

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
January 17, 2024

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30pm in the Bonanza Room of Carson City Community Center, 851 E. William Street, Carson City, NV 89701. Roll call of the CWSD Board of Directors was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

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

Absent Directors: Jim Hindle & Bus Scharmann

The roll call included CWSD Committee Member present: Charlie Dobson (*via Zoom*). Committee Member David Griffith was absent.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Darrel Cruz, Public	Lindsay Marsh, CWSD
Shane Fryer, Public	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Jan Gibbs, Public	Kelly Nicholas, CWSD AmeriCorps
Dan Greytak, Public	Doug Odell, Public
Jude Greytak, Public	John Ortez, Public
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Jack Reinhart, Public
Edwin James, CWSD	Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Jenni Johnson, Public	Ben Shawcroft, TCID
Mark Kimbrough, Public	John Strickland, Public
Dan Kaffer, Public	Nancy Strickland, Public
Scott Keller, Public (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Cyndie Walck, Public
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney	John Warpeha, Public
Louis Larquer, Public	Rich Wilkinson, CVCD
Judy Larquer, Public	Lynn Zonge, Public

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Sterrett made a motion to approve the Agenda of Jan. 17, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Koerner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of Dec. 20, 2023

Director Schank made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of

December 20, 2023, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #7 – For Discussion Only: Presentation of 2024 Andy Aldax Awards to Dan Greytak and Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Dan Greytak was honored with the individual 2024 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award for Exemplary Service in Conservation and Protection of the Carson River Watershed. There was a full gallery of friends, colleagues and family members in attendance at the ceremony. Speakers lauding his decades of service to the watershed included Dan Kaffer, John Warpeha, Judy Larquer, Mark Kimbra, Darrel Cruz, Jack Reinhart, Shane Fryer, Brenda Hunt, Debbie Neddenriep and Mike Workman. Dan Kaffer presented Jude Greytak, Dan's wife of 50 years with a bouquet of roses.

Judy Larquer said there is evidence of Dan's work all along the river. Mark Kimbrough stated he always respected his voice of reason regarding the river and he would then explain in science terms why a particular thing was good for the river. Darrel Cruz, a co-worker of Dan's thanked him for his many years of service to the Washoe Environmental Protection Department. Jack Reinhart commented on his many years of work at the Washoe State Tree Nursery and shared that Dan is always offering to volunteer when needed. Dan even played the role of Jacques Cousteau's brother in an oceanography video he made for his class!

Shane Fryer stated Dan is an amazing volunteer! Shane had no idea of his wealth of knowledge and background until he worked with him. Dan was an original Board member of the Carson River Advisory Committee (CRAC) which is behind so much that we have done in the watershed. Shaned describes Dan as the conscience of the river.

Brenda Hunt stated Dan is such a pleasure. When she was new to CWSD he took her out in the field and taught her so much about the watershed. She appreciates his decades of service, as he is so deserving of this honor and she is super excited that he is being recognized in this way!

Dan Kaffer has known Dan Greytak since 1983. In 1978, Greytak established the Nevada State Tree Nursery that initially sold native trees to help raise money to get Conservation Districts started. For over 25 years, he expanded the nursery to sell over 10 million trees and established the Nevada State Seed Bank. His trees affected the entire area. He is the Johnny Appleseed of Western Nevada! Through his work he has contributed to getting 30,000 kids out to the river learning about the watershed and its native trees. Dan has been involved in too many groups to mention here, but they include CRAC, Carson River Clean Up Committee, Clear Creek Shade Tree Council, Carson City Open Space Committee, Silver Saddle Ranch, Carson River and the Aquatic Trail from Carson City to Dayton. He is a true community leader and a champion of the environment! Dan thanks him for all his hard work that will touch generations to come!

Debbie Neddenriep appreciates his hard work too. He helped lead the project that led to the formation of the Carson River Coalition! Chairperson Workman said he loves listening to the history of his work. He remembers visiting the state nursery in 1978 and here we are all these years later honoring his work and contributions!

Mr. Greytak said he was flabbergasted and humbled to be among the list of previous winners. He attended the Watershed Forum last year and there are so many new faces. Seeing there are many like-minded, enthusiastic people working in our watershed to protect the resource, he thinks the river is going to be ok! He is grateful for the opportunity to be part of this group.

Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) was honored with the organization 2024 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award for Exemplary Service in Conservation and Protection of the Carson River Watershed. TCID General Manager, Ben Shawcroft stated the award recognizes the tremendous work of all those that came before me. Specifically, he mentioned former TCID General Manager Rusty Jardine who retired in June 2022 and former TCID Board President, Ernie Schank who served for many years, who is currently the CWSD Vice Chair. But there are countless others as well, he said who contributed to the work in this part of the watershed.

