

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 20, 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	Ernie Schank
Stacy Giomi	Lisa Schuette
Tammy Hendrix	Fred Stodieck
Cassi Koerner	Mike Workman
Dave Nelson ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	

Directors, Sharla Hales, Jim Hindle, & Bus Scharmann were absent.

The roll call included present CWSD Committee Member, Charlie Dobson. David Griffith was absent.

**CWSD Staff & Guests present:**

Kathy Canfield, Storey County	Jonathan Lesperance, Lumos & Assoc.
John Cobourn, UNR Ext (Retired)	Austin Osborn, Storey County ( <i>via Zoom</i> )
Michelle Gamble, Lumos & Assoc.	Max Robinson, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD	Jason Wierzbicki, Storey County ( <i>via Zoom</i> )
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney	

Director Schank led the pledge of allegiance.

**Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –**

Mr. James announced Max Robinson (CWSD Water Resource Specialist I) will be resigning effective November 2. He is moving to Flagstaff, Arizona to join the Fire Department. He has been a great addition to our staff and we are sorry to see him go. Max thanked the Board for the opportunity and the CWSD team for a great experience. He will miss CWSD too.

**Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda**

*Director Schank made a motion to approve the September 20 Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023**

*Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Koerner and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\***

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

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

**Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum to Agreement #2023-13 – Shane Fryer (Post Employment Work) to update Section 7 to current Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Appendix II to Part 200, Title 2 Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards**

**Item #10 - For Possible Action: CWSD Comment Letter to Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Region 6 on Draft West Fork Carson River Vision Plan**

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

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

**Item #11 - For Discussion Only: Presentation on 25 Years of the Carson River Coalition**

John Cobourn (UNR Extension Educator, Retired) gave a brief presentation on the 25-year history of the CRC. He stated his aim was to explain the how, why and when of the creation of this great resource of our watershed.

For centuries, he said, all around the world we got rid of our garbage in our waterways. In the United States, Congress recognized the problem with this practice and enacted regulations to stop it. The Clean Water Act (CWA) established the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters. The basis of the CWA was enacted in 1948 and was called the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, but the Act was significantly reorganized and expanded in 1972. "Clean Water Act" became the Act's common name with amendments in 1972. During the following 15 years there was major growth in America including industrial plants and increased wastewater. In 1987, nonpoint source pollution was identified and best management practices were suggested. In the 1990s, runoff was identified as a pollutant and watershed groups began to develop.

In 1997 our area experienced a major flood that caused major damage. This is when all entities got together for the first meetings to address flood issues and watershed management. This conference was planned to include all areas: drainage, roads, cities, counties, flood control, etc. – all agencies local and state. This was when we first coined the term integrated watershed management because that was our goal. The first conference was held soon after the flood at the Ormsby in Carson City and 260 people attended. From this conference the Stewardship Plan was developed. An evaluation and vote at the end of the conference showed 77% of attendees voted to form a citizens and interagency group to address these issues. A second conference was held 3 weeks later to continue the development. It was attended by 103 people and of those in attendance it was voted to have CWSD house this group. Within the month the CRC started meeting on a monthly basis. CWSD received a grant for Watershed Coordination from NDEP to facilitate this effort and the CWSD Watershed Program was born. Soon after the Guiding Principles for Watershed Management and the CRC Vision were developed. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year the CRC main message was developed: protect the floodplain from urban development (which led to the Carson River Regional Floodplain

Management Plan) and management of the river rather than trying to stop the river. The Carson River watershed has 30% of its floodplain protected. The CRC has accomplished a lot in its 25-year history! Ed James was hired as General Manager at the same time to have staff to coordinate the watershed and look at CWSD now!

Mr. Cobourn thanked the Board members for taking care of this very important resource.

*No action taken.*

**Item #12 - For Discussion Only: Presentation on the Construction and Upgrades to the Marlette Water System**

Michelle Gamble and Jonathan Lesperance of Lumos & Associates gave a presentation on repair project to the Marlette Water System.

[Click here to review presentation slides.](#)

*No action taken.*

**Item #13 - For Discussion Only: Presentation on the streambank damage along the Carson River**

Mr. James reported on the August 30 field trip hosted by CWSD to view several high flow streambank damage sites along the Carson River which included a group of 20. Included on the tour were representatives from funding sources: Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR), Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), Carson Truckee Water Conservation District (CTWCD); representatives from Regulatory Agencies: United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); and others including Division of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Conservation Districts, CTWCD & CWSD Board Members as well as US Senator Rosen staff. Mr. James explained there will be increased funding requests to repair damage due to the storms and extreme winter runoff. CWSD wanted to get out into the field with partner entities so all could see the damage in person.

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*No action taken.*

**Item #14 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports**

Mr. James reported the following:

- The job posting for Max's replacement go up tomorrow, September 21 with the same title, job description and salary.

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- Creek Day is this Saturday, September 23 in Markleeville. Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) is hosting the event. If interested in helping out, meet at 9am at Turtle Creek Park.

Mr. Robinson reported the following:

- He thanked Director Workman and Director Schank for all their help with the NWRA Conference (Nevada Water Resources Association) last week.

**Legal – None**

**Correspondence –**

- (1) Sheriffs National Night Out - Storey County
- (2) USBR Letter re: Churchill County Flood Map

Mr. James mentioned there is a meeting September 22 regarding Churchill County Flood Maps with USBR (US Bureau of Reclamation), Truckee Carson Irrigation District (TCID) and others concerned with liability issues.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #15 – For Discussion Only: Director & Committee Member Reports –**

- Chairperson Workman stated it was a great field trip and dinner and thanked Ms. Schambra for pulling it all together. He also thanked Ms. Hunt for the great comment letter on the West Fork Vision Plan. Good Job!
- Committee Member Dobson reported Alpine County is looking at the Floodplain Master Plan now. Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) was recognized with a national award from the US Forest Service for their volunteer service over the past 22 years in conjunction with the Carson Ranger District.
- Director Koerner reported she will be taking part in an Ag Day at AL Seeliger Elementary School on October 24, 8am-12:30. There will be 10 booths with 40 kids at each one and lots of live animals. It should be a great day and she is looking forward to it.
- Director Giomi reported there is disagreement on the use of ramps on rolled curbs between Carson City Public Works and the public. Developers prefer installing these rolled curbs because they are easier and cheaper. Homeowners are buying rubberized ramps to make these curbs easier to use with motorhomes and other vehicles. Public Works does not want these used because they are left at curbs and then hinder street cleaning. The public who use these “curb ramps” are angry because they were expensive and the manufacturers assured buyers they are approved for street use.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra*

Secretary to the Board