

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
May 17, 2023

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30pm in the East Fork Fire Protection District Conference Room at 1694 County Road, Minden, NV 89423. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Mark Gardner	Dave Nelson
Stacey Giomi	Ernie Schank
Sharla Hales	Bus Scharmann
Tammy Hendrix	Lisa Schuette
Jim Hindle	Fred Stodieck
Cassi Koerner	Mike Workman

Roll call included CWSD Committee Member present – Charlie Dobson and David Griffith.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Stefani Bell, Michael Baker Intl.	Kelly Nicholas, CWSD AmeriCorps
Shane Fryer, CWSD	Karin Peternel, Michael Baker Intl.
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Max Robinson, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD	Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney	Courtney Walker, Douglas County
Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD	

Director Gardner led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Director Gardner introduced Douglas County Public Works Director, Phil Ritger.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Schank made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023, Agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Koerner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #7 – For Possible Action: CWSD will conduct a Public Hearing on FY 2023-24 Tentative Budget

Director Workman opened the Public Hearing on FY 2023-24 Tentative Budget. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing on FY 2023-24 Tentative Budget was closed.

No action taken.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #8 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April 2023

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for April 2023

Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of Lost Lakes Agreement with Carson City

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 #11 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of Recent Flooding in Douglas County

Courtney Walker, Douglas County Stormwater Manager gave a presentation on recent flooding. [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #12 - For Discussion Only: Carson City East ADMP Presentation

Stefani Bell and Karin Peternel from Michael Baker International gave a presentation on the FEMA Carson City East Area Drainage Master Plan (ADMP).

[Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #13 - For Discussion Only: Discussion regarding the 2023 Watershed Forum, Get on the Bus Tour, and river floats.

Ms. Nicholas gave a recap on the Watershed Forum held in April and all positive survey responses by attendees. It was the first time we had several panel discussions and it was well received.

Ms. Hunt discussed the on-going planning of the 2-day GET ON THE BUS tour and the schedule of stops and speakers so far.

Mr. Fryer announced this is the year to float the Carson River! An East Fork Float is set for Tuesday, June 20. There are 40 seats available. The group will meet at 8am at Ruhstroth to be taken to the drop-in point by bus. The float will be 4-5 hours stopping for lunch at the Hot Springs. He urged Board members to let him know if they would like to reserve a seat.

No action taken.

Item #14 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Final CWSD FY 2023-24 Budgets

Mr. James gave a brief overview of the final CWSD FY 2023-24 Budgets as recommended for approval by the Finance Committee at their meeting on May 2, 2023.

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Final CWSD FY 2023-24 Budgets as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Schank and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #15 - 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. Estimates of the high flows in the East Fork were way off. Models did not consider the actual irrigation and diversions out of flows to Lahontan. [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #18 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- The Administrative Committee will be meeting on June 2 to discuss the Conserve Nevada Program’s \$43.3 Million Bond issue. Most of the funding is already allocated, but there is \$1 Million available for Carson/Truckee and \$2 Million available for other state projects. CWSD has been asked if we want to participate on the Steering Committee for the funding allocation of the Carson/Truckee programs.

Mrs. Hunt reported the following:

- She met with David Friedman regarding EPA Mercury Superfund Site Interim Record of Decision. A letter from EPA is expected this Fall.

Ms. Neddenriep reported on the following:

- The Walker River Flood Risk Assessment Kick Off meeting was held today.

Legal – None

Correspondence – GET ON THE BUS! Press Release

No action was taken.

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports –

- Director Gardner appreciates everyone’s attendance today!
- Committee Member Griffith reported an incident in Alpine County with weather related property damage.
- Director Hendrix thanks everyone for their help in Lyon County.
- Director Giomi reported the Carson City East ADMP presentation will be given to the Board of Supervisors tomorrow.

- Director Scharmann reported there is a disagreement between TCID and Churchill Commissioners regarding if additional water should be released from Lahontan Reservoir or should TCID start storing water. There are two times the amount of water that Lahontan can hold still in the mountains!
- Director Nelson thanks everyone for approving the budget. Committee worked hard on it.
- Director Workman thanked everyone. Great tour and dinner!

No action was taken.

Item #20 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board