

**CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 13, 2023, 10am**

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present:

Stacey Giomi, Carson City (*via Zoom*)
Ken Gray, Lyon County (*via Zoom*)
Ernie Schank, Churchill County (*via Zoom*)

Committee Members absent:

Mark Gardner, Douglas County
Sharla Hales, Douglas County

Staff present:

Ed James, General Manager
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board

Director Giomi called the meeting to order at 10:06am in the Carson Water Subconservancy District Conference Room, 777 East William Street, #209, Carson City, Nevada. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of the Legislative Committee was present.

Item #3 – For Discussion Only - Public Comment: None

Item #4 – For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda:

There being no objection, Director Giomi stated the agenda is approved as published.

Item #6 – For Possible Action – Discussion regarding the upcoming 2023 Legislation Session and a review of various BDRs/bills that CWSD may want to support, oppose, or monitor

Mr. James opened the discussion explaining that there are more water bills than expected this session and they are still coming in. Of those he has been able to review so far, here are his recommendations:

- AB 90 – Temporary changes for Water Applications
There are no concerns at present, but we should monitor for changes.
- AB 91 – Replacement of Wells on Public Lands
Mr. James is not sure this would affect CWSD, but suggests we watch this one. He would like to know where this originated.
- SB 13 – Pest Control/Chemicals Use registration.
He suggests we watch this and he will check with conservation districts and counties to see if they have any concerns regarding impacts to their projects and permits.
- AB 291 – Prohibits manufacturing use of certain chemicals in products sold and distributed.
Support.
- SB 102 – NDWR Grants for counties to develop and maintain Water Resource Plans
Support.
- SB 99 – Funding to Desert Research Institute for Cloud Seeding Program
Support.

- AB 20 – Financing treatment plants for pollution controls Support.
- SB 113 – Certain Basins designated as Critical Management Areas by State Engineer Monitor this one. Silver Springs likely to be affected by this.
- SB 112 – Well drilling
Mr. James will investigate this bill further.

Director Schank would like to know what change are being considered for AB 90 to allow temporary changes to be more than one year. He would like staff to see where this originated and the purpose of the bill. Mr. James will be informing the committee via email on any changes to the bills he is watching.

Mr. James attended a meeting last week regarding the lower White River in Clark County. The State Engineer made a ruling that combined several groundwater basins together for administrative purposes. This ruling was opposed and eventually went to litigation. This issue needs to be watched for possible statewide ramifications.

Director Gray announced that unfortunately, the BDR for Alpine County to have official seats on CWSD Board has failed to make it out of legal, and will have to be addressed in the next legislative session. It is extremely complicated per legal to combine two states under NRS. The plan forward is to use the time between sessions to address all legal issues and have it be a pre-filed bill for the 2025 session.

No action was taken.

Item #7 – For Discussion Only - Public Comment: None

The Legislative Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra
Secretary to the Board