



South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held April 10, 2014 at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada

1. ***CALL TO ORDER/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** - The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Tom Judy, Acting Chair.
MEMBERS PRESENT – Thomas Daly, At-Large, Tom Judy, Acting Chair., Patricia Phillips, At-Large, Kimberly Rossiter At-Large Alternate, Jim Rummings, At-Large, Eric Scheetz, At-Large, Brad Stanley, At-Large, Patrick Ty Whitaker, At-Large Alternate sat in for Kathie Roberts.
MEMBERS ABSENT – Steven Miles, At-Large Alternate, Kathie Roberts, At-Large, excused, Dennis Wilson, At-Large, unexcused.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Eric Scheetz led the Salute to the Flag.
3. ***PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Ginger Pierce reported on her recent walkabout notifying neighbors about the request by Verizon Wireless for installation of a cell tower that was presented to the STM/WVCAB in March. Ms. Pierce stated that this application could be brought back to the CAB for further review and recommendations in June.
 - Tom Judy asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2014.** – **MOTION:** Brad Stanley moved to approve the April 10, 2014 agenda as posted. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2014.** – **MOTION:** Thomas Daly moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting as submitted. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Tom Judy introduced this item with an explanation of why there is a need for the election of officers and discussed possible actions that the CAB could take. Following a brief discussion, the CAB took action as follows. **MOTION:** Brad Stanley moved to postpone election of officers to the May STMWVCAB meeting. Patricia Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. ***COMMISSIONER UPDATE**
 - A. **Washoe County Commissioner Update** – Commissioner David Humke was not available to present a report on items related to the Board of County Commissioners. Contact Commissioner Humke at (775) 328-2005 or dhumke@washoecounty.us (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)
8. **PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY REPORTS/UPDATES**
 - A. *** Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO)** – Lieutenant Stacy Hill, Washoe County Sheriff's Office presented information on recent law enforcement issues and calls for service in the South Valleys planning area. Lt. Hill stated that the South Truckee Meadows is still one of the safest areas in terms of crime trends. Lt. Hill reported that in the past four weeks, there have been five residential burglaries. Lt. Hill urged citizens to lock their homes and vehicles and keep valuables out of sight. Lt. Hill also urged citizens to use their alarm systems. Lt. Hill discussed concerns regarding shooting of firearms in congested areas and asked everyone to report suspicious or illegal activity to the Sheriff's Department. Following his presentation, Lt. Hill was available to address public safety questions and concerns. For more information call (775) 328-3001 or via the webpage at www.washoesherriff.com (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)
Comments and Concerns
 - In response to questions raised, Lt. Hill stated that there has not been a significant pattern to time of day and locations of recent burglaries and suggested that many incidents of opportunity.
 - Questions were raised regarding the status of a recent shutting down of an area where shooting of firearms is allowed. Lt. Hill stated that he would bring updates back to the CAB.
9. **COMMUNITY ISSUES**
 - A. *** REMSA Community Health Programs Update** - Melissa Krall, REMSA Coordinator for public outreach presented information on the REMSA Community Health Program. Ms. Krall provided brochures regarding the REMSA Nurse Health Line. Ms. Krall discussed the three year 9.5 million dollar grant that has been awarded to REMSA. REMSA has implemented three programs including Ambulance Transport Alternatives, Community Healthcare Medics and the Nurse Health Line. Paul (last name not stated) was available to assist in the presentation. Following her presentation, Ms. Krall will address questions from the CAB and the audience. Contact Ms. Krall at Mkrall@remsa-cf.com 775-858-5700 ext. 6227 or 775-858-5731. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.)

