

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
June 21, 2023

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:33pm in the Lyon County Utilities Conference Room, 34 Lakes Blvd., Suite 103, in Dayton. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Mark Gardner	Ernie Schank
Tammy Hendrix	Lisa Schuette
Jim Hindle	Fred Stodieck
Cassi Koerner	Mike Workman

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

Directors Stacy Giomi, Sharla Hales, Dave Nelson & Bus Scharmann were absent.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Shane Fryer, CWSD	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Kelly Nicholas, CWSD AmeriCorps
Edwin James, CWSD	Max Robinson, CWSD
Scott Keller, Lyon County (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney	Carmen Schank, Public
Tom Minor, Public	

Director Gardner led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Mr. Minor stated that with this high spring runoff, there could be a lot of damage to streambanks. The communities may need CWSD’s financial help with these repairs. Mr. Minor also stated that a dam in Brunswick Canyon would have recreational value, flood control and provide future water needs. He suggests infrastructure money go towards this project.

Mr. James announced that this is the last Board meeting for Shane Fryer before he retires. While cake was served to celebrate his retirement, speakers Mr. James, Ms. Hunt, Ms. Schambra, Ms. Neddenriep gave heart felt tributes to their colleague. Chairman Workman also spoke saying Shane’s drone work took us to a new level and his work totally kicked up the program. As the Chairman, he wanted to say thank you. Mr. Fryer also spoke of how much he has enjoyed his work with CWSD.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Mr. James announced Item #18 will be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to the July Board meeting.

Director Schank made a motion to approve the June 21, 2023, Agenda,

less Item #18 as requested. 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 May 17, 2023

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

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for May 2023

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

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-4 Carson Valley Conservation District – Carson Valley River Projects Maintenance & Repairs, not to exceed \$215,000

Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-5 Dayton Valley Conservation District – Pradere & Ricci Stabilization, Channel Maintenance & Riparian Bridge Protection, not to exceed \$100,000

Item #11 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-6 Lahontan Conservation District – Clearing & Snagging Carson River, not to exceed \$29,500

Item #12 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-7 River Wranglers – Conserve Carson River Workdays, not to exceed \$30,000

Item #13 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-8 Alpine Watershed Group – Upper Carson River Watershed Programs, not to exceed \$30,000

Item #14 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-9 Alpine Watershed Group – West Fork Carson River Prioritization Project, not to exceed \$83,350

Item #15 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-10 Truckee-Carson Irrigation District – Carson River Diversion Dam, not to exceed \$50,000

Item #16 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-11 Sierra Nevada Journeys – Family Watershed Nights, not to exceed \$3,279.40

Item #17 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-15 – HDR Engineering - Pinenut Creek LOMR (FEMA Response), not to exceed \$6,784

Item #18 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-16 - Stantec - Clear Creek LOMR (FEMA Response), not to exceed \$5,945 (PULLED – Moved to July Board Meeting)

Director Schank made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items #7-17 with a few noted typo corrections. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Item #19 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of New Weir Along the V-Line in Churchill County, High-Water River Float through Carson Valley, and flooding in the Fandango Parking lot in Carson City

Mr. Fryer and Ms. Hunt showed video presentations of the new weir in Churchill County, video taken during a Carson River float during high-water, and a video of the Fandango Casino mud slide in the parking lot as it was happening. [Click here to view Churchill County Weir video.](#)
[Click here to view high-water river float video.](#) [Click here to view Fandango mudslide video.](#)

No action taken.

Item #20 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-13 Shane Fryer – Post Employment Contract Work, not to exceed \$60,000

Mr. James announced that Mr. Fryer has agreed to accept a contract for post-employment work to help CWSD through the transition and to complete some on-going projects. The contract would be for a total of 1000 hours over the next twelve months. CWSD will not replace his position at this time due to funding uncertainty in the coming year.

