

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Regional Water System & Flood Committee

August 25, 2021, 11 am

Minutes

NOTE: The CWSD Regional Water System & Flood Committee meeting was held via Zoom Videoconference and teleconference due to Governor Sisolak's statewide Emergency Directive in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Zoom recording did not work.

Committee Members Present:

Jack Jacobs - Zoom
January Riddle - Zoom
Lisa Schuette - Zoom
Mike Workman – In person
Pete Olsen - Zoom
Fred Stodieck – In person

CWSD Staff Present:

Ed James

Director Workman called the video meeting of the CWSD Regional Water System & Flood Committee to order at 11 am. Roll call determined a quorum of the committee was present.

Item #3 – Discussion Only: Public Comment - None

Item #4 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Minutes of June 9, 2021

Director Jacobs made a motion to approve the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Minutes from June 9, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Schuette. Director Schuette pointed out a misspelling on the second page, first paragraph, last sentence the word much should be must. With the correction the motion was unanimously approved by the Regional Water System and Flood Committee.

Item #5 - For Possible Action: Discussion of the proposed FEMA Flood Risk projects for 2022

Mr. James explained that FEMA is requesting a list of flood risk projects for FY 2022. Mr. James needs to have the list to FEMA by September 13. Mr. James has scheduled a Charter meeting to approve and prioritize the list. Below is the tentative list:

- a. Discovery Process for the Walker River area located in Lyon County
- b. Discovery Process for the Walker River area located in Douglas County
- c. Discovery Process for the Alpine County areas not located in the Carson River Watershed
- d. Conduct a ADMP for the Stagecoach and Silver Springs area

- e. Conduct a Fish Springs/Pinenut Creek Culvert Study
- f. Conduct Hazard studies in Carson City area
- g. Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies
 - Additional High Water Mark funding? Is there interest in more counties?
- h. Update the floodplain management plan to be more in-line with CRS program?

Mr. James mentioned that this is only a tentative list, and some others may be brought forth at the Charter meeting. Mr. James mentioned that the request from Alpine County came from employees no longer at Alpine County. He does not know if Alpine County is still interested in having CWSD pursue a Discovery process. Director Riddle will follow up with Alpine County staff.

No direction was needed.

Item # 7 - For Possible Action: Discussion of Developing a Carson River Regional Water Study

Mr. James reviewed the USBR grant application funding:

- Grant request from USBR \$105,000
- CWSD would provide the USGS \$100,000 to update the Upper and Middle Model
- USGS would provide \$70,000 toward this study.
- CWSD will provide \$30,000 in-kind toward this project.
- CWSD will provide \$100,000 to hire a consultant to help prepare the plan.

Mr. James asked if the CWSD should pursue the study if we do not get the grant. The committee members stated that CWSD should still move forward with the study, but the scope may need to be reevaluated as well as the cost of the study.

Mr. James mentioned that the NV Legislators have created a subcommittee regarding the Innovation Zones concept in Storey County. Mr. James is concerned where the water for this project would come from. He suggested that CWSD send a letter to the NV Legislators subcommittee mentioning that CWSD will be developing a regional water plan for the Carson River and will need to know if the proposed Innovation Zones will need water from the Carson River Watershed.

Director Stodieck made a motion that Mr. James (1) prepare a new scope of work for the development of a regional water study in the event CWSD does not receive the USBR grant, and (2) that CWSD send a letter to the NV Legislators subcommittee regarding the Innovation Zones to inquire if there are any plans for this project to take water from the Carson River Watershed. The motion was seconded by Director Jacobs and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System and Flood Committee.

Item # 8 – Discussion Only: Public Comment - None

There being no further business to come before the Regional Water System and Flood Committee, Director Workman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edwin James
 General Manager