

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Regional Water System & Flood Committee

January 24, 2022, 2 pm

Minutes

The CWSD Regional Water System & Flood Committee meeting was held in the CWSD Conference Room, 777 E. William Street, Suite 110A, Carson City, NV 89701 and via Zoom.

Committee Members Present:

January Riddle (Zoom)
Lisa Schuette
Mike Workman
Pete Olsen (Zoom)

CWSD Staff Present:

Ed James

Absent Committee Members:

Fred Stodieck

Also Present:

N/A

Director Workman called the video/teleconference meeting of the CWSD Regional Water System & Flood Committee to order at 2 pm. Roll call determined a quorum of the committee was present.

Item #3 – Discussion Only: Public Comment - None

Item #4 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Schuette made a motion to approve the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Olsen and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System and Flood Committee.

Item #5 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Minutes of August 25, 2021

Director Workman made a motion to approve the Regional Water System and Flood Committee Minutes from August 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Director Schuette and unanimously approved by the Regional Water System and Flood Committee.

Item #6 For Possible Action: Discuss the Regional 30-year Water Resource Project.

Item # 7 For Possible Action: Review the draft RFQ for selecting an Engineering firm to help develop the Regional 30-Year Water Resource Project.

Item # 8 For Possible Action: Discuss Funding Alternatives for the Regional 30-year Water Resource Project.

All three items were combined for discussion.

Mr. James discussed the goals of the Regional 30-Year Water Resource Project. One goal would be to collect the future water demands and sources for all the major water purveyors. Included in this would be the proposed locations of the water sources. This data would be given to the USGS to run in the Middle and Upper watershed models. The results would show what impacts, if any, there would be to the groundwater levels and surface flows. The results generated from the models will identify if there are any shortfalls in water supply or would downstream users be adversely impacted. If there are any shortfalls the plan would identify ways to mitigate the impacts and what infrastructure would be needed to meet the future demands. The plan would then be run using different climate change scenarios to see how these changes could impact the water plan.

CWSD has submitted a grant request to NDEM to help fund this project. We have been told we have a very good chance getting the funds but we do not know when these funds will become available. To hedge our bets staff is proposing to submit a funding request to the Bureau of Reclamation under the WaterSmart grant for Basin Studies. If we do not need these funds, we would withdraw our grant application. Mr. James asked the committee if CWSD should begin the process of hiring a consulting firm to start this study or wait until we have heard back on our funding request. The committee recommended holding off hiring the consultant to see if we do receive the grant funds. If we do not get the grant funds the committee mentioned the possibility that CWSD could pay for the consultant.

As part of the RFQ, the committee recommended that one of the criteria for selecting the consultant is their knowledge of the Alpine Decree and Nevada Water Law.

No action taken.

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 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin James
General Manger