



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW AND
OVERSIGHT OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING
AGENCY AND THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM**

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SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The first meeting of the Nevada Legislature’s Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 9 a.m. in Room 3137, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The “Summary Minutes and Action Report,” “Meeting Notice and Agenda,” meeting materials, and video or audio recording of the meeting are available on the Committee’s meeting page at [Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System](#). In addition, copies of the audio or video record are available through the Legislative Counsel Bureau’s Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835) and may also be available on <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Granicus/>.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle, Chair
Senator Julia Ratti, Vice Chair
Senator James A. Settlemeyer
Assemblyman Al Kramer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Senator David R. Parks
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Jered M. McDonald, Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division
Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Jessica Dummer, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Lisa Gardner, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

Items taken out of sequence during the meeting have been placed in agenda order.

AGENDA ITEM I—CALL TO ORDER

Jered M. McDonald, previously identified, called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM II—PUBLIC COMMENT

Jered M. McDonald, previously identified, called for public comment.

Ron Skibinski, Deputy Sheriff, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, remarked that Articles I (“Purpose and Policy”) and III (“Concurrent Jurisdiction”) of the California-Nevada Compact for Jurisdiction on Interstate Waters (Compact on Interstate Waters), codified in NRS 171.077, should be revised to reflect current technology being utilized by law enforcement. He explained updates are needed to provide the best law enforcement services to the boating public on Lake Tahoe and Lake Topaz. Deputy Skibinski suggested that the Committee review the issue at a future meeting.

Greg Almos, Deputy Sheriff, El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office, California, remarked that the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Department works closely with the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and is in support of revising the Compact on Interstate Waters.

Senator Settlemeyer suggested the topic be included as an agenda item at a potential bistrate Committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM III—ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Jered M. McDonald, previously identified, explained the provisions governing the election of a chair and vice chair for the Committee.

MOTION: Senator Parks moved to nominate Assemblyman Sprinkle to serve as chair of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Settlemeyer and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Chair Sprinkle moved to nominate Senator Ratti to serve as vice chair of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Parks and passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM IV—OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Sprinkle commented on his background and the direction he intends to take with the Committee.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM V—OVERVIEW OF STATUTORY DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE AND A SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE 2015–2016 INTERIM

Jered M. McDonald, previously identified, provided background information on the Committee and noted all five of the Committee’s measures from the 2015–2016 Interim were enacted during the 2017 Session ([Agenda Item V](#)). He referenced a contact list and demonstrated how to access this and other documents on the [Committee’s web page](#).

Chair Sprinkle noted the outstanding debt of the Nevada Fire Safe Council (NFSC) and other fire-related issues have been of interest to the Committee in the past and will likely be discussed again this interim.

AGENDA ITEM VI—UPDATE ON NEVADA-CALIFORNIA BISTATE COLLABORATION RELATED TO THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN

Bradley Crowell, Director, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), gave an overview of bistate collaborative efforts between DCNR and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). He commented on:

- The Bi-State Executive Committee;
- [Senate Bill 271](#) (Chapter 530, *Statutes of Nevada 2011*); and
- The Bi-State Transportation Consultation Group and its four working groups addressing: (1) corridor planning; (2) public-private partnerships and technology; (3) interregional connections; and (4) fiscal matters.

Mr. Crowell stated the fiscal working group is identifying funding needs and potential funding sources for transportation projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. He explained the group will provide recommendations to him and John Laird, Secretary, CNRA, at a meeting anticipated to occur in February 2018. Mr. Crowell suggested additional information concerning this topic be provided to the Committee subsequent to that meeting. He mentioned DCNR may submit a related recommendation to the Committee for its consideration.

Mr. Crowell discussed the divisions and programs at DCNR that pertain to the Lake Tahoe Basin ([Agenda Item VI](#)).

James R. Lawrence, Deputy Director, DCNR, and Chair, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Governing Board, provided updates on:

- The Shoreline Initiative;
- Area plans and redevelopment projects;

- The Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load Program;
- The commodities system—transference of development rights; and
- The Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (Lake Tahoe EIP).

Mr. Lawrence noted ongoing funding challenges exist with various projects and expressed an interest in working with the Committee to explore solutions.

Chair Sprinkle conveyed that he welcomes input concerning this matter.

