



Meeting overview
August 14, 2009

Possible Integration of Water Utilities Discussed Today Staff Directed to Continue to Explore the Options

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) met today to review the next steps in a possible integration of Washoe County's Department of Water Resources (DWR) with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA). WRWC members voted to recommend to the TMWA Board and the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that they proceed with the integration/consolidation process and develop an interlocal agreement. The agreement between the agencies will address the framework for integration in the interest of sharing resources and improving efficiencies, for the mutual benefit of all involved.

Staff from TMWA and DWR presented research and recommendations regarding financial risks, bond covenant issues, labor issues, scope of DWR services and service areas. The current recommendation does not include the Sun Valley General Improvement District or the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District, and will not impact private well owners.

During the next several months, elected officials in the region will consider whether to proceed with some form of integration/consolidation of DWR with TMWA.

Citizens are encouraged to attend public meetings and monitor posted agendas for items related to this topic at the following links: Truckee Meadows Water Authority, www.tmh2o.com; Washoe County Board of Commissioners, www.washoecounty.us/bcc; and the Western Regional Water Commission, www.wrwc.us.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is a multi-faceted utility providing water, sewer, and reclaimed water to approximately 100,000 residents. The utility houses the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District, which works to prevent, protect, and mitigate tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows used for local municipal water supplies. The department relies on the expertise of hydrogeologists, engineers, utility workers, water quality technicians and customer service representatives to provide the highest level of service to the community.

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) is a not-for-profit water utility, overseen by elected officials from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. TMWA employs a highly skilled team who ensure the treatment, delivery and availability of high-quality drinking water around the clock for more than 330,000 residents of the Truckee Meadows.