

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 18, 2024

**Minutes**

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm in the CWSD Conference Room, 777 E. William Street, Suite 209 in 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	Lisa Schuette
Jim Hindle	Lee Sterrett
Sharla Hales	Fred Stodieck
Tammy Hendrix	Mike Workman

**Absent Directors:** Stacey Giomi, Cassi Koerner, Dave Nelson, Ernie Schank & Bus Scharmann.

The roll call included CWSD Committee Members present: Charlie Dobson & David Griffith.

**CWSD Staff & Guests present:**

David Bruketta, Lyon County ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	Steve King, CWSD Attorney
Alison Kramer, RCI( <i>via Zoom</i> )	Lindsay Marsh, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD	Kelly Nicholas, CWSD <i>AmeriCorps</i>
Scott Keller, Public ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Director Schuette stated she just wanted to give a shout-out for the bus tour. That was great, and I was only able to participate one day but enjoyed it and it was really interesting and folks really enjoyed it. So, kudos!

Director Gardner stated he would like to thank Ms. Hunt for coming down and doing a presentation to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners on Low Impact Development. It's a very, very interesting concept and something that I think the county really needs to take a look at implementing. It was very well received.

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

*Director Stodieck motioned to approve the June 18, 2024, Agenda, as presented. Director Hales seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024**

*Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024, as presented. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

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

**Item #7 – For Discussion Only: Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2024**

**Item #8 – For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for May 2024**

**Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-2 Alpine Watershed Group - Upper Carson River Watershed Programs, not to exceed \$30,000**

**Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-3 River Wranglers - Conserve Carson River Workdays, not to exceed \$40,000 (PULLED)**

**Item #11 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-4 Carson Valley Conservation District - Carson River Restoration & Flood Damage Repairs (2 years), not to exceed \$225,000**

**Item #12 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-5 Lahontan Conservation District - Clearing & Snagging Carson River, not to exceed \$32,700**

**Item #13 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-6 Dayton Valley Conservation District - Management & Administration (2 years), not to exceed \$100,000**

**Item #14 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-7 Dayton Valley Conservation District – Weed/Restoration Crew (2 years), not to exceed \$60,000**

**Item #15 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-8 Storey County Six Mile Canyon Culverts Project, not to exceed \$36,500**

**Item #16 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-9 Churchill County – Lahontan Valley Water Level Measurement Program (3 years), not to exceed \$48,000**

**Item #17 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-10 The Nature Conservancy – Riparian Tree Planting, Wetland Enhancements, & Adaptive Grazing (2 years), not to exceed \$62,089**

**Item #18 – For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum to #2022-8 Dayton Valley Conservation District (time extension only)**

**Item #19 – For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum to #2023-5 Dayton Valley Conservation District (time extension only)**

Item # 10 was pulled for further discussion.

*Director Gardner motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7-9 and Items 11-19 as presented. Director Hales seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.*

**Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD Agreement #2024-3 River Wranglers - Conserve Carson River Workdays, not to exceed \$40,000**

*Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve Item 10 with a minor typo correction. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

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

**Item #20 For Discussion Only: Presentation on the 2024 “Get on the Bus!” Watershed Tour**

Kelly Nicholas, CWSD AmeriCorps, reported on the June 11-12 Watershed Tour, summarizing the daily itineraries and sharing comments from the evaluation surveys from attendees. The event was well attended and got great reviews, even with the high temperature on the second day. Director Schuette, Director Sterrett, and Steve King participated in the tour.

*No action taken.*

**Item #21 For Possible Action: Strategic Planning Process**

Mr. James presented CWSD's historic goals and focus before 1997, after the 1997 flood, and the

2022 strategic planning results. Each month leading up to the Strategic Planning Session in November staff will review different CWSD information in preparation for the workshop.