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Krall reviewed the areas that are within the REMSA service area. Ms. Krall stated that REMSA serves all of Washoe County but is not the primary ambulance provider for Lake Tahoe and Gerlach. Ms. Krall stated that residents in Washoe Valley need to call 9-1-1 to request emergency medical aide. REMSA must have supervisor approval in order to transport citizens to the closest medical facility outside of Washoe County which would include transport from Washoe Valley to Carson City. REMSA would transport persons with emergency medical needs to the nearest facility that can treat the condition.
- In response to concerns raised, Ms. Krall stated that emergency medical treatment starts as soon as REMSA reaches someone in need of emergency medical care.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Krall stated that the Fire Department within Washoe County does not have transport capability. Ms. Krall stated that she does not access to differences in transport costs.
- Ms. Krall stated that REMSA is designed to be a dual response system with the Fire Department in emergency medical calls for service. The agencies work in conjunction with Fire Departments to provide onsite and during transport emergency medical care.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Krall stated that there are three primary dispatch centers. Ms. Krall went on to explain the protocols for each dispatch center.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Krall discussed the policies and practices of the REMSA Corporations and stated that REMSA is a non-profit 501(c) 3 designation. Surplus of funds would be used for operations and maintenance.

B.* Washoe County/ TMWA/STMGID Merger – Dwayne Smith, Director, Engineering and Capital Projects and Dave Solaro, Director of Washoe County Community Services Department provided information on the TMWA (Truckee Meadows Water Authority) STMGID (South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District) Washoe County merger. Mr. Solaro opened the agenda item and introduced Mr. Smith and asked that representatives for TMWA and STMGID introduce themselves. Mark Foree, General Manager, mforee@tmwa.com and 775-834-8002, Jeff Tissier, Chief Financial Office jtissier@tmwa.com and 775-834-8048 and Steve Cohen, STMGID. Mr. Following the presentation, Mr. Smith and Mr. Solaro were available to address questions and concerns from the audience and members of the CAB. Contact Mr. Smith at 775-954-4652 or dsmith@washoecounty.us and Mr. Solaro at 775-328-3624 or dsolaro@washoecounty.us. (This item was for information only and no action was taken by the CAB.) Comments submitted in writing during the CAB meeting will be held at Washoe County and available for public review.

Comments and Concerns

- In response to questions raised, Mr. Solaro stated that the Board of County Commissioners and the TMWA boards have unanimously directed that the merger move forward with developing the agreement by the end of 2014.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Solaro could not confirm what impact the merger would have on customer's rates but stated that Washoe County and TMWA water rates are very similar.
- Questions were raised regarding what benefits customers in Old Washoe Estates would see as a result of the merger. Mark Foree, TMWA stated that no customer rates would go up as a result of the merger.
- Concerns were raised regarding surcharges that would be charged to customers. Cities and Counties can charge a right of way charge and a right-of-way toll. This cost would have to be adopted by the Washoe County Commissioners.
- Concerns were raised regarding public opinion pertaining to TMWA including their customer service.
- Concerns were raised whether once the merger is adopted, will water be sent out of the local area and diminishing the amount and quality of water.
- Mr. Solaro stated that the use of water to the best benefits, that they want to help minimize costs to move water.
- Mr. Foree stated that one of the benefits of the merger is to transfer more surface water into the local area. This would limit the use of groundwater and private wells.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Foree stated that the local water quality would not be diminished.
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Solaro stated that Washoe County is expanding the pool of water available to customers. The merger is intended to provide good water to all customers.
- Mr. Smith stated that they are here this evening to discuss what will take place during the planning and implementation of the merger process. They plan to have citizens input during the planning process. Customer costs will eventually go up but not as a result of the merger.
- Robert McAllister Old Washoe Estates discussed an agreement for water management that was made in perpetuity. Some of the water quality tests are below minimum water quality. Mr. McAllister stated concern that Old Washoe Estates customers will have to pay increased costs for arsenic abatement as a result of the merger. (Mr. McAllister submitted written questions for the record).
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Smith stated that there is no pipeline between this system and Old Washoe. Mr. Smith stated that arsenic concentrations can change and water purveyors have an obligation to

provide water that meets federal requirements. The utilities have a responsibility provide quality water to their customers.

