

**CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
September 16 2013, 9:00 A.M.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Directors Present:**

Carl Erquiaga, Churchill County (by teleconference)  
Ray Fierro, Lyon County  
Don Jardine, Alpine County

**Others Present:**

Nick Charles, Douglas County Public Works  
Ed James, CWSD General Manager  
Toni Leffler, CWSD Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary  
Carl Ruschmeyer, Douglas County Public Works

The meeting of the Regional Water System Committee called to order by Director Fierro at 9:08 a.m. at the CWSD Conference Room, 777 E. William St., #110A, Carson City, Nevada. A quorum of the Committee was present and introductions were made of others present at the meeting.

**Item #2 - Approval of the Regional Water System Committee's Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2013.** *Director Jardine made the motion to approve the February 14, 2013, Regional Water System Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Erquiaga and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System Committee.*

**Item #3 - Public Comment.** None.

**Item #4 - Discussion for possible action regarding a regional water system related to the Sierra Country Estates.** Mr. James explained that the Sierra Country Estates is a small water district serving approximately 29 residents. He turned the discussion over to Carl Ruschmeyer, Director of Douglas County Public Works. Mr. Ruschmeyer noted that the Sierra Country Estates is a failed water system by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) requirements, and Douglas County is required to take it over. Douglas County has negotiated a purchase agreement with the owner of the system. The County will assume the liabilities and payables of the system with the purchase and is in the process of trying to negotiate attorney fees and some other debt down to about half. The County is purchasing the system for about \$100,000, which covers discounted debt. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners will hear this item at its September 19 meeting. The County intends to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to more fully understand these issues, their impact, review alternative solutions, and develop a plan to correct deficiencies to ensure that residents are provided a safe and sustainable water supply.

Nick Charles, Civil Engineer for Douglas County, explained that as part of PER process they are looking at regionalization concepts. This fits into the Douglas County Master Plan. They want to do a pump test on the existing two groundwater wells to determine the sustainable yield of each well. They may be able to realize some excess capacity to be used at a later point for future needs in the area. The Sierra Country Estates water system is in the Foothill regional area adjacent to the Job's

Peak and Sheridan Acres public water systems. There are other surrounding communities which are on private wells and that do not currently have public water service. They may be able to use regional water in the future. Douglas County will also need to conduct water quality tests on the Sierra County Estate wells. They already know it has a low pH. Douglas County is requesting \$25,000 assistance in financing the quantity and quality testing.

Mr. James noted that the Comprehensive Regional Water System Plan (CRWS) shows a line that may tie Gardnerville Ranchos with Sheridan Acres in future. The funding request would come out of CWSD's Acquisition/Construction Fund. Douglas County is coming to CWSD for funding assistance to avoid missing a future opportunity by looking at this now since it might serve for future regionalization. Mr. James noted that the Gardnerville Ranchos is to the east. The CRWS looks at looping all the systems. This would be in the southwest corner of that service area.

*Director Jardine noted that he fully supports the regionalization of water systems in this area of Douglas County. He made the motion that the Regional Water System Committee recommend to the Board to provide Douglas County with \$25,000 in financial assistance for pumping assistance and lab analysis of the Sierra County Estates water system. The motion was seconded by Director Erquiaga and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System Committee.*

**Item #8 - Public Comment.** None

There being no further business to come before the Regional Water System Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Leffler  
Secretary