

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MARCH 27, 2018

PRESENT:

**Marsha Berkbigler, Chair**  
**Kitty Jung, Vice Chair**  
**Bob Lucey, Commissioner**  
**Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**  
**John Slaughter, County Manager**  
**Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney**

ABSENT:

**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

**18-0217      AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.**

Mr. Roger Hillygus said he sent emails to the Commissioners regarding an issue he had with a public records request submitted to the Sheriff's Office. He stated correspondence from the Sheriff's Office stated they received his request. He indicated that was a month ago and pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 239, he should have received more communication than he had. He asked the Board to assist him to obtain the requested documents. He was also concerned about abuse occurring with guardianship cases in Family Court, specifically in Department 12 with Judge Frances Doherty. He provided information to the Commissioners in hopes of receiving their help with these issues. The documents were placed on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Peter Todoroff stated he was the Chair of the Incline Village Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB). He expressed his concern regarding a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for Incline Village and noted processes were not working properly. He stated the old library was being utilized as an office with one person representing the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) but there was no phone or internet connection to conduct business through. He expressed that business could not be conducted in this manner. He said there was no County representation at the last CAB meeting and since Incline Village brought a significant amount of money to the County and he thought it was troublesome for the community and reflected badly on the Board. He hoped there would be County representation at future CAB meetings.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be adopted, approved, accepted and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0235**      **AGENDA ITEM 26** Public Hearing to approve a resolution sponsoring an amendment to the 2012 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, pursuant to NRS 278.0272(7), to update the Existing Utility Corridors (South) map to include: (1) A 200 MW solar energy center (containing a  $\pm$ 1,200-acre solar field, switchyard, 200 MW energy storage system, and new substation) northwest of Wadsworth; and (2) A short 345 kV to an existing 345 kV transmission line as part of a Project of Regional Significance known as the Dodge Flat Solar facility provisionally approved by Washoe County as part of Special Use Permit WSUP17-0021 and Administrative Permit WADMIN17-0010; and if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the resolution sponsoring the proposed amendment. The overall project site is located at 2505 State Route 447, west of its intersection with Olinghouse Road. The parcels (APNs: 079-150-29, 079-150-11, 079-180-16, and 079-180-14) total  $\pm$ 1,616-acres in size and are within the boundaries of the Truckee Canyon Area Plan. The Master Plan category is Rural, and the regulatory zone is General Rural. The property owners are New Nevada Lands, LLC and NV Land & Resource Holdings, Inc., and the applicant is Dodge Flat Solar, LLC. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

Commissioner Hartung said this Agenda Item pertained to District 4 and a request for direction. He indicated the Board and Governor Brian Sandoval had pressed for more renewable resources.

Senior Planner Kelly Mullin conducted a PowerPoint presentation with slides entitled: Dodge Flat Solar; Vicinity Map; Overview of Request; Possible Motion; Additional Details; map slides (4); Example Solar Panels; Site Photo (2); Existing Conditions; Project Benefits; and Possible Motion. She reviewed the presentation.

Commissioner Hartung asked whether measures would be taken to protect the solar energy center from wildland fire risk.

Former Assistant County Manager John Berkich indicated a significant amount of time had been spent working to protect the center. He said there were setbacks and there would be programs to manage the vegetation to minimize the fire danger.

Commissioner Hartung thought the center would be a great firebreak and would provide a large amount of renewable energy.

Mr. Berkich said the project was significant because the solar center contained 200 megawatts of energy storage, which made the project the largest of its kind in the United States.

Commissioner Jung stated this project needed to be national and international news.

Commissioner Lucey understood 1,200 of the 1,600 acres would be used as a solar field. He wondered what the rest of the acreage would be used for.

Mr. Berkich explained there would be various buildings to support the infrastructure of the solar field such as for battery storage and facility maintenance supplies.

Commissioner Lucey agreed with Commissioner Jung's comment and said the County strived to benefit and adapt to the natural resources that were available. He stated in northern Nevada the wind and the sun were natural resources and solar was the number one resource to create renewable energy. He wanted to see more solar projects in Nevada. He indicated he was supportive of this project.

Mr. Berkich said this was time to meet the demands of the technical companies moving into the region. He stated each company had a corporate strategy to possess alternative energy.

Commissioner Lucey stated Mr. Berkich was right, he said the region was continuously changing and this was another reason why the County was pursuing a lands bill. They were actively looking at land that could accommodate projects such as this to assist with satisfying the needs of a growing community.

Chair Berkgigler opened the public hearing and stated she failed to do so at the beginning of the agenda item.

Commissioner Jung said companies that were recruited to operate in this area indicated their stockholders demanded they create a smaller ecological footprint. She stated having more renewable resources available would encourage more people to live in the area.

Mr. Berkich said he appreciated the comments and support from the Commissioners. He said NextEra Energy was the largest clean energy producer in the United States and a great company to have in the region because they developed, built, operated and owned their projects. He thanked staff for their support.

Commissioner Hartung indicated when this project was presented to the Wadsworth Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) it received nothing but positive support.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 26 be approved and authorized. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0236**      **AGENDA ITEM 25** Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance, pursuant to NRS 278.0205 and WCC 110.814.40, to approve the cancellation of a series of development agreements associated with various ordinances that extended the deadlines for filing final maps in connection with tentative subdivision map case number TM05-016 (Harris Ranch Subdivision). The agreements are no longer needed and are proposed for cancellation by the developers of the applicable property because the tentative map or maps to which they correspond have since been superseded by a new tentative map or maps. Those agreements and associated ordinances include: 1) that certain Agreement recorded on August 16, 2007 as Document No. 3566290; 2) that certain Amended And Restated Agreement recorded on September 28, 2010 as Document No. 3926841; 3) that certain Ordinance Approving Second Amended and Restated Agreement (Harris Ranch) recorded on November 14, 2013 as Document No. 4298929; 4) that certain Ordinance No. 1424 recorded on September 15, 2010 as Document No. 3922552; and 5) that certain Ordinance No. 1335 recorded on September 22, 2010 as Document No. 3924761. The applicant is Spanish Springs Associates. The subject site is located east of Pyramid Highway (SR445), approximately 1200 feet southeast of the intersection of Alamosa Drive and Pyramid Highway (SR445). The project area is ±554.83 acres in size, and has a regulatory zone of Low Density Suburban (LDS). The site is located within the Spanish Springs Area Plan and is situated in portions of Sections 22, 23, 26 & 27, T 21N, R 20E, MDM, Washoe County, NV. (APNs: 534-600-01, 534-600-02 and 076-290-44). Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1613, Bill No. 1799.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, Chair Berkgigler ordered that Ordinance No. 1613, Bill No. 1799, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.