

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 19, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

**Minutes**

Chairman Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Churchill County Commission Chambers at 155 North Taylor Street in Fallon. 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  
Ernie Schank, Director  
Fred Stodieck, Director  
Steve Thaler, Vice Chairman  
Larry Walsh, Director  
Mike Workman, Director

Roll call of the Caron River Watershed Committee was taken which included CWSD Directors present and David Griffith, Committee Member.

**Others present:**

Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Manager  
Edwin James, General Manager  
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II  
Elaine St. John, Public  
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board  
Nate Schank, Public  
Christy Sullivan, Lahontan Conservation District

**Absent Board Members:** Barry Penzel, Donald Jardine, and Austin Osborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Erquiaga.

**Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment** – Mr. James commented on some issues with our current contract and agreement formats and reported we will be meeting with our attorney Patrick King to standardize our contractual language and the design of our contracts and agreements going forward.

Director Schank introduced his grandson, Nate Schank who is visiting this summer and joined us today on our field trip to Lahontan Dam.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda.** Chairman Erquiaga announced that after completing the Consent Agenda we would we would be moving up the presentation by Christy Sullivan, agenda item #32 to accommodate our guest.

*Director Schank made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2019 and the Public Hearing for Budget Approval Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019.**

*Director Jacobs made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Thaler and unanimously approved by the Board.*

*Director Giomi made the motion to approve the Public Hearing for Budget Approval Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and it was approved by the Board 9-0-1, with Director Bonkowski abstaining due to absence.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Item # 7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for May 2019**

**Item # 8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for May 2019**

**Item # 9 - For Possible Action: Approval to Extend Annual Contract for Legal Counsel, Patrick King**

**Item # 10 - For Possible Action: Approval of the CWSD Indirect Cost Policy**

**Item # 11 - For Possible Action: Approval of the CWSD Fringe Benefit Cost Calculation Policy**

**Item # 12 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2019-2 Sierra NV Journeys – Family Watershed Nights in amount not to exceed \$4,477**

**Item # 13 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2019-3 River Wranglers – Carson Water Workdays in an amount not to exceed \$26,000**

**Item # 14 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-4 Carson Valley Conservation District - Genoa Bank Stabilization in an amount not to exceed \$87,000**

**Item # 15 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-5 Carson Valley Conservation District Bioengineering – Maintenance & Debris Removal Project in an amount not to exceed \$60,000**

**Item # 16 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-6 Lahontan Conservation District – Channel Clearing Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000**

**Item # 17 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2019-7 Alpine Watershed Group – Carson River Upper Watershed Programs in an amount not to exceed \$25,000**

**Item # 18 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-8 Churchill County – Dixie Valley Water Level Measuring in an amount not to exceed \$65,000**

**Item # 19 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-10 Carson City – Reuse Master Plan in amount not to exceed \$50,000**

**Item # 20 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-11 Carson City – Mexican Dam Portage Construction in the amount not to exceed \$25,000**

**Item # 20 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-12 Dayton Valley Conservation District Bank Stabilization Project in the amount not to exceed \$90,000**

**Item # 22 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2019-13 River Wranglers – Flood Awareness in the amount not to exceed \$7,580**

**Item # 23 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract Addendum #2014-8 Dayton Valley Conservation District DVCD River Restoration (time extension amendment only)**

**Item # 24- For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract Addendum #2018-11 Carson Valley Conservation District – Cradlebaugh Stabilization (time extension amendment only)**

**Item # 25 - For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2019-9 Truckee Carson Irrigation District – Repairs to Carson Diversion Dam in the amount not to exceed \$50,000**

*Director Schank, in honor of Pete Livermore who loved a long consent agenda, made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.*

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

**Item # 26 - For Possible Action: Approval of the US Bureau of Reclamation Agreement to conduct the Water Marketing study in the Carson River Watershed in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 plus the match requirement.** Mr. James reported on the long negotiations process for this contract and explained that the document itself is very long; of which we have included only the first 19 pages in the Board agenda package. The other pages were general Federal language. Mr. James had a copy of the full contract if a Board member wanted to review the whole contract. He asks the Board to approve his signing of this Agreement with BOR.

*Director Gray made the motion to direct Mr. James to sign the Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item # 27 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Lumos Agreement to conduct the Water Marketing study in the Carson River Watershed in the amount not to exceed \$150,000**

*Director Bonkowski made the motion to approve the Lumos Agreement with the language “not to exceed \$150,000” added to the contract language. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #32 – For Discussion only: Presentation by Christy Sullivan on LCD projects.**

Christy Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Lahontan Conservation District (LCD) and their river projects. She introduced LCD and its mission, described the makeup of their board and explained its partnerships within the watershed. She reported on the projects funded by CWSD and expressed her appreciation for the continued partnership. Mr. James says he appreciates the work that they do and their partnership with CWSD.