- Concerns were raised that water in Old Washoe Estates could be drawn north into the South Truckee Meadows area and that the Sphere of Influence could bring sewer and water to Washoe Valley.
- Concerns were raised as to what will happen with the agreement with Old Washoe Estates customers and Washoe County.
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Smith stated that anyone on domestic wells would need to have their well and location evaluated prior to any determination whether the well owner would be required to connect to a municipal water system. Washoe County Department of Water Resources working with domestic well owners agreed on the Domestic Well Mitigation program. That agreement that states that domestic well owners within that boundary, that are negatively impacted are guaranteed connection or well deepening will be transferred to TMWA for implementation.
- Concerns were raised that property owners do not have the choice whether to deepen their domestic well or required to connect to the municipal water provider.
- Mr. Smith stated that the agreement is available on the Washoe County website, Mt. Rose/Galena Fan Domestic Well Mitigation Program.
- Mr. Foree stated that TMWA has water storage upstream in their system and plan for a nine year drought.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Smith stated that Washoe County is not going to have a water resources department once the merger is adopted.
- In response to questions raised, Jeff Tissier, TMWA stated that Washoe County came to TMWA with the request to consider the merger. Mr. Tissier also stated that STMGID approached TMWA regarding consolidation. Consolidation and merger have been studied for over five years to determine whether a merger would be cost effective.
- Questions were raised whether TMWA would honor the agreement with domestic well owners and would water be taken out of the production wells in the Callahan Ranch area? Mr. Foree stated that in general terms that TMWA has a plan to bring more surface water into the south service area. Kathy Bowling asked TMWA to commit to not taking anything extra that what water is set aside for future building. Mr. Foree stated that in terms of the well mitigation program, TMWA understands the commitment and TMWA would treat the agreements the same way that Washoe County would. Studies will have to be conducted to determine accurate numbers.
- Tom Judy announced to the audience that anyone that will not have the opportunity to speak to write their comments and submit them for the record.
- Concerns were raised regarding whether TMWA will continue with their past pro-development policies. Mr. Foree stated that development has been driven by local jurisdictions and not by water purveyors.
- In response to questions regarding a moratorium on well deepening, Mr. Foree stated that TMWA is aware of the well mitigation agreement and will carry out the terms of the agreement the same way that Washoe County would.
- In response to concerns raised, Mr. Smith asked that citizens contact him to discuss specific questions and concerns.
- Gary Schmidt introduced himself and announced his candidacy for State Senate. Mr. Schmidt stated that there should have been enough agendas and copies of other documents available in compliance to Open Meeting Law.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Smith stated that there are terms in the merger agreement that TMWA will have to adhere to in order to provide protection for property owners within the boundaries of the well mitigation program.
- Questions were raised regarding plans to expand the Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA) into Washoe Valley in order to serve customers. Mr. Foree stated that he would have to review the terms of the TMSA and stated that TMWA has no intention of entering Washoe Valley.
- In response to concerns raised about increased rates, Mr. Tissier stated that they only raise rates when conditions are met and justified. Any increase in rates would have to be approved by the TMWA board. The Joint Powers Authority Agreement prohibits TMWA from involved in sewer operations.
- Patricia Phillips disclosed that she was the head of the Lieutenant Governors office in Carson City and was involved in much of the legislation. Ms. Phillips stated that she actively opposed a bill to take over domestic wells by eminent domain. Ms. Phillips asked how state law effects mandatory water connection. Ms. Phillips stated concern that citizens do not have trust that agreements will be honored. Mr. Smith stated that domestic well agreements will not be changed.
- Mr. Foree stated that when a domestic well fails, TMWA is asked to contact the State Water Engineer for approval of deepening a domestic well or connection to a municipal well. Mr. Smith stated that the determination is from the State Engineer.

