

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 18, 2019, 6:30 pm

**Minutes**

**The CWSD Board meeting was preceded by a Christmas dinner at 5 pm at the meeting place referenced below. Although a quorum of the CWSD Board of Directors were present at the event preceding the Board meeting, no action was taken.**

Chairman Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm in the NAI Alliance Conference Room, 1000 N. Division St., Ste. 202, Carson City. 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  
Larry Walsh, Director  
Mike Workman, Director

**Absent CWSD Directors:** Fred Stodieck and Steve Thaler.

*Roll call of the Caron River Watershed Committee was taken which included CWSD Directors and Committee Members: David Griffith and Austin Osborne.*

**Absent CWSD Committee Members:** Don Jardine.

**CWSD Staff present:**

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

**Others present:**

Hannah Gray, Public  
Christie James, Public  
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney  
Chris Neddenriep, Public  
Carmen Schank, Public  
Maydelin Torres, Public  
Cyndie Walck, Public  
Julie Workman, 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**

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

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019**

*Director Gray made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.*

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

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

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

**Item # 9 - For Possible Action: Authorize the General Manager to attend the NWRA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, February 11-13, 2020**

**Item # 10 - For Possible Action: Authorize donation of two surplus equipment items to Computer Corps: (1) IBM Wheel Writer 5 Typewriter, Item#00006 (still works - bought used in 1998 for \$100); and (2) HP 12” Monitor, Item #00124 (doesn’t work with current computer – bought new in 2007 for \$259)**

**Item # 11 - For Possible Action: NEON Agency Agreement #2017-18 extended to June 30, 2020**

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

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

**Item # 12 - For Possible Action: Andy Aldax Award Nominations**

Mr. James announced the two nominees: (1) Richard Wilkinson, nominated by Carson Valley Conservation District and (2) Phyllis Lipka Atkinson, nominated by River Wranglers. He reported the Administrative Committee had met Dec. 16, 2019 to consider the nominees. The committee found both to be excellent candidates and exceptionally qualified to meet the criteria set forth for the Andy Aldax Award. It was decided via vote of the committee to recommend CWSD present the 2020 Andy Aldax Award to Richard Wilkinson.

Director Giomi asks if the nominations are blind. Do the nominees know they’ve been nominated, and do we send them a letter of thanks? Mr. James says a letter is sent to the nominator with the resulting winner. Director Giomi thinks we should send a letter of thanks and encouragement to all the nominees for their work in the watershed.

Director Gray says it was a tough decision between to very good candidates and he would encourage that Ms. Atkinson be nominated again next year.

*Director Schank made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the 2020 Andy Aldax Award to Richard Wilkinson. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and approved by 10-1-0 vote of the Board.*

**Item # 13 - For Discussion Only: Proposed CWSD Motto**

Mr. James reported that it had been suggested that CWSD may want to consider adding a motto to our logo on appropriate documents and correspondence. It should be short and concise.

A quick brainstorm of possibilities included:

- Promoting Cooperative Action in the Watershed
- We're All Wet
- Water for Everyone
- Water Is Our Life
- I Am Carson River Watershed
- Water Keeps Your Whiskey Cold

Some suggestions were more serious than others. Staff will bring some ideas to a future Board meeting.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #14 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –**

Mr. James reported on the following:

- He and Ms. Neddenriep attended FEMA training in Oakland last week. There are always new things to learn, but he specifically wanted to report that CWSD got lots of accolades for the work we are doing. He gave most of that credit to Ms. Neddenriep who stays on top of all the changing details of FEMA grants.
- CWSD will not be pursuing the EPA grant this year, but it is a possibility for next year.
- Don Jardine wanted everyone to know that he has been reappointed for another 4 years to the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board.

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- The CRC Forum has been set for March 10-11, 2020 at WNC. Please save the date!
- She would like to thank and recognize Ed James for being such a great boss! He really sets the tone at the office and it is a pleasure to work here! (Debbie Neddenriep interjects here, she says she calls him the “Laughing Boss.” He is really great at promoting your natural talents and skills; and it is really a pleasure to work here. The sentiment is concurred by the rest of the staff and a round of applause followed.)

**Legal** – Mr. King reports that he met with Mr. James and Ms. Schambra on contract language standardization and he is looking forward to completing that project.

**Correspondence** – None

*No action was taken.*

**Item #15– For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –**

Director Giomi reported the following:

Years ago, Carson City purchased land near the new hospital for storm water protection. When the new hospital was built, Carson City realized they did not need all the land and now plans on selling the surplus property. This money is to go to South Carson stormwater improvements, so

they are one step closer to completing that project. He is happy that the funds are being applied toward the stormwater project and they will be one step closer to completing the South Carson Stormwater improvements.

Director Gray reported the following:

DVCD will be coming back with a new proposal for the parcel assessment next year. There is discussion of cutting Fernley from the since it receives no direct benefit. The target date, if proposal is approved, is now pushed back to 2022.

Director Bonkowski reported the following:

Carson City will be breaking ground this Spring on a new 3-mile walking trail from Riverview Park to Silver Saddle Ranch. It is down in the flats, all paved and multi-use.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –**

Committee Member Griffith reported the following:

- Hazardous algae blooms are a concern. Lahontan is working on grants to monitor Red Lake, watching the water turn colors next year. This happens when the water is over 83 degrees and he would like signs that explain this to public. He is very impressed with new USFS Carson District Ranger, Matt Zumstein, and thinks we will see action in this area and serious forest management from him.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #17 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County –**

Committee Member Osborne reported the following:

- Storey County to consider final phase of their county-wide Master Plan in January. Sewer project is almost ready to go out to bid. The new tanks have expanded capacity to 500,000.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #18 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment** – Director Giomi asks if there has been any movement on making Alpine County and Storey County official members. He remembers we talked about it earlier in the year and he wants to make sure the idea does not die. Mr. James says yes, we are working on that and he thinks that Nevada can make Alpine County official without California involvement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra*

Secretary to the Board