

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 18, 2015, 6:30 P.M.  
Minutes

Directors present:

Brad Bonkowski  
Ray Fierro, Treasurer  
Don Frensdorff  
Don Jardine  
Doug Johnson  
Greg Lynn, Chairman  
Austin Osborne, Storey County representative  
Barry Penzel  
Ernie Schank  
Fred Stodieck

Directors not present:

Karen Abowd, Vice Chairman  
Carl Erquiaga  
Mary Rawson  
Chuck Roberts

Staff present:

George Benesch, Legal Counsel  
Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager  
Edwin James, General Manager  
Toni Leffler, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board

Also present:

Beth Farley, Kohn & Company

Chairman Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the conference room of the Nevada Association of Counties office, 304 S. Minnesota St., Carson City, NV. The CWSD/Alpine County Joint Powers Board was convened. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Director Frensdorff.

Item #5 - Approval of Agenda. Mr. James requested that Item #8 be pulled off the agenda for discussion. *Director Schank made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Bonkowski and unanimously approved by the Board.*

Item #6 - Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2015. *Director Bonkowski made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 21, 2015. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board, with Director Lynn abstaining for not having been at that meeting.*

Item #7 - Public Comment. None

## CONSENT AGENDA

Item #8 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for October 2015. - Mr. James explained that the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the Acquisition/Construction Fund that was included in the Board package was for the wrong time period and provided the Board with the corrected report.

Item #9 - Payment of Bills for October 2015.

Item #10 - Discussion for possible action regarding authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the restoration of funding for the fund established under Nevada Revised Statute 532.220, more commonly referred to as the "Clearing and Snagging Fund."

*Director Schank made the motion to approve the full consent agenda, including items #8-10, since the corrected Treasurer's Report was provided to the Board. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.*

\*\*END OF CONSENT AGENDA\*\*

Item #11 - Discussion and possible action regarding a presentation by Kohn & Co. of the FY 2014-15 audit. Beth Farley, partner of Kohn and Company, explained the separate letter which was handed out with the audit. The auditors found no significant errors. Misstatements were not material and correction was part of the audit procedure.

Ms. Farley went through the audit page by page. There were no areas that did not conform. Ms. Farley explained that there was a change in made by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) this year which had to do with the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and applies to all participants in PERS across the nation. On page 5, the Deferred Outflow of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position have to do with PERS changes. PERS liability is required to be reported on all government statements. PERS reported for the first time and had to show on everyone's audits. We have to use the numbers provided by PERS. Deferred Outflow will be deferred now and Deferred Inflow will reduce expenses in future years. Everyone who pays into PERS is in the same boat of having that liability for something that they do not have any control over. This is an actuarial number which takes into account everyone in PERS, estimating when they will die, when they retire, and how much PERS will have to pay out during that time, as well as what investment returns will be. Pages 21-23, describes the PERS plan, benefits, contributions, deferments, and how they will be recognized over the next years using actuarial assumptions. Page 24 shows the discount rate of 8% and how much our liability could change with percentage changes.

There was a question about the effect of the GASB requirements on bond ratings, to which Ms. Farley responded that there could be changes which would not impact CWSD's investments but could impact the counties. Federal awards shown on page 32 were \$566,410, prompting the single audit for awards over \$500,000. There were no compliance issues to be reported with the regular audit or the single audit. Summary of auditor's results for single audit unmodified. There were no issues and no recommendations because there were no concerns noted. Mr. James noted that single audit requirement has been increased from \$500,000 to \$750,000 in federal grants so we shouldn't need a single audit for next year.

*Director Penzel made the motion to approve the FY 2014-15 audit as presented. Director Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.*

Item #12 - Discussion for possible action regarding a presentation by Alpine Watershed Group on 2015 projects/programs in Alpine County. This item was not heard since no one from Alpine Watershed Group was present.

*No action required for this item; receive and file.*

Item #13 - Discussion for possible action regarding authorizing the General Manager to sign an agreement with-Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. to complete the restudy and remapping of the Ramsey Canyon Floodplain in Lyon County. Mr. James explained that CWSD provided the initial funding for the Ramsey Canyon study. Lyon County has been trying to get a new map revision done but FEMA wouldn't accept it because the surveying was not done. Lyon County requested that Kimley-Horn continue with the study they began. Task 8 called for additional funds for QA/QC which FEMA will do so that \$15,000 will not have to be spent. All other Task 8 costs will be applicable. FEMA MAS #6 projects will include this project in Lyon County, the Goni Drainage Study in Carson City, and the Stephanie Lane Drainage Study in Douglas County.

