

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
October 20, 2021

Minutes

The CWSD October 20, 2021, Board of Directors meeting was preceded by a tour of the Markleeville Restoration Site by Alpine Watershed Group. Dinner and the Board meeting followed at the Turtle Rock Park Community Center, 17300 Highway 89 in Markleeville CA.

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

CWSD Directors present:

Mark Gardner
Ken Gray
Jim Hindle (*via Zoom*)
David Nelson (*via Zoom*)
Ernie Schank
Lisa Schuette
Fred Stodieck
Mike Workman

Directors Absent: John Engels, Stacey Giomi, Jack Jacobs, and Pete Olsen.

Roll call of the Carson River Watershed Committee included CWSD Directors and Committee Members present - David Griffith and January Riddle (*via Zoom*).

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Kathy Canfield, Storey County
Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Specialist
Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager (*via Zoom*)
Edwin James, General Manager
Mike Kellogg, JE Fuller
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney
Kaylee Maples, CWSD AmeriCorps Member
Kimra McAfee, Alpine Watershed Group
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resources Specialist 2
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
Carmen Schank, Public
Richard Waskowski, JE Fuller
Nichole Williamson, Alpine County

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Workman.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Schank made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of Sept. 15, 2021

Director Gardner made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2021, as presented (with correction of typo). The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for September 2021

Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for September 2021

Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of surplus equipment disposal

Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with House-Moran to complete the Floodway Analysis for Ramsey Canyon in an amount not to exceed \$9,000

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with HDR to complete the Floodway Analysis for Carson River in North Douglas County in an amount not to exceed \$9,000

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval for Brenda Hunt to attend annual American Planning Association Conference in Reno, October 18-20

Item #13 - For Possible Action: Approval of Personnel Policy Manual language clarification in Section 5.1 Holidays

Director Schank made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Item # 14 - For Discussion Only: Presentation on the Ruhenstroth Area Drainage Master Plan (ADMP)

Mike Kellogg and Richard Waskowski from JE Fuller gave a presentation on the Ruhenstroth Area Drainage Master Plan. Slides of presentation can be viewed [here](#).

No action was taken.

Item #15 – For Possible Action: Assist Alpine County & the Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) with the Markleeville Creek Restoration Project

No action was taken.

Item #16 – For Possible Action: Update on the Record of Decision by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Carson River Mercury Super Fund Site

No action was taken.

Item #17 – For Possible Action: Update on the USACE determination that the Carson River is a navigable water of the United States pursuant to the Rivers and Harbors Act

Mr. James reported a Permit Workshop has been set for December 8, 9am – noon in the Robert ‘Bob’ Crowell Room at the Carson City Community Center to address this issue. The goal is to coordinate permit requirements and streamline the process for all those working for the conservation of the Carson River.

No action was taken.

Item #18 – For Discussion Only: Watershed Moments Video Sneak Peek

Staff previewed the Watershed Moments videos clips for the Board of the recycle motor oil and bag it/dog waste segments and discussed their thoughts on the project. The goal is to premiere the series starting in November and hopefully have them air on local channels and news sites. They will be on CWSD social media sites and CRC coalition partners are encouraged to link to their social media too.

No action was taken.

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –

Mr. James reported the following:

- He led field trips to Lost Lakes for maintenance and repairs. Chuck Schembre and Zack Carter of NDEP joined staff in this effort.

Ms. Neddenriep reported the following:

- CWSD has hired the new Senior Watershed Clerk who will be working part-time to assist with FEMA reporting requirements. Holly Farnham has been hired for this position and will start November 2.

Legal – None

Correspondence – (1) Letter of Support from CWSD re: River Wranglers to NDEP
(2) Letter of Support from CC re: CRC to NDEP

No action was taken.

Item #15 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –

- Director Workman noted the difficulties we have experienced with Zoom attendees hearing the meetings calls for us to upgrade our equipment for better audio.
- Director Gardner announced that Jack Jacobs has sold his farm and is moving to Taos, New Mexico. Douglas County will advertise to fill his position.
- Director Schank wants us to revisit the idea of changing the name of CWSD. He suggests “Carson River Conservancy District.”

No action was taken.

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

- Committee Member Riddle reported Alpine County is in the recovery process. Community meetings are scheduled to advise public on debris flooding concerns and the tree assessment process - why the trees are being cut down. She also mentioned the success of the Creek Day cleanup event held by AWG and others. She was especially

impressed by a mother and son team who collected 300 lbs. of glass. Brenda Hunt said that was my son Ryder and me!

- Committee Member Griffith reported that Tamarack Fire restoration/cleanup per the Forest Service will require 2-3 years for the NEPA process. Alpine County will be looking for additional sources of assistance.

No action was taken.

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

- Director Hindle announced the Innovation Zone project has been pulled from the Special Committee consideration.
- Ms. Canfield announced that Lara Mather is the new Emergency Manager for Storey County taking over for the retired Joe Curtis.

No action was taken.

Item #18 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board