

**TAC Members**

- Nevada System of Higher Education
- Palomino Valley General Improvement District
- Regional Transportation Commission
- Regional Water Planning Commission
- City of Reno
- Reno Redevelopment Agency
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
- Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority
- Sierra Pacific Power Company
- South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District
- City of Sparks
- Sparks Redevelopment Agency
- Sun Valley General Improvement District
- Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- Washoe County
- Washoe County Department of Water Resources
- Washoe County District Health Department, Air Quality Management Division
- Washoe County District Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division
- Washoe County HOME Consortium
- Washoe County School District
- Waste Management, Inc.

**MINUTES  
2007 REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Friday, June 2, 2006**

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met in the Sparks Police Department Training Room, 1701 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Dave Ziegler, Director of Regional Planning, at 8:40 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll, and TAC members in attendance were: John Hester, City of Reno; Margaret Powell, City of Sparks; Jim Rundle, Sparks Redevelopment Agency; Harold Shotwell, Palomino Valley GID; Debra Goodwin, Regional Transportation Commission; Scott Nebesky, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; John Erwin, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Jerry Schumacher, South Truckee Meadows GID; Adrian Freund, Washoe County; Jeanne Ruefer, Washoe County Department of Water Resources; Duane Sikorski, Washoe County District Health Department (Air Quality); Mike Boster for Mark Stanton, WC School District; and Dave Ziegler, TMRPA.

Members absent were: Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Reno Redevelopment & HOME Consortium; Dean Schultz, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority; Mark Sullivan, Sierra Pacific Power Company; Robert Lichtenstein, Nevada System of Higher Education; Jeanne Rucker, Washoe County District Health Department (Solid Waste); Greg Martinelli, Waste Management; Diana Langs, Sun Valley GID; Greg Dennis, Regional Water Planning Commission; and Mark Stanton, WC School District.

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) staff present was: Patricia Rogers and Rosanna Coombes.

Also present was Dee Schafer from Corporate Solutions, Inc. who was the facilitator for the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MEMBER SIKORSKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2006, TAC AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER SHOTWELL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THIRTEEN (13) MEMBERS PRESENT.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. November 4, 2005
- B. December 2, 2005

Both sets of minutes were continued to give the members time to review them.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Member Powell asked about the status of the reports discussed at the last meeting. Member Ziegler stated that the Hansford/Haldane report is out and is being distributed. The Clarion final report on infill barriers and best practices was received yesterday and will be distributed.

#### **5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

Dee Schafer, Corporate Solutions, asked for comments about the Infill Subcommittee meeting. The comments were made that it was a good discussion and that there is a long way to go. Ms. Schafer gave a brief overview of the outcome of the infill meeting.

- A. Educational presentations and consideration of Module #2, Issue #1 - Ensure master plans operate within the constraints of natural resources and recognize the policies regarding same in the Regional Water Management Plan; measure and monitor capacity of natural resources and determine if there should be additional criteria for the Development Constraints Area (DCA).

Ms. Schafer stated that much of today's meeting will be about education of this issue. A series of educational presentations will be given starting with what is in the current plan.

Member Ziegler reviewed the sections of the Regional Plan. Mr. Ziegler reviewed the existing goals and policies of Section 2 of the Regional Plan. Member Ziegler stated that one challenge in this area is determining if standards can be incorporated into the Regional Plan that will add value to the process of natural resource conservation and that will help the natural resource agencies carry out their mission.

Member Ruefer stated that goal 2.4 of the Regional Plan does not address the water supply and suggested that a goal be added regarding protection of water resources, not just water quality.

Member Hester suggested identifying the resource for the local governments' master plans.

Member Smitherman gave a presentation on physical and regulatory water resource constraints. Member Smitherman also cautioned that infrastructure and technology may not be the answer to water resource constraints.

Member Ruefer commented on the focus of state water laws changing from agriculture and ranching uses to municipal and industrial uses and stated that it is not a perfect transformation.

Mr. Stockham asked if water conservation is addressed in the Regional Plan or the Water Management Plan. Member Smitherman responded that the Water Management Plan does address conservation. Member Smitherman explained that the allowed uses for water that is conserved is limited.

Member Hester asked about the status of the negotiated settlement that called for the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA). Member Hester also asked that the regulatory side of water resource constraints be addressed. Member Smitherman responded that there is a draft operating agreement going through the EIS process right now. Don Mahan stated that the TROA has been in development since 1990. EIS has been out as a draft and will be finalized this Fall.

