

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS &
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21, 2024

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm in the Turtle Rock Community Center, 17300 Highway 89, Markleeville, CA 96120. Roll call of the CWSD Board of Directors was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Stacey Giomi	Dave Nelson (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Tammy Hendrix (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Lee Sterrett
Jim Hindle (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Mike Workman
Cassi Koerner	

Absent Directors:

Mark Gardner, Sharla Hales, Ernie Schank, Bus Scharmann, Lisa Schuette and Fred Stodieck.

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

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Julie Fair, American Rivers	Lindsay Marsh, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Kimra McAfee, Alpine Watershed Group
Edwin James, CWSD	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Steve King, CWSD Attorney	Catrina Schambra (<i>via Zoom</i>)

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Ms. Marsh announced it was Chairperson Workman’s Birthday and cake was served to the Board.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Mr. James announced Item #15 will be pulled from the Agenda and Item #17 will be moved up to follow Item #12.*

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the August 21, 2024, Agenda, pulling Item #15 and moving up Item#17 to follow Item #12. Director Giomi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2024

Director Koerner motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2024, as presented. Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for July 2024

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

Item #9 For Possible Action: Authorization to Hire CWSD Senior Watershed Clerk

Item #10 For Possible Action: Authorization to Apply for Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (WSARE) Grant

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

****END CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #11 For Discussion Only: Update on Beaver Analog Dams and Streamflow Measurements in