

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 20, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

**Minutes**

Chairman Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Conference Room of NAI Alliance, 1000 N. Division St. #202, Carson City, NV. 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  
Ernie Schank, Director  
Fred Stodieck, Director  
Steve Thaler, Vice Chairman  
Mike Workman, Director

**Others present:**

Justin Bedocs, Watershed Program Specialist  
Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Manager  
David Griffith, Committee Member  
Edwin James, General Manager  
Don Jardine, Committee Member  
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board  
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II  
Austin Osborne, Committee Member  
Bettina Scherer, public

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Erquiaga.

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

**Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda.** Mr. James noted that we would need to remove Item #16 as Rob Holley was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. *Vice Chairman Thaler made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2019.** Corrections to minutes: (1) Item #5 motion was amended as - Director Bonkowski made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Jacobs and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board; and (2) Item #13 – motion was amended as -

Director Thaler made the motion to approve increase in housing stipend to AmeriCorps employee Justin Bedocs. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Committee.

*Director Bonkowski made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2019 amended as noted above. 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 February 2019.**

**Item #8 – For Possible Action: Payment of Bills for February 2019.**

**Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approve CONTRACT #2018 – 11A: Funding from Carson Water Subconservancy District to the Dayton Valley Conservation District for Post-flood Repairs Project MCR 002, 030, 046, 111C, and 010C; in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.2019.**

*Director Penzel made the motion to approve Items #7-9 of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Schank and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.*

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

### RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE

**Item #10 – Roll Call** – Chairman Erquiaga convened the Carson River Watershed Committee and a roll call was taken.

**Committee Members present:**

CWSD Directors as present in roll call above  
David Griffith, Alpine County  
Don Jardine, Alpine County  
Austin Osborne, Storey County

**Item #11 – Discussion Only: Public Comment** – None

**Item #12 – Discuss the Tentative Fiscal Year 2019-20 budgets.** Ed James explained the color-coding of the tentative budget spreadsheet and that the projected tax income was a conservative estimate while actual tax numbers will be available on March 25. The actual proposed budget was decided by Finance Committee meeting of February 28, 2019. He also explained the difference between “Projects” (actual work on ground, i.e. Conservation District Noxious Weed Abatement) and “Programs” (i.e. educational program and Douglas County and Carson City Pipeline payments). The recommendation by the Finance committee is to approve as presented.

Director Penzel asked when the Board will approve the final budgets. Mr. James stated the final budget will be presented at the May Board meeting.

*Director Schank made the motion to approve the 2019-2020 Tentative Budgets. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Committee.*

**Item #13 – For Possible Recommendation: Discussion regarding the 2019 Nevada**

**Legislative Session.** Mr. James reported that there are a lot of bills being heard. AB84 is the only one we are active in. He has asked that “Water Conservancy District” be added to the language in AB84 for entities eligible to receive funding. The bill has not been heard yet, and this will be a friendly amendment to change the language.

The State Engineering water bills were heard for over 2 hours of opposition, and no one in favor of the bill. Mr. James has been meeting with State Engineer regarding the water bills.

Mr. James feels a lot of the water bills will go nowhere. CWSD is remaining neutral in this. His suggestion is to have the State Engineer bring together water experts to discuss and frame the issues. Once this is done, he State Engineer would take these ideas to the counties. We need to get everyone educated before going to the legislature for any real movement to happen.

Director Schank says that turnover is a problem. New legislative reps know nothing about water. Mr. James says with the legislative session is so short, we need to get head of the curve.

*No action was taken on this item.*

**Item #14 – For Possible Recommendation: Discuss and provide input on final draft of the Amicus Brief for the Walker Lake hearing.**

Ed James reports Patrick King is not present tonight. The draft brief is in the Board package. There are several counties that are interested in joining CWSD Amicus Brief. CWSD must submit its brief by April 12, 2019. Mr. James says we need to give authorization to Patrick King to move forward with this action.

*Director Schank made the motion to approve the brief as to form and leave Mr. King latitude to accept other cities in a joint action, if necessary, before the filing date. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Committee.*

**Item #15 – For Discussion Only: A presentation by the CWSD AmeriCorps Intern on the interactive Watershed Map**

- Justin Bedocs discussed and demonstrated the integrated interactive Watershed Map that he created for the CWSD website. The Board members and everyone else in attendance were really impressed and excited about this new tool for CWSD. There were several recommendations for its use:

- Direct Mail to Teachers
- Social media Outreach
- Connect with Sierra Journey
- Booths at school events
- Children’s Museums
- Teacher Conventions

**Item #16 - For Discussion Only: A presentation by Rob Holley with the Dayton Valley Conservation District regarding their river projects.** - *Item pulled from agenda.*

**Item #17 - For Discussion Only: Provide an update on the 2019 Water Year** – Ed James reported on 2019 Water Year and showed graphs comparing it to the flooding event of 2017. February 2019 is officially the highest recorded month for precipitation in our watershed.

**Item #18– Public Comment** - None

**ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (7:38 pm)**

**Item #19 - For Possible Action: Approve CWSD Tentative Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budgets.**

**Item #20 - For Possible Action: Provide direction to CWSD Staff regarding the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session.**

**Item #21 - For Possible Action: Approve the final draft of the Amicus Brief for the Walker Lake hearing.**

*Based on Carson River Watershed Committee recommendation of agenda items #19 and #21, Director Schank made the motion to approve #19 and #21 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #22 – Staff Reports –**

**General Manager:** Mr. James announced a Carson River Float is being planned for May, but the date has yet to be determined.

**Legal:** He also shared that he is meeting with the Attorney General Friday, 3/22/19 to address modifying our meeting agenda layout to streamline our meetings while still meeting Open Meeting Law and procedural requirements.

**Correspondence:** Debbie Neddenriep’s article from the front page of ***FEMA CTP Collaboration Monthly*** was shared with the Board of Directors.

**Item #25 – Directors Reports:** None

**Item #26 – Alpine County Reports:** Don Jardine gave update on \$100,000 in grant funds; last meeting all Leviathan scientists were in attendance; cleanup of hazmat dump; West Fork nonpoint source; California adopted local agency management plan; renewed timber waiver, which regulates US Forest Service; South Lake Tahoe (at South Y) there is a Hazmat spill, a local drycleaners are suspected -some water wells were contaminated.

**Item #27– Storey County Reports:** Austin Osborne reported that the new water pipes are working great. They are making progress with the EPA on the Gold Hill sewer system. They are looking at building a small sewer treatment plant. Right now they are pumping the septic system monthly.

**Item #24 – Public Comment:** None

*There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Erquiaga adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra  
Secretary to the Board