- Ms. Philips asked if there are any controls in the merger language to limit development. Mr. Smith stated that the water purveyor responds to development requests from local governments and is not involved in putting limits on development.
- Mr. Tissier stated that TMWA has a policy that growth pays for growth.
- Eric Scheetz thanked the presenters and the citizens for attending this meeting. Mr. Scheetz stated that the existing agreements need to be honored. Mr. Tissier stated that TMWA will honor the terms of existing agreements.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Smith stated that domestic well owners that are not within the Galena Well Mitigation Agreement boundary, there are protections in the NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) for domestic well owners.
- Mr. Smith stated that the domestic well agreement is specific to that area and does not apply outside that area.
- Mr. Foree stated that TMWA has a standing advisory committee that reviews rates and other payer questions and concern.
- In response to questions raised, Mr. Solaro stated that there is an action plan that includes discussions on how to hear public comments. The communications teams will determine the best way to get information out to the public and how to hear public opinions. The Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to draft an action plan. There have been over thirty publicly noticed meetings for citizens to be involved in the planning process.
- Tom Judy asked that if there are plans to bring this issue out to other Citizen Advisory Boards and other public meetings for opportunities for public comment. Mr. Judy asked that citizens who didn't have the opportunity to speak to submit their written comments for inclusion in the written minutes and to contact representatives of Washoe County and TMWA with their comments and concerns. Mr. Judy thanked everyone for participating as the merger moves forward.
- Colin Leticie submitted his question in writing for the record.

Tom Judy called a recess at 8:08 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m.

9.* CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Tom Judy announced that the Sheriff's Office be left on each agenda and that the TMFPD (Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District) will only be included on an agenda when there is an item to hear.
- Thomas Daly asked that the Sheriff's Department and TMFPD be on the agendas every other month unless there is something extraordinary to be presented.
- Patricia Phillips suggested that the Sheriff's Office and TMFRP provide information by e-mail
- Brad Stanley asked if the agenda items could take public comments and questions whether a representative is available or not.
- Ty Whitaker asked if Commissioner Humke's item be scheduled only when he has something to report in order for consistency with the other agenda items.
- Tom Judy asked if a written report from Eric Crump be read into the record regarding the status of the New Washoe City Park stated that enforcement of dogs on leashes be scheduled on the next agenda.
- Thomas Daly asked that a representative from the Washoe County Assessor and TMFPD be scheduled on the next agenda to discuss the financial and service implications and impacts on Truckee Meadows citizen' budget for the potential annexation of County portions of Caughlin Ranch by the City of Reno. Mr. Daly asked that this be an action item.
- Brad Stanley asked to schedule the Nevada Department of Agriculture to address the wild horse program on the next agenda. Mr. Stanley stated that the representatives of the State Agriculture Office and Bureau of Land Management has agreed to attend a CAB meeting. Patricia Phillips stated that she could help with this agenda tem since she was formally on the Wild Horse Commission. Tom Judy asked that a written statement regarding the status of this issue and follow up with attending a CAB meeting.
- Tom Judy asked that the Washoe County, STMGID and TMWA merger update be scheduled when more information is available.
- Eric Scheetz asked that presenters be held to the ten minute limit that can be extended by the CAB Chair.
- Tom Judy asked that each CAB member include their e-mail address on the roster.

Next Agenda Items – Election of Officers for the remainder of the current term and extending through the 2015 term, Verizon Wireless June possible, Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Wild Horse Program, DWR/TMWA/STMGID merger, Written update on New Washoe City Park from Eric Crump, Huffaker roadway and Brown School egress and ingress, NDOT to address high wind events and routing traffic onto 395 and Construction on Geiger Grade at Pinion Drive, recommendation for Fire and Sheriff agenda items, lease law enforcement at Hidden Valley Park and the CERT program.

10.*PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ginger Pierce stated that the Verizon Wireless application was denied by the Board of Adjustment was pulled from the agenda and asked that the application be scheduled on the STM/WVCAB June agenda.
- Gary Schmidt complimented the CAB Chair on how the meeting was handled. Mr. Schmidt asked that the CAB comply with the law to provide a house copy of the agenda at each meeting.
- Dave Solaro asked that the Chair discuss outstanding items in continuing items prior to scheduling on a CAB agenda.
- Eric Scheetz stated his appreciation for the volunteers who serve the CAB and community.
- Brad Stanly thanked the library staff for making copies for this meeting.
- Tom Judy asked for further public comment and hearing none, closed this agenda item.

11.*ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: Thomas Daly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Brad Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Administrative Recorder Services

Those in Attendance:- Eight CAB members, One Sheriff's Office Representative, One hundred and one members of the audience, Six presenters/Staff and Two Administrative Recorder personnel.