Director Schank stated he thinks we are honoring five generations of farmers with water rights in the lower part of the Carson River shaped the Lahontan Valley into wonderful area is today with lots of wildlife and trees. TCID was born from their work and sacrifice to turn the Lahontan Valley into what it is today.

Mr. James commended TCID for its efforts to address water rights issues and to keep farming alive in Churchill County through its approach to irrigation, as well as its work in the aftermath of last winter's historic snowpack.

No action taken.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

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

Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of Edwin James reappointment to represent CWSD on the Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District Board of Directors

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum B - Contract #2020-01 HDR - Churchill County Floodplain Mapping Project extension to December 31, 2024

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Resolution #2024-1 Adoption of 2023 Lyon County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Item #13 - For Possible Action: Approval to pursue the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection 319 Grant

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

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

Item #14 - For Discussion Only: Update on Integrated Water Resource Planning for the Carson River Watershed

Ms. Hunt gave a presentation on the CRC (Carson River Coalition) process and the Carson River Watershed Adaptive Stewardship Plan which included the members of the CRC, the challenges it faces and the effective planning that has been put into action by their efforts. She explained the Watershed Plan purpose and how it identifies projects and programs needed in areas of Floodplain Management, River Rehabilitation & Restoration, Water Quality, Water Supply, Invasive Species, Outreach & Education, and Recreation. Ms. Hunt showed examples of the Chapter 8 Tables of Critical Area Management Measures and Water Quality Objectives; Proposed Projects; and Suggested Actions. She emphasized the importance of the plan being monitored and updated consistently to be able to meet the needs of the watershed and how

the CRC works to make this happen.

Chairperson Workman asked if projects ever fall off the plan. Ms. Hunt responded yes, but not very often. More likely the projects are changed based on new ways to accomplish the plan. Time is the issue. It takes a lot of time to implement these plans, but Watershed Plan works to track these projects until they are completed. Chairperson Workman stated he is always amazed by everything CWSD keeps track of. Good job!

[View CRC Process & Carson River Watershed Adaptive Stewardship Plan here.](#)

No action taken.

Item #15 - For Possible Action: Approval of 2023 CWSD Activities & Accomplishments Report

Mr. James stated that although he is not present tonight Committee Member Griffith has asked that we make a few changes to identify acronyms. Chairperson Workman asked that it be noted that available funding will be more challenging in the coming year (on page 8, Looking Forward to 2024). See link below for final version with these suggested edits. Director Gardner stated that this is an extremely impressive report and he wanted to thank the staff and congratulate all on a successful year of accomplishments.

[Click here to view 2023 CWSD Activities & Accomplishments Report.](#)

Director Schank made a motion to approve the 2023 CWSD Activities & Accomplishments Report with noted edits. The motion was seconded by Director Hales and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #16 - For Discussion Only: 2024 Water Year Update

Mr. James stated what a difference a year makes! The snow water equivalent is way below 2022, so a dry year so far, but who knows? The runoff projection is a historical flow in 2023 but is projected under 100% of normal this year. We are again looking at a possible drought.

Director Koerner mentioned that in an irrigation meeting in Douglas County there was discussion of a correlation between New Zealand weather patterns and ours. June dry, July and August very cold, and Australia is the opposite season. Julian LaRoy talked about the similarity of our weather this year.

Mr. James said stay tuned. Every year is very different!

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

No action taken.

Item #17 - For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- He met with STPUD this morning. A new Master Plan on reclaimed water is being developed. All goes to Alpine County to be used by farmers. They are currently looking at future water supplies. They will be submitting recommendations to their Board by this Fall. Alpine County was not involved in this meeting.
- The June Board meeting will need to be moved as it falls on the Juneteenth holiday.

- The Finance Committee will meet the week of February 26 to consider CWSD funding requests and determine FY 24-25 Budgets recommendations.

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- She was interviewed on KKOH radio regarding the Bag It video.
- KOLO TV 8 will be interviewing her live with the Humane Society on “Bag It” video and outreach campaign to be tied to National Walk Your Dog Week.
- The 2024 Watershed Forum will be held March 5 & 6 in Ruvo Hall at the Governor’s Mansion. In the planning stages now.

Legal – None

Correspondence –

Correspondence (1)
Video series promotes river awareness, Record Courier 12-29-23

No action was taken.

Item #18 – For Discussion Only: Director & Committee Member Reports –

- Director Sterrett reported Storey County approved an amendment to parcel to re-zone 1,000 acres from forest to industrial use as a data center. Minor impact.
- Director Stodieck asked to view drone videos taken by Shane Fryer.

No action was taken.

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Committee Member Dobson stated he saw the PSA Carwash Video on Channel 2 and it was great! Kudos for a great job!

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board