

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
July 19, 2023

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30pm in the Alpine County Administration Building, 99 Water St, Markleeville, CA. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

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

Directors Mark Gardner & Bus Scharmann were absent.

Roll call included CWSD Committee Members present – Charlie Dobson & David Griffith.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD	Kelly Nicholas, CWSD AmeriCorps
Scott Keller, Lyon County (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Max Robinson, CWSD
Mike Kellogg, JE Fuller	Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Rachel Kieffer, AWG	Richard Waskowsky, JE Fuller
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney	
Freyja Knapp, EPA	

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Mr. James announced changes to the agenda order due to presenter schedules: After consent agenda Item 12, Item 14, Item 11 and then Item 13. Agenda Items 17 & 18 will be combined as Directors Reports & Committee Members Reports.*

Director Stodieck made a motion to approve the July 19, 2023, Agenda, with announced changes as requested. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023

Director Koerner made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Nelson and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

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

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Agreement #2023-17 – J-U-B, Engineers, Inc: Fish Springs Flood Study in Douglas County, not to exceed \$137,000

Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2023-16 – Stantec: Clear Creek LOMR (FEMA Response), not to exceed \$5,945

Director Schuette asked that Item #8 be pulled for further discussion.

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items #7, #9 and #10 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

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

Director Schuette questioned why there were areas in the transaction report that showed accounts with no activity, specifically the Director Fees. Mr. James explained that Director Fees are only paid once per month and it depends on the close of a payroll period and the Board meeting date as to when CWSD can submit for payment via Carson City payroll. Each pay period that occurs in the month is shown on the transaction report, including all payees whether paid on that pay period or not. The June Board payroll will show in the July transactions.

Director Schuette made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #8 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Koerner and unanimously approved by the Board.

***Item #12 - For Discussion Only: Presentation on the Buckeye Creek Study in Douglas County**

Mr. Kellogg , Vice President, JE Fuller Hydrology & Geomorphology, gave an abbreviated version of the public presentation of the results of the Buckeye Creek Flood Mitigation Design Concept Project. The Douglas County Public Meeting was on July 18 and was well attended with 50-60 in attendance. There is a lot of community interest in this issue. Buckeye Creek is an 80 square mile watershed. This area is a priority for Douglas County and this project is the preliminary planning to a costly but necessary infrastructure project. Mr. James emphasized that this preplanning is very important to move forward. [Click here to view presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

***Item #14 - For Discussion Only: Presentation by CWSD staff regarding the Get on the Bus Tour Evaluations**

Ms. Nicholas gave a summary report of the evaluations from the attendees of the CWSD 2-Day Get on the Bus Tour, June 13-14, 2023. This was the first CWSD Bus Tour since 2018 and it was a well-attended, successful event

[Click here to review 2023 Get on the Bus Tour Evaluations.](#)

No action taken.

***Item #11 - For Discussion Only: Presentation by the EPA on the Leviathan Superfund Project**

Freyja Knapp, Superfund - Project Manager, US EPA Region 9, led the CWSD Board tour of the Leviathan Superfund Site prior to tonight's meeting. She gave a follow up presentation. Director Nelson asked about East Fork fishing. Ms. Knapp reported a fish study above the East Fork will be coming out soon. Committee Member Griffith asked how much money has been spent on the Superfund site. Richfield spends approximately \$10 million per year. Director Schank asked if there is any value in the resale of minerals. Ms. Knapp said Atlantic Richfield has studied that in the past, but it is not cost effective. There was continued discussion on the costs of the project and the reporting requirements.

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No action taken.

***Item #13 - For Discussion Only: Presentation by the Alpine Watershed Group regarding activities in Alpine County**

Rachel Kieffer, Headwaters Coordinator of Alpine Watershed Group(AWG) gave an update on activities and accomplishments during the past year. AWG now has 3 staff members, adding Forest Health Coordinator, Wes Mosley recently. AWG is excited to be able to expand the team and happy to also be adding two AmeriCorps Fellows in the Fall. The US Forest Service honored AWG with the Forest Service 2022 Volunteers Program Citizenship Stewardship & Partnerships Award! She was also happy to report that agreements to finally move forward with the Markleeville Creek Restoration Project have been approved and will be moving forward!

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No action taken.

Item #15 - For Possible Action: Approval of Revision to the CWSD Travel Policy

Mr. James reported that the idea of revising the Travel Policy is mainly due to when CWSD moves the Board meetings in the summer. Since the meetings do not start until 6:30 pm and can last until 9pm or later, there is a concern that board members and staff may have a long drive back to their homes. The Administrative Committee met on June 2, 2023, and agreed to recommend this revision to allow Board Members and staff who live further than 70-miles from the Board meeting location to obtain hotel accommodation for that night. CWSD will cover the cost of the hotel room only up to the federal per diem rate. He thinks it probably will not be used but thinks it a good idea to have that option available if it is needed.

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Revision to the CWSD Travel Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #16 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- He will probably do another Water Year Report in October to report on the final data from the historic snowmelt and precipitation. He reported the state was concerned about water in Marlette so they dropped the water level by 7 feet in April, based on a consultant recommendation, but the water level only rose 4 feet. This year was difficult to predict and it will be interesting to see the data when at the end of the melt.

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- She is happy to report that Kelly Nicholas, AmeriCorps Watershed Technician has agreed to stay on for another year!
- **Legal** – None

Correspondence – Correspondence (1) Friends of Hope Valley Card

No action was taken.

***Item #17/18 – For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports –**

- Director Schank reported that July 14 was the peak date at Lahontan, which is the same peak day as 2017! Stream flows will be dropping drastically in the coming weeks.
- Director Hindle is looking forward to seeing everyone in Storey County next month.
- Committee Member Griffith reported the Forest Health Committee Working Group meeting had 30 people attend. Discussions on what makes a resilient forest, areas where it didn't burn, etc. On August 26 the group will tour the area looking at fire treatment.
- Director Giomi reported that Carson City had a fatality in the river, possibly two. The river is very dangerous during these high flows. The deceased and missing were in kayaks.

No action was taken.

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board