*No action was taken.*

**Item # 28 - For Possible Action: Approval of the contract and quote from Orange Tree to update the CWSD Watershed Video in the amount not to exceed \$9,850**

Mr. James explained that part of the match for the NDEP Watershed Literacy grant was to

update the CWSD Watershed Video. Mr. James mentioned that the video needed to be updated. There is only one current Board Member in the current video that is still on the Board. Director Bonkowski wants the contract amount added to the language and to remove “the goal is” from “Exhibit A.” It needs to be replaced with “Orange Tree will...” so there is no wiggle room that we will get the end product we want.

*Director Thaler made the motion to approve the Orange Tree contract with the changes made to change language to read “Orange Tree will...” and to add “not to exceed \$9,850” to the contract. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.*

#### **Item # 29 - For Possible Action: Approval of the General Manager’s Annual Review**

Mr. James explained his annual review process for the new Board member and then turned the discussion back to Director Erquiaga. Director Erquiaga said that with a score of 17.25 out of 18 he suggests a motion to approve.

*Director Schank made the motion to approve the General Manager’s Annual Review and the 3.5% merit increase that goes with it. The motion was seconded by Director Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board.*

#### **Item # 30 - For Possible Action: Approval of an Agreement with Carson City to Lease Lost Lake water for Water Year 2020**

Mr. James explained that the Mud Lake agreement is a 5-year contract, but Lost Lake is a year-to-year contract. Carson City has not needed the water in the past, but now they do. There are dam fees and permit fees associated with this, but Carson City only pays for the water that they actually use. Mr. James has asked that Carson City covers the cost of the permits. CWSD will pay the fees and Carson City will reimburse us. The agreement states that Carson City must use the Mud Lake water first. This is a one-year only Agreement.

Director Jacobs asks if there is a fee for Mud Lake water. Mr. James responds that there are no annual fees for Mud Lake with the State Engineer but CWSD does pay a fee to the Federal Water Master.

Committee Member Griffith asks about the annual Lost Lake dam fees. There is discussion of dam fees increasing.

Director Stodieck asked if there has been any discussion with the Forest Service regarding dam and reservoir fees. Director Stodieck mentioned that the Forest Service is requesting more information on the Alpine Land and Reservoir Company dams which may cost them quite a bit of money.

*Director Thaler made the motion to approve the Agreement with Carson City to Lease Lost Lake water for Water Year 2020 only. The motion was seconded by Director Bonkowski and unanimously approved by the Board.*

#### **Item # 31 - For Discussion Only: Update on the 2019 Legislation Session**

Mr. James reported that the water bills died or were significantly changed. He explained:

- AB30 - the so-called “Southern Nevada Water Bill,” died.
- AB50 - the intent was good, but the implementation was bad.
- AB62 – Municipality and water use; They wanted to preserve water, but with no plan to

use. The bill was gutted and sent back to the State Engineer to rework.

- AB84 is a continuation of Q1 program and adds another \$200 million.
- SB499 – Died. This would have created an Advisory Board for water planning. Mr. James’ concern was that the makeup of the Board was not inclusive and there were no reps from our area.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #33 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –**

Mr. James passed around Carson River Peak info and praised Director Schank’s Lahontan Dam Tour this afternoon. He also talked about his recent paddle boarding below Lahontan and the heavy use at the Hot Springs area on the East Fork of the Carson River. Director Thaler talked about the take-out section needing to be taken care of. There is a need to look at who should be responsible for this. He says commercial outfitters are getting the benefit without paying for the upkeep. Committee Member Griffith says the commercial companies used to take care of this once a year. Mr. James and Mr. Fryer will look into this issue further and report back to the Board.

**Legal – None**

**Correspondence – None**

*No action was taken.*

**Item #34– For Discussion Only: Directors Reports**

Director Schank reports that the Dixie Valley Tour was very informative and wants to thank Churchill County.

Director Thaler reports that he will not be able to attend the July Field Trip and Board Meeting.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #35 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County.**

Committee Member Griffith reports that in CA there are a number of places you can get a license to sell Hemp/Pot and Industrial Hemp in relation to the farm bill. It has become a big issue for the California counties.

Director Giomi mentioned that there is a 250,000 square foot greenhouse in Central NV now growing Hemp.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #36 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County. – None**

**Item #37 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment –None**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Erquiaga adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra  
Secretary to the Board