

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15, 2023

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30pm in the CWSD Conference Room, 777 E. William Street, Suite 209, Carson City, NV 89701. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Mark Gardner	Cassi Koerner (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Stacey Giomi	Dave Nelson
Sharla Hales	Ernie Schank (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Tammy Hendrix	Lisa Schuette
Jim Hindle	Mike Workman

Directors Absent: Bus Scharmann and Fred Stodieck

Roll call included CWSD Committee Members present – Charlie Dobson (*via Zoom*) and David Griffith.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Kathy Canfield, Storey County Planer	Patrick King, CWSD Attorney
Shane Fryer, CWSD	Scott Keller, Lyon County BOCC
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Max Robinson, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD	Catrina Schambra, CWSD

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Chairperson Workman introduced new CWSD Director, Tammy Hendrix, Lyon County Commissioner District 3. She was appointed to complete Ken Gray’s term after his election to Nevada Assembly Legislator. Director Hendrix lives in Silver Springs and is a retired after a 30-year career in Civil Engineering and Land Surveying. She is happy to be able to serve on the CWSD Board.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve the March 15, 2023, Agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Hindle and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of Feb. 15, 2023

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2023, as presented. 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 February 2023

Item #8 – For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2023

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2023-2 with Carson City for High Water Mark Project not to exceed \$23,000

Item #10 – For Possible Action: Request to use \$3,000 from the Outside Professional Account to pay for food for the two-day Watershed Forum on April 18 and 19

Item #11 – For Possible Action: Approval of the 2023 Water and Sewer Rate Report for the Carson River Watershed

Item #12 – For Possible Action: Approval of Extension to DVCD Interlocal Contract #2022-8

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

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

Item #13 - For Discussion Only: Staff presentation on the Water Diversions Map for the Carson River

Mr. Robinson gave a presentation on the Water Diversions Map for the Carson River he and Mr. Fryer have been working on. The ditch mapping will be a great tool by modernizing historical data and providing easy access to the information. They have been using existing maps and Google Earth up to this point in the project. Next step will be field work and drone use to confirm and further identify sites. Mr. James stated that identifying river projects is another goal in this project. Director Schank complimented Mr. James and his staff for making this happen, stating we have wanted this for years. [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #14 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Tentative Fiscal Year 2023-24 budgets

Mr. James thanked the Finance Committee for their 5 hours of hard work balancing the proposed budgets while still being able to fully fund the grant requests. It is not an easy task and he appreciates their time and effort as always.

Mr. James reported that after the Finance Committee meeting of February 27, 2023, CWSD was awarded the NDEP 310 grant of \$147,000. The tentative budgets recommended out of the Finance Committee did not include this funding. Based on this additional income, there were contingent proposed changes to the approved budget by the Finance Committee. Most of the changes reflect funds coming and going out of the grant. Because the grant does cover some of staff’s salaries, it is being proposed that the car allowance be reinstated and additional funds be transferred to the Floodplain Account.

Director Schank made a motion to approve the FY 2023-24 Tentative Budgets for the Acquisition/Construction Fund and the Floodplain Management Fund as presented; and approve the General Fund with the Department of Taxation Ad Valorem tax figures to be inserted when they

become available. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #15 - For Possible Action: Approval Lumos Contract #2023-2 for 30-Year Regional Drought & Water Sustainability Plan not to exceed \$165,000 and authorize the General Manager to execute change orders up to 10% of the contract amount

Mr. James reported the funding for this project will be paid for through a grant from Nevada Department of Emergency Management (NDEM). The select committee reviewed the various proposals and recommended hiring Lumos for this project.

Committee Member Griffith stated he did not see recycling in the contract. Mr. James explained that we currently use 100% of reclaimed water in the Carson River Watershed and the current demand for reclaimed water is greater than the supply.