There was some discussion regarding water requirements, lake levels, statistics, regulations, water rights, and water storage.

Member Ziegler asked about the requirement for local governments to purchase water rights. Mr. Mahan responded that the TROA had a requirement that the local governments acquire 6,700 acre feet for additional water quality purposes.

Member Ziegler clarified that it is a commitment that has not been fulfilled to date. Mr. Mahan responded no.

Member Erwin referred to the earlier comment regarding the issuance of saved water and stated that there is a two path project, one is the TROA path project and one is the non-TROA path project. Member Erwin reviewed the issues with each path.

Tina Nappe, Lahonton Valley Wetlands Coordinator, expressed concern regarding water for wildlife. Ms. Nappe requested inclusion of wildlife resources that rely on springs, surface water rights, and the Truckee River as an integral part of the plan. If the urban areas do not adopt preservation of wildlife, it is not going to exist anymore.

In the next 25 years we will probably be increasingly using non-Truckee River water; any thoughts on whether you agree with that assessment and what can be done at this level?

Mr. Stockham asked Member Smitherman to comment on the increasing use of non-Truckee River water in the future and what can be done at this level. Member Smitherman stated that there are already projects in the permitting phases that will bring water into Lemmon Valley from groundwater basins further north. Member Smitherman stated that it would be prudent to have a very close look at those groundwater basins that have not already been tapped for projects and get as real a number as possible on what the yield would be.

Member Powell expressed concern regarding the assumptions being made on things that are unknown at this point and stated that nobody has proposed any land uses. There was a brief discussion regarding future land uses and available water.

*[Ms. Schafer called a recess at 9:45 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 10:00 a.m.]*

Member Sikorski gave a presentation on air quality including institutional framework, key issues, and natural resource constraints.

Member Freund asked if anything has evolved in the last five years regarding going to particulate matter (PM) 2.5. Member Sikorski responded that PM 2.5 is now a criteria pollutant.

Member Erwin asked how much capacity is in the system before you get to where the air quality is not good. Member Sikorski responded that they are working with other agencies to determine the expected population growth. The actual building capacity is hard to say at this point.

Member Erwin asked if there is technology or regulations that could free up capacity. Member Sikorski named several factors that affect capacity.

Member Ziegler asked if the emission inventory represents the available capacity. Member Sikorski responded that it is more the monitoring air quality than emission inventory.

Member Hester asked if there are incentives for air quality. Member Sikorski responded that there would be incentives if there were sources coming in. Member Sikorski explained offsets and stated that he does not foresee that happening here due to the good air quality in this area.

Member Nebesky asked if the boundary has to be modified due to the growth exceeding the hydrographic basin. Member Sikorski responded that the boundary includes all of Washoe County, not just the hydrographic basin. Member Sikorski explained that the boundaries are being expanded and explained the process to modify the boundaries.

Bill Whitney, Washoe County Department of Community Development, asked if there are regulations on the books now that, if you had more resources to enforce them better, would improve air quality in non-attainment areas. Member Sikorski responded that technically we are on the books as non-attainment but the standard has not been violated for a number of years. There is new legislation which will lower the standard so there is a good chance that the majority of the County is going to go into non-attainment.

Mr. Whitney gave an overview of the Regional Open Space and Greenway Plan. Mr. Whitney gave a brief history of Federal lands and how they pertain to open space. Mr. Whitney reviewed issues related to open space.

Member Freund asked for an update on the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) process. Mr. Whitney stated that they have worked closely with BLM and the forest service to take advantage of the small amount of public money available from the SNPLMA to acquire more open space.

Member Hester asked about the status of the process for doing either multi-county or single-county public land acts. Mr. Whitney responded that they are trying to refocus efforts into updating the Regional Open Space Plan and the Natural Resources Plan so that they will have more information and data to help decision-makers make better decisions about public lands.

Linda Nelson, Washoe County Natural Resource Planner, gave a presentation on natural resources and issues being addressed.

*[Member Hester left at 11:40 a.m.]*

Member Powell stated that the map has not gone through a public process and it needs to. Ms. Nelson explained that the map was for internal planning.

- B. Review of priority list of issues for the 2007 Regional Plan update, including possible identification of additional issues or qualifiers.

This item was not addressed.

## **6. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Schafer stated that the discussion will move towards natural resources at the next meeting.

## **7. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MEMBER FREUND MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:45 A.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER BOSTER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWELVE (12) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham

Reviewed by:

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Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director  
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

**FILED ON \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.**