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve Agreement #2023-13 for Shane Fryer for Post Employment Contract Work, not to exceed \$60,000 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #21 - For Possible Action: General Manager Annual Review

Chairperson Workman stated that the Administrative Committee voted to recommend approval of the General Manager Review and merit increase. However, he was disappointed that only seven responses were received, which is only half of the Board. Committee Member Griffith suggests that future reviews be a priority for the Board. Chairperson Workman asked if there were late responses and if they were included in the final result. There were a few and they were not included due to the timeline needed to get the results to the Administrative Committee for review and recommendation. He concurs that this should be a priority for Board Members to participate in this process. Mr. James stated that feedback is very important to him. That's why he tries to meet with every Board Member personally every year. Director Schank stated that CWSD operates due to public money. He feels all directors should make an effort to participate in the annual review.

Kudos around the room on a job well done, as usual by Mr. James.

Director Schank made a motion to approve the General Manager Review and merit increase as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #22 - 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. Surprisingly, the total precipitation in 2017 (70 inches) is greater than the total precipitation in 2023 (60 inches). Ms. Neddenriep was the winner of the *actual* Peak Flow contest and Mr. Fryer won for the Peak Flow *day*. Both win bragging rights until next year. [Click here to view the presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #23 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- Regarding the Churchill County Flood Maps: FEMA is requiring the diversion gates openings for the 10-, 50-, and 100-year events be modeled to match the actual diversions. This is very frustrating for consultants doing the work since TCID does not have actual gate measurements.
- **Legal** – None, but Mr. King wanted to say he is proud of Mr. Fryer and his plans for retirement and asks him to please keep in touch.

Correspondence – None

No action was taken.

Item #24 – For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports –

- Director Gardner stated there is \$15.3 million in grants for Flood Mitigation and Detention Basins. Douglas County is waiting to hear how much they will get. Douglas County is constructing 4 detention basins in the Johnson Lane area.
- Director Hindle stated that Storey County will be hosting the field trip in August and wanted to ask the Board which they would like to see A) TRIC (Tahoe Reno Industrial Center); B) Six Mile; or C) Six Mile to Mark Twain Flood Issues. Mr. James suggested that a special trip to TRIC should be planned later to allow enough time. Director Schank said there has been a lot of weed treatment in Six Mile Canyon. Ernie suggested we meet at the bottom and go up.
- Director Schank reported Churchill County and TCID have been working together since 2017 during flood events. The new weir protects the Fallon community and reduces the floodway. This is a tribute to the people in Churchill County.
- Director Hendrix reported Lyon County still has extensive flooding in Yerington by Walker River. Perry & Sons donated the time, expense and equipment to build a 4-foot berm. They are working to protect the water and treatment plant from flooding. High flows are expected to last 4 more weeks.
- Committee Member Griffith stated he agrees that FEMA is being sticky in requiring historic maintenance records for road work in Alpine County.
- Director Schuette reported the speakers at the lunch break on the East Fork River Float were wonderful. There was a moment of clarity on how everything we do is connected.
- Director Koerner reported that Jack and Lee McCormick who have a 20-acre parcel on the west side of HWY 88 have talked to her about getting together a women’s group of farmers to meet on a regular basis to discuss and share issues in the Carson Valley. She will keep the Board posted on new developments with this idea.
- Director Schank asked Mr. James if there would be an evaluation of flood damage after the high flows. Mr. James said he would be talking to the Conservation Districts for this information and to assist with damage assessment and plans to restore and repair.

- Director Stodieck stated for the record that if the gravel bars were removed flooding would not happen.
- Director Schuette stated that Golden Eagle Lane is state land and Nevada takes an all or nothing approach which is a dilemma.

No action was taken.

Item #25 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Mr. Fryer again thanked everyone. It has been a great 8 years!

He reported on the East Fork River Float: There were 9 boats with 32 people participating. The river moved about 9 miles an hour. It took about 1 ½ hours to get to the Hot Springs and then 1 ½ hours to get to the Ruhenstroth pull out. It was a great day of networking and everyone working together. BLM, EPA, NDEP, Tribal Reps and more attended.

Ms. Nicholas reported on the Get on the Bus Tour: 26 out of the 36 participants responded to the survey. The stops they liked best were visiting the ranches. Also, Lahontan and Hope Valley were appreciated stops. All want to do it again! Maybe flip seasons? She will have a full report at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Minor agrees with Mr. Fryer. It's important to get different groups together on the ground in the watershed, not meeting at an office!

Director Schuette suggests a month with 5 Thursdays would be a good idea for the next bus tour.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board