Director Giomi made a motion to approve Lumos Contract #2023-2 for the 30-Year Regional Drought & Water Sustainability Plan not to exceed \$165,000 and to authorize the General Manager to execute change orders up to 10% of the contract amount if funding is available in the grant from NDEM as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Schuette and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #16 - For Discussion Only: Update on Upcoming CWSD Events

- 1) Mr. Fryer gave an overview of the **2023 Watershed Forum**, April 18 & 19 at Ruvo Hall at the Governor's Mansion. Keynote speakers will be Chris Smallcomb (NWS) on Tuesday, and James Settlemyer (DCNR) on Wednesday. There will be an assortment of presentations, speakers & panels both days. Lunch will be provided. Director Schank suggested that the PSA video series should be shown during the event. Mr. Hunt said a sizzle reel of the Watershed Moments series will be shown. [Click here to view final draft of 2023 Watershed Forum Schedule.](#)
- 2) CWSD is hosting the first **Get On The Bus Tour** since 2018. The much anticipated 2-day tour will visit most of the watershed on June 13 & 14. The itinerary includes (Day 1) Minden LID Project, Faith Valley, Hope Valley, Ace Herford Ranch, Dangberg Ranch, Wild Harmony Ranch & River Fork Ranch; (Day 2) Carson River Park, Rolling A Water Treatment Plant, Western State Hemp, Lahontan Dam & Fort Churchill State Park. There will be speakers & tour guides participating throughout the journey. Lunch is provided both days. Ticket for both days is \$150 per person.
- 3) CWSD is planning an **East Fork River Float** in late June for Board Members & local dignitaries. This is a 6-hour float from Markleeville to Ruhestroth, stopping at the Hot Springs for lunch. There are also plans to float Genoa Lane to Cradlebaugh and the Brunswick, too. This will be a good year for river rafting. Director Giomi suggests July 12 for a birthday float!

All Board members are encouraged to participate in all CWSD events whenever they can. There is no charge for the Get on the Bus tour for Board members. Information will be sent out soon for registration to reserve your seat.

No action taken.

Item #17 - For Possible Action: Discussion regarding the 2023 Nevada Legislation Session

Mr. James reported on a list of water bills working their way through the legislative session and suggested CWSD support the following:

- [AB 19 – Enables Tribes to receive Channel Clearance funds](#)
- [AB 20 – Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)
- [SB 102 – Funding to develop water resource plans](#)
- [AB 109- Establish a Soil Health Advisory Board & Initiative](#)

Director Giomi made a motion for CWSD to support AB 19, AB20, SB102 & AB108 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Gardner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #18 - For Discussion Only: Overview of the Water Picture for the Carson River Watershed

Mr. James presented slides of the record-breaking water picture for the Carson River watershed to date. Director Schank stated that per the Water Master, this is the most snow received on record since 1880. [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #19 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- He will be making a presentation to the Legislative Session on March 16.
- He will be late to the April 19 Board meeting due to a speaking engagement that was changed by the host organization.

Mrs. Hunt reported the following:

- Please see correspondence email to Ms. Bennett at KTNV Channel 2 regarding her Carson River Mercury Super Fund feature reporting. She has not heard from her since that date. Also, Andy Bain told her that EPA is still studying the issue so the interim decision on the Super Fund site is not the end.

Ms. Schambra reported on the following:

- Board field trips will be starting with the May 17 meeting. Please be thinking about where you would like the Board to tour in your county. We have Lyon County set for June, all other dates are open. Please email your ideas so we can begin to schedule rooms, meals and tours.

Legal – No report.

Correspondence –

Correspondence (1) Email- KTNV Channel 2 re CRMSS

Correspondence (2) NDEP 319 Grant Award Letter

No action was taken.

Item #14 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –

- Director Gardner stated the model created by Courtney Walker last year for Smelter Creek worked perfectly this year.
- Director Giomi reported Carson City received a Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) grant of \$1.9 million to acquire Stream Water Rights at Buzzy' s Ranch for a wetland enhancement project. Carson City plans to maintain the natural area as a critical habitat for waterfowl and migratory birds with walkways for public use in the future.
- Ms. Canfield reported for Storey County. Six Mile Canyon was blown out from the storms. The city is meeting with USEPA to discuss Super Fund (1st Operational Unit) designation hurts funding and property sales. Storey County is applying for funding to rebuild bridges. FY 24-25 grants are available with no match required.

No action was taken.

Item #15 - For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –

- Committee Member Griffith reported there has been work moving forward on the JPA update and proposed draft should be available for review at the April meeting.

No action was taken.

Item #21 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board