

STAFF REPORT

TO: Regional Planning Governing Board

FROM: Jeremy M. Smith, Director | Damien Kerwin, GIS/Planning Analyst

SUBJECT: **Presentation and discussion regarding 2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows, and possible direction to staff. (AGENDA ITEM 7.A)**

This staff report provides background on the 2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan and web map tool for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows. NDEP and RCI will be presenting information on the key components of the plan and web map tool, including the source water protection areas, project profiles, and watershed descriptions. The Regional Planning Commission will hear this item on their December 7, 2020 meeting and will relay any comments to the RPGB.

BACKGROUND

TMRPA staff has been coordinating with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI), and other local agencies to complete the 2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows. During the Regional Planning Governing Board meeting on December 14, 2017 TMRPA staff were approved, but not limited to contracting for provision of GIS services regarding Source Water Protection and Watershed Management (SWPWM) in Washoe County.

Plan implementation will support cooperative stewardship to preserve and improve the quality of both surface water and ground water for communities in the Truckee Meadows and throughout Washoe County. The plan is part of a voluntary effort jointly supported by the NDEP Bureau of Water Quality Planning 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program and NDEP Integrated Source Water Protection Program.

Presenters Kim Rigdon and Birgit Widegren from NDEP and Lynn Zonge and Jill Sutherland from RCI will discuss the key components of the plan, including the source water protection areas, project profiles, and watershed descriptions. The plan and online web map tool are available via this web URL, WashoeCountyCleanWater.com, hosted by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency. TMRPA staff, Jeremy Smith and Damien Kerwin, are primarily responsible for the look and function of this useful map tool.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the RPGB accept the 2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows and that TMRPA continue to coordinate and maintain the [online Web Map](#).

Proposed motion:

I move to accept the 2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows and that TMRPA continue to coordinate and maintain the [online Web Map](#).

Please contact Jeremy Smith at jsmith@tmrpa.org or 775-225-0285 or Damien Kerwin at dkerwin@tmrpa.org or 775-321-8391 if you have any questions or comments on this agenda item.