To be further addressed in the next item, Mr. James explained that R.O. Anderson Engineering (ROA) had contacted him about doing the aerial mapping for the Ramsey Canyon drainage in tandem with another area they were doing to save on the cost of the flyover. Director Penzel asked about the aerial mapping cost. Mr. James responded that R.O. Anderson Engineering hasn't gotten that information to us yet. The amount would be not exceed the \$27,000 allotted in the MAS #6 grant, which is less than it would have been if it wasn't being combined with another flyover. Kimley-Horn also did the work on the Ramsey Canyon area for NDOT.

*Director Fierro made the motion to authorize the General Manager to sign an agreement with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. to complete the restudy and remapping of the Ramsey Canyon Floodplain in Lyon County. The motion was seconded by Director Bonkowski and unanimously approved by the Board.*

Item #14 - Discussion for possible action regarding to ratify the General Manager's action of hiring R.O. Anderson Engineering, Inc. to conduct the aerial mapping for the Ramsey Canyon drainage. ROA was originally scheduled to do the aerial mapping last Friday but it was delayed because of inclement weather. Anticipating that the work would be done before the Board meeting, Mr. James hired ROA for the task and is requesting the Board's ratification of his action.

*Director Schank made the motion to ratify the General Manager's action of hiring R.O. Anderson Engineering, Inc. to conduct the aerial mapping for the Ramsey Canyon drainage as long as it stays within the FEMA MAS 6 budget. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.*

#### Item #15 - Staff Reports

General Manager - Mr. James reported: 1) Staff will set up an Administrative Committee meeting prior to the December Board meeting to discuss the Andy Aldax Award candidates for 2016. 2) The Regional Water System Committee will also need to meet to review Lost Lakes

dam fees, cloud seeding, and the use of the aquifer at Stagecoach for groundwater storage. 3) The December Board meeting and Christmas dinner will be at the Gold Dust West again this year. 4) On Friday, 11/20/15, the Douglas County Ag Association will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Park Ranch, and Mitch Blum will explain the flood maps. Then at 11:00 a.m., more people will come to talk about the Virginia/Rocky Diversion design project.

Brenda Hunt reported that several conservation districts contacted CWSD with their concerns about changes in the pesticide regulation. EPA is writing clearer regulations about who has to have a pesticide application licensing. The existing regulations require licensing for for-profit companies and government agencies in order to spray. This is to address the fact that some government agencies may be competing with the private industry by hire out for spraying. Ms. Hunt met with weed management folks about the impacts to conservation districts and weed management associations if there are additional licensing requirements. All staff may not be required to be licensed, only the spray supervisor. There will be monthly reporting requirements which haven't been budgeted for by most entities. Her "back of the napkin" calculation showed that additional administrative costs may reduce on-the-ground weed control by 15% of the amount of funding received from CWSD. Ms. Hunt handed out a letter CWSD wrote expressing concern about this regulation. Director Schank suggested calling the Cooperative Extension to see what the requirement is for certification. Mr. James pointed out that licensure is a different state certification program.

Legal –Mr. Benesch had nothing in particular to report.

Correspondence – As included in the Board package and handed out.

#### Item #16 - Directors' Reports

Director Osborne reported that Storey County is getting close to Master Plan completion and expanding housing moratorium for six months to give time to get this done. The county applied for USDA funds to expand the waste water line from Six-Mile Canyon to the treatment plant.

Director Schank reported on a presentation about El Nino given to the National Resources Association conference in Denver, CO which he and Rusty Jardine had attended on behalf of TCID. At this point the current El Nino is one of the highest magnitude that has been recorded in the last 85 years. Instead of looking at El Ninos generally, scientists are looking at this one specifically in comparison to other individual ones, such as the 1997-98 El Nino which was very wet. Director Schank said he feels that we have a pretty good opportunity to have good moisture this year.

Director Lynn reported that he plans to attend the meeting at Park Ranch on Friday. There was a meeting last Friday at the Fire Department where the Fire Chief invited many ranchers to share their knowledge of the river which provided good detail on the river. Ms. Hunt noted that DVCD received funds from Desert Terminal Lakes (DTL) grants. Director Johnson will check on the availability of DTL grant funding for the Carson River Watershed before Senator Harry Reid leaves office.

Director Fierro reported that the Walker River hasn't been maintained in a long time but they were able to get into the river in less than 30 days to remove 14' of sand and sediment in some areas. A cooperative effort was made between agencies and farmers. The sediment had to be

hailed away instead of just pushed up the banks. It is important to do this while there is no water in the river. The project was made possible because of the Governor's emergency declaration to prevent flooding.

Director Bonkowski reported that water pipelines are under construction between City Hall and Minnesota to mix water. Two more phases of construction are planned for 2016, with the last phase in 2017.

Director Jardine reported that Governor Brown is considering an ordinance allowing for home delivery of medicinal marijuana.

Directors Penzel, Frensdorff, Stodieck, and Johnson had nothing specific to report.

Item #17 - Public Comment. None

*There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Schank made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Leffler  
Secretary