

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Regional Water System & Flood Committee
March 16, 2020, 9:30 am

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Carl Erquiaga (*Via Teleconference*)
David Griffith
Jack Jacobs (*Via Teleconference*)
Fred Stodieck
Mike Workman (*Via Teleconference*)

Committee Members Not Present:

Brad Bonkowski
Kathy Canfield

Staff Present:

Ed James, General Manager
Catrina Schambra, Secretary to the Board

Committee Member Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District's Regional Water System and Flood Committee to order at 9:34am in the Conference Room of Carson Water Subconservancy, 777 East William Street, Suite 110, Carson City, Nevada. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of the committee was determined to be present.

Item #3 – Discussion Only: Public Comment - None

Item #4 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Minutes of April 3, 2019

Committee Member Jacobs made a motion to approve the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Minutes from April 3, 2019. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System and Flood Committee.

Item #5 - For Possible Action: Review and Update the Policy & Procedure for Funding Assistance of Regional Water System

Mr. James reminded the committee members the purpose of this policy which guides CWSD in funding assistance for projects that provide regional water system benefits. In the past most of the funds were used to upsized pipes, as well as emergency connections and interties. He explained the history of why the fund was created and the need to modify the policy. He listed several projects we helped fund in the past.

The reason he suggested we look at the policy language is to make sure it's clear that the jurisdictions are to maintain these projects, not CWSD.

Director Workman stated the Lyon County/Carson City Agreement is the longest agreement on the books. Over the years it has become clear to him that it would be helpful to make clear in these agreements how much CWSD has funded in reserved capacity, to quantify what we are paying for at the time of the agreement. There was discussion of ownership of the capacity.

The committee members reviewed the suggested edits to the policy and refined the finished proposal to send to the full Board for approval.

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to recommend the CWSD Board approve the revisions made today to the Policy & Procedure for Funding Assistance of Regional Water System. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System & Flood Committee.

Item # 6 - For Possible Action: Discuss Utilization of Lost Lakes

Mr. James gave a history and overview of Lost Lakes. For the past ten years, CWSD costs for Lost Lakes has been over \$100,000. Most of these costs were associated with the dam safety fees. Over this same period CWSD staff costs have been approximately \$39,000. The revenue generated over this period was just over \$15,000.

Mr. James offered a few options for discussion regarding the water right:

- Work with Bentley to transfer water right to Mud Lake.
- Transfer the water right to an induction well downstream. He has discussed this possibility with the Water Master. CWSD would have to install equipment to measure the flow at the existing location. This process would also require submitting a water right transfer request which could take 3-5 years. Since it is on Forest Service land, they may have requirements for restoration.
- Sell to California Fish & Game.
- Exchange for Red Lake.

Committee Member Griffith wondered if Markleeville Water Company could move this water right to the East Fork. Mr. James said that since they are in two different drainages this work not work.

Director Stodieck thinks a trade with Red Lake would make the most sense to give California Fish & Game two fisheries.

Mr. James said CWSD would need Alpine County political help. He would like to work with

Committee Member Griffith regarding a possible trade for Red Lake. Mr. James would like approval to move forward with this idea.

Director Jacobs asks Mr. James if he sees any strong objections to this. Mr. James thinks the biggest objection is California Fish & Game does not want the two fisheries. We will need other groups help to push the idea.

Mr. James will move investigate further and report back to the committee.

No action was taken.

Item # 7 - For Possible Action: Discuss renewing the Mud Lake Agreement w/ Carson City

The current agreement will end September 2020 and Carson City is proposing a new 5-year agreement. Mr. James will be sending the proposed changes to the committee after Patrick King has reviewed.

No action was taken.

Item #8 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Regional Water System and Flood Committee, Director Erquiaga adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra
Secretary to the Board