*No action taken.*

**Item #22 For Possible Action: Discuss CWSD's Role on the CTWCD Board**

Mr. James reported on the history of CWSD's involvement with CTWCD as an original and continuous member of their Board. In recent months, the proposal for an Interlocal Agreement between the two entities to transfer funding from CTWCD to CWSD for Carson River projects is being considered to streamline the funding process. In these discussions, the question of whether CWSD should retain a seat on its Board was brought up. Mr. James led a lengthy discussion on the changing goals of the CTWCD during its history and whether CWSD needed to be involved. The consensus remained that the input of CWSD with its knowledge and expertise of the Carson River Watershed, especially during flooding events is a valuable resource to CTWCD and should not be lost. Chairperson Workman reported that he and Director Giomi had met with the CTWCD Chairperson and discussed the potential funding and the CWSD representation on the Board. The Administrative Committee at their June 5, 2024, meeting also discussed this issue and determined the importance of keeping CWSD active on the CTWCD Board.

Chairperson Workman stated we bring more than just funding requests to the Board; we have full knowledge of the watershed from the top to the bottom. And there may be a time when they need us or we need them and having that person on that Board just expedites that whole process. Our Administrative Committee supported strongly that that we maintain a position on that board.

*No action taken.*

**Item #23 For Possible Action: General Manager Annual Review**

Chairperson Workman stated that the Administrative Committee voted to recommend approval of the General Manager Review. Mr. James scored 29 out of 30 points, extremely high marks, and a lot of good comments. During our Administrative Committee reviews, as always, Mr. James is very, very quick to recognize his staff and, and their accomplishments. Every month we see the staff report where they log their activities, the bus tour, going in and out of the schools and all that is a tremendous workload and a great job of leadership. Putting the team together, keeping it functioning, and keeping it all on track. It is a nice thing, too, that we have staff that know their jobs well and are recognized all over the state and the country.

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

*Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the General Manager Annual Review as presented. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

**Item #24 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports**

Mr. James reported the following:

- He will be going to Elko next week for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) kickoff meeting of the Humbolt Working Group of which he is officially a member. DWR is trying to figure out how to deal with the impacts groundwater pumping has on surface flows. The process developed in the Humboldt watershed may be used in other watersheds in the state. He thinks it is really good for CWSD to be part of this advisory group so we are prepared as we move forward to know what we can do and make sure

whatever is being proposed works for everyone. That is always our goal, and we can work for everyone. How do you protect the senior water users? How do you protect the other users that are out there? Etc.

- He gave kudos to Directors Giomi and Schuette regarding Carson City's public meeting with the EPA to talk about the Mercury Superfund Site status and its ramifications in the watershed. There is now a process in place and they are looking to try to resolve this. One of the ideas is to bring NDEP and people in charge of the Superfund Site in when a project comes forward. They would vet it first and say okay, this is how it goes through, and then push it forward for FEMA disaster and try to get those kinds of relationships built. We are looking for a local solution and it was really good to hear their positive input. He thinks it was because of Director Giomi and Director Schuette's comments during the presentation to the Carson City Supervisors that got the EPA's attention.
- On June 20 he will give a presentation on the 30-Year Regional Water Plan to Lyon County, Douglas County, and the Stagecoach General Improvement District

Ms. Marsh reported on the following:

- The entire office staff has been extremely busy this month! The bus tour and the High-Water Mark event at Lahontan Dam both took a lot of planning. She has been busy with Ed on the 30-Year Regional Water Plan which is going well. She has been working on Carson City pumping reports. There is no shortage of spreadsheets, very large spreadsheets! Everything is going really well!

**Legal** – None

**Correspondence** –

- (1) Nevada Appeal – Mercury no threat to Carson River recreation, supervisors told
- (2) NCNR Press Release – High Water Mark Sign Unveiled at Lahontan

**Item #25 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports**

- Director Hendrix reported she attended a great training in Washington DC provided by the National Association of Counties Learning Institute.
- Director Sterrett reported he enjoyed the 2-day watershed bus tour! He learned a lot and he thinks it is a very good thing that we are doing with that event.
- Director Hales reported that Ms. Hunt's presentation on Low Impact Development (LID) was well received by her county Board and she has even received comments from the public saying it is time we did this. She is happy to see that progress has been made and people are open to this.
- Director Gardner reported it is important that we integrate some of these low impact development aspects into coming projects. That would be terrific. I think that would send a good message to the public and our developers. It is a really impressive presentation!

**Item #15 For Discussion Only: Public Comment** - None

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra*

Secretary to the Board