

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 16, 2020

**Minutes**

***The CWSD September 16, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was held via Zoom Videoconference and teleconference due to Governor Sisolak's statewide Emergency Directive in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.***

Chairman Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

**CWSD Directors present:**

Brad Bonkowski, Treasurer  
Carl Erquiaga, Chairman  
Stacey Giomi, Director  
Ken Gray, Director  
Jack Jacobs, Director  
Barry Penzel, Director  
Fred Stodieck, Director  
Steve Thaler, Director  
Mike Workman, Director

**Absent Directors:** Ernie Schank and Larry Walsh

Roll call of the Caron River Watershed Committee was taken which included CWSD Directors and Committee Members Kathy Canfield and David Griffith.

**CWSD Staff present:**

Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Specialist  
Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager  
Edwin James, General Manager  
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney  
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II  
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Erquiaga.*

**Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment** – None

**Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda**

*Director Gray made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Thaler and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020**

*Director Jacobs made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\***

**Item #7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer's Report for August 2020**

**Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for August 2020**

*Director Giomi made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.*

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

**Item #9 - For Discussion Only: Update by CWSD Staff on the Drone Monitoring and Inventory Study**

Shane Fryer gave an update and video presentation on his drone use in the 106 Grant and the River Project Inventory. The grant ends at the end of September, but he will continue the river inventory under the Watershed Coordinator grant. Mr. Fryer answered technical questions regarding drone use and its precision compared to LiDAR, which is a totally different mapping tool.

*No action taken.*

**Item #10 - For Discussion Only: Presentation by CWSD Staff on Correcting the Federal Water Master Ditch Diversions Data**

Mr. James was to present a pre-recorded presentation, which is still a work in progress to be presented at the upcoming webinar. This was a test, and the video did not run as expected. Mr. James gave his presentation as a slide show instead. He explained the errors he has found in the Floodplain Water Master Ditch Diversion Database and his project to correct and update. He has been assisted in the project by Melissa James. It is important that this data be accurate as it is used for model runs. Mr. James showed what has been corrected and/or updated.

*No action taken.*

**Item#11 - For Discussion Only: Update on the Carson River Watershed Workshop**

Mr. James gave an update on the planning for the October 14, 2020 Carson River Watershed Virtual Workshop. It will be presented as a virtual all-day webinar open to the community. He described the tentative schedule, confirmed speakers, and planned schedule of presentations.

*No action taken.*

**Item# 12 For Possible Action: Funding request from Lyon County in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to complete the Ramsey Canyon Floodplain Mapping**

Mr. James introduced Lyon County/FEMA Ramsey Canyon Mapping funding request. This project is required for work being done at airport in Silver Springs. The total cost for the project is \$6500. Mr. James recommends that CWSD provide \$2000 from Flood Fund towards this project.

*Director Workman made a motion to approve the funding request from Lyon County in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to complete the Ramsey Canyon Floodplain Mapping. The motion was seconded by Director Bonkowski and unanimously by the Board.*

**Item #12 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –**

Mr. James reported on the following:

- He is meeting with Steve Walker tomorrow and has already talked with Austin Osbourne regarding the BDR to get the legislation moving towards getting Storey County and Alpine County to become CWSD members under NRS. Steve and Mary Walker, with their lobbyist expertise will help us with the process to get a BDR.

Brenda Hunt reported on the following:

- She is moving forward with the LID Ordinances in Carson City, Douglas County and Lyon County, in that order. Carson City is priority, as requested by Brad Bonkowski. The ordinance is with their attorney now. It will go to the October 28, 2020 Planning Commission to move it forward. She is hoping to final approval by the end of the year.

Debbie Neddenriep reported on the following:

- Debbie and Ed are already looking at FEMA MAS 12 projects.

**Legal** – None

**Correspondence** – Attached to the Board Package.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #13 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –**

Director Jacobs just had a question: Regarding YES on 3 campaign in Douglas County, is CWSD tracking Water Rights Transfers? There is a rumor among local farmers that the goal of Yes on 3 is to sell water rights to developers downstream. Director Penzel states that Douglas County track all water rights except Vidler because they are a private company. Mr. James thinks it may be just rumors, but he will check into this. There was further discussion regarding development rights and water rights.

Director Bonkowski sadly announced that the Bob Crowell, Carson City Mayor has passed.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #14 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County – None**

*No action was taken.*

**Item #15 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County –**

Kathy Canfield reported the Storey County Water Tank Replacement and Gold Hill Treatment projects are still moving forward. Just renewed an agreement with USGS to collect groundwater levels. FEMA is starting a study of drainages into Truckee River. Storey County has one – Electric Wash, but most are in Washoe County.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None**

*No action was taken.*

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Erquiaga adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra*, Secretary to the Board