for Regional Water Supply Entity

Nevada State Senator Mark Amodei, Chairman of SCR 26 Subcommittee to Study the Feasibility and Advisability of Consolidating the Water-Related Services in Washoe County made a request in the first meeting of the Subcommittee on November 30. The request was for the water entities/purveyors to submit their recommendations concerning management models for an entity to implement regional water resource acquisition, management and conservation in Washoe County. Staff submits the following for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners:

A. Goals for such an entity:

1. Identify, develop, acquire and manage new water resources (such as purchase programs or importation projects) for southern Washoe County in support of the Regional Water Management Plan.
2. Make water rights and resources available to the purveying utilities for water supply commitments in conformance with NRS 278, NRS 533, and NRS 534.
3. Develop a regional water conservation program in support of the Regional Water Management Plan.
4. Maximize available, reliable water resources, including reclaimed water.
5. Stabilize the water supply market.

B. Management Alternatives

The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners may wish to consider the following options:

1. **Regional Water Resource Acquisition, Management, and Conservation Agency**
 - a. Establish governance, roles, and duties of the agency by interlocal agreement.
 - b. Governing board to have equal representation from each public water utility and city (Washoe County utilities, STMGID, TMWA, SVGID, Reno and Sparks) and shall be composed of knowledgeable water expert appointees.
 - c. Decisions of board are made by consensus. (Consistent with the successful Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee governance model)
 - d. Member entities would have the right to approve all decisions impacting the costs, water conservation, and water supply to the members.
 - e. Utilizes the taxing authority (i.e., region wide sales taxes, transfer taxes, impact fees, property taxes, etc.) and bonding capacity of Washoe County.
 - f. Decisions would be forwarded to the County Commission for consent. (Consistent with the successful Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee governance model)
 - g. Day-to-day administrative services provided by Washoe County (i.e., human resources, purchasing, legal, etc.).
 - h. Potential funding sources for resource acquisitions, infrastructure, administration, etc. could include regional hookup fees, sales tax, legislation and bond financing.

ADVANTAGES

Consensus governance
Regional authority to act
Model that works locally
Adequate financing/bonding authority
Region-wide taxing authority

DISADVANTAGES

May be inconsistent with objectives of others

2. **New Authority like Southern Nevada Water Authority**
 - a. Establish Authority for water resource acquisition, management and conservation by Joint Powers Agreement.
 - b. Governance by board with equal representation from each public water utility and city. (Washoe County utilities, STMGID, TMWA, SVGID, Reno and Sparks)
 - c. Decisions of board are made by consensus.
 - d. The governing boards of the member entities shall approve all decisions impacting the costs, water conservation, and water supply to the members.
 - e. Financing/bonding to be provided by the new Authority.
 - f. Potential funding sources for resource acquisitions and startup costs could include regional hookup fees and legislature.

ADVANTAGES

Consensus governance
 Regional authority to act
 Model implemented in Southern Nevada
 Financing authority

DISADVANTAGES

New entity
 Limited initial credit rating
 Questionable taxing authority
 Requires separate staff, equipment, and office space

3. **Existing Entity**
 - a. Interlocal agreement to assign regional water resource acquisition, management and conservation role to an existing entity.
 - b. Governance by existing entity.
 - c. Finance by existing entity.
 - d. Implementation by entity unless otherwise contracted to one or more of the purveyors.

ADVANTAGES

No new entity
 No new boards
 May have financing capabilities

DISADVANTAGES

Governance may not be responsive
 Court or arbitration to resolve conflicts
 May be inconsistent with objectives of others