

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
July 20, 2022

Minutes

Chairman Giomi called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:33pm in the CWSD Conference Room, 777 E. William Street, Suite 209, Carson City. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Stacey Giomi	Lisa Schuette
Jim Hindle	Cassi Uhart
Dave Nelson	Mike Workman
Ernie Schank	

Directors Absent: John Engels, Mark Gardner, Ken Gray, Pete Olsen, and Fred Stodieck.

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:

Mitch Blum, HDR	Edwin James, CWSD
Kathy Canfield, Storey County	Patrick King, CWSD Attorney
Shane Fryer, CWSD	Catrina Schambra, CWSD (via Zoom)
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fryer.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

There being no objection, Chairman Giomi declared the Agenda adopted as presented.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2022

Committee member Griffith made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Director Workman and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for June 2022

Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for June 2022

Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of request for a time extension from Lahontan

Conservation District for contract #2021-4

Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of request for a time extension from Dayton Valley Conservation District for contract #2021-3

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Disposal of Surplus Office Equipment

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 #12 - For Discussion Only: Presentation by HDR regarding the Churchill County Floodplain Maps & Carson Valley Floodplain Maps

Mitch Blum (HDR Engineering) gave a presentation on both the Churchill County PMR and the Carson Valley PMR projects.

The Churchill County PMR completes the mapping of the entire Carson River from Alpine County headwaters to the Carson Sink. The current mapping was based on the 1984 study. HDR used new 2019 LIDAR Topography for the current study and showed previous mapping comparing results of current study. The Hydrology was developed by another engineering firm. Using the historic stream flow data below Lahontan Reservoir would not work since the operating system has changed over the years. The flows coming out of Lahontan Reservoir decreased a little. The biggest change is the operation of the amount of water diverted out of the river into the V & T ditches. This reduced the amount of water flowing down the river. The new floodplain and floodway are reduced significantly. HDR has submitted its report to FEMA and are awaiting comments.

The Carson Valley River PMR includes all of Douglas County and a small portion of Alpine County. Mr. Blum explained the history of the project. The current effective FEMA floodplain maps are based on 1980 hydrology and topo. The hydrology was revised using a statistical analysis. In 2017, HDR submitted the new floodplain maps to FEMA. In January 2019 FEMA submitted their comments. Based on their comments, HDR ran some additional model runs and resubmitted the data to FEMA. FEMA submitted additional comments regarding the floodway analysis for north Douglas County. Under FEMA regulations for 2D modeling for floodways, the flood way in north Douglas County covered a larger area. Douglas County petitioned FEMA to reconsider the floodway requirements. In 2021, FEMA rejected Douglas County's petition. Currently HDR is awaiting comments and hopes to be in review soon, although there is no clear timeline for the when the comments will be returned by FEMA.

No action was taken.

Item #13 - For Possible Action: Replacement of Office Copier

Mr. James explained the issues staff is having with the Konica Copier. Due to the model being considered obsolete by Konica, there are not updates available and the copier has lost its ability

to communicate with our computers. After brief discussion it was agreed that we would need to update our copier and it should be up to staff to determine our needs in this area and research the best replacement to fit our needs. Chairman Giomi mentioned that Carson City had a great machine that can manage our needs for big color jobs like our newsletter and that they are willing to print for local agencies for probably less than our inhouse cost. He will forward contact information to staff.

Committee Member Griffith made a motion approve staff moving forward with the replacement of our office copy machine. The motion was seconded by Director Workman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #14 - For Discussion Only: Watershed Moment

Ms. Hunt reported on the Watershed Moment video “Recreate Responsibly” which is out now and presented it to the Board. She talked about the upcoming “reels” on Instagram, prizes, and the giveaway program. Coming up in August is the video “Stop Weeds in Your Tracks.” In September will be “Make Your Yard a Sponge.” She shared the Neon social media tracking report to show the program outreach is working.

No action was taken.

Item #15 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- Two grants we are still pursuing, but delay issues are frustrating. The Emergency Management Grant and the Trails Grant have both been awarded but we have not received the contract for them.
- The job announcement for Water Resources I position is out and will be closing on Friday, July 29.
- The river flow is dropping.
- CWSD are looking at legislative action to bring Alpine County as official members via NRS. Committee Member Griffith would like Chairman Giomi to attend the Alpine County Committee to discuss this item.
- Mr. James attended a Painted Rock gravel pit meeting. There is concern by the community regarding the estimated 85 truckloads running per day on Johnson Lane. He asked where the water needed would come from. Chairman Giomi asked if Tribal Land must follow Nevada Water Law? There is a proposed Lumber Mill being constructed at the end of West Topsy Lane that is of concern as well. There was a discussion among the board on this issue. Mr. James did contact the State Engineer’s office and he was told that the Tribes do have to get a water right from the State Engineer.
- Mr. James mentioned the CWSD Marlette Lake Video would be of interest to the Board after today’s tour and he would be sending them a link
- The August 17 Board meeting field trip will be a tour of the levitation Mine in Alpine County.

Ms. Hunt reported on the 208 Grant September 30, 2022, Soil Health Workshop. It will be held from 8:30-4pm at the Frye Ranch in Fallon and it will be open to the public. They are still

working on the flyer for the event. It will include Soil Health in the Classroom, then out in the field to view models. Attendees will look at equipment used, and cover crops, etc. CWSD is working with UNCE and the Beginning Ranching Series. NRCS will be involved also as well as NDEP speakers and local ranchers.

Legal – None

Correspondence – None

No action was taken.

Item #22 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports – None

No action was taken.

Item #23– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –

- Committee Member Riddle reported Logging operation going all day with trucks driving through the neighborhoods. Residents are not happy but need to get the logs out of the scar area from the Tamarack Fire.
- Committee Member Griffith reported there is an initiative on the November Ballot in Alpine County to ban all biomass facilities in Alpine County.

No action was taken.

Item #24– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County –

Kathy Canfield reported that they held the first public outreach meeting with Lumos and the attendance was great! Storey County will participate in National Night out in the Lockwood area. Also, the RFP for the Lockwood Creek Project (Truckee side) at Rainbow Bend is out now.

No action was taken.

Item #25 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Giomi adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board