AGENDA ITEM VII—OVERVIEW OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, PROGRAMS, AND BUDGET

Joanne S. Marchetta, Executive Director, TRPA, provided an overview of the TRPA ([Agenda Item VII](#)). She mentioned Nevada contributed 31.7 percent of the total state funding allocations in the 2017–2018 TRPA budget, which is close to its one-third funding obligation as set forth in the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

There was discussion concerning the measurement of threshold standards and the next threshold standard update. Chair Sprinkle requested a future update on the threshold review process.

Discussion ensued between Chair Sprinkle, Ms. Marchetta, and Julie Regan, Chief, External Affairs, and Deputy Director, TRPA, concerning the study of herbicides and ultraviolet light to control Eurasian watermilfoil at the Tahoe Keys.

AGENDA ITEM VIII—OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE RELATED NEVADA PROGRAM

Charles Donohue, Administrator, Division of State Lands, and State Land Registrar, DCNR, and Elizabeth Kingsland, Tahoe Coordinator, Division of State Lands, DCNR, gave a joint presentation on Nevada’s projects and general obligation bonds related to the Lake Tahoe EIP ([Agenda Item VIII](#)).

Mr. Donohue pointed out there is a remaining \$4 million in bonding authority for the Lake Tahoe EIP. He explained that while the Division has the capacity to issue between \$4 million and \$4.5 million in grants to local and State agencies each fiscal year, additional funding is needed to ensure an efficient and strategic project delivery system. Mr. Donohue said the Division may submit a recommendation for a Committee bill draft request to obtain additional bonding authority for the Lake Tahoe EIP.

AGENDA ITEM IX—OVERVIEW OF THE TAHOE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Carl Hasty, District Manager, Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), provided an overview of the TTD ([Agenda Item IX](#)). He pointed out Article IX (“Transportation District”) of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact can be amended by California and Nevada; it is the only article of the Compact that can be revised without congressional approval.

There was discussion concerning the Corridor Connection Plan and the TTD’s authority as set forth in Article IX of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

AGENDA ITEM X—UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM

Thomas P. Federici, P.E., Deputy Administrator, Buildings and Grounds Section, State Public Works Division, Department of Administration (DOA), and Jerry Walker, Water Systems Manager, Marlette/Hobart Water Systems, State Public Works Division, DOA, gave a joint presentation on improvements to the Marlette Lake Water System (MLWS) ([Agenda Item X](#)).

Chair Sprinkle mentioned the MLWS will be addressed again at a future Committee meeting.

There was discussion concerning the replacement of wood piping and continued operation of a siphon installed during the Comstock era.

Senator Settlemeyer inquired about the status of easements along the Marlette Flume and the potential for establishing a bike trail. Charles Donohue, previously identified, said he needs to conduct research on this matter as there are issues with easements on the pipeline.

AGENDA ITEM XI—PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sprinkle called for public comment under Agenda Item XI.

Steve Teshara, Principal, Sustainable Community Advocates, and Chief Executive Officer, Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce, discussed the importance of citizen input with programs and activities at Lake Tahoe, and he offered to provide Committee staff with information on behalf of various organizations.

Chair Sprinkle commented on his vision for the interim, noting that he intends to address issues relating to the MLWS, transportation, and the nearshore. He solicited input from Committee members concerning other topics to cover.

There was discussion between Chair Sprinkle and Senator Settlemeyer regarding a possible bistate meeting, the Compact on Interstate Waters, and the NFSC.

AGENDA ITEM XII—ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gardner
Senior Research Secretary

Jered M. McDonald
Principal Policy Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle, Chair

Date: _____

MEETING MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM	WITNESS/ENTITY	DESCRIPTION
Agenda Item V	Jered M. McDonald, Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Committee Brief
Agenda Item VI	Bradley Crowell, Director, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)	Slide of DCNR divisions and programs
Agenda Item VII	Joanne S. Marchetta, Executive Director, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Presentation
Agenda Item VIII	Charles Donohue, Administrator, Division of State Lands, and State Land Registrar, DCNR, and Elizabeth Kingsland, Tahoe Coordinator, Division of State Lands, DCNR	Presentation
Agenda Item IX	Carl Hasty, District Manager, Tahoe Transportation District	Presentation
Agenda Item X	Thomas P. Federici, P.E., Deputy Administrator, Buildings and Grounds Section, State Public Works Division, Department of Administration (DOA), and Jerry Walker, Water Systems Manager, Marlette/Hobart Water Systems, State Public Works Division, DOA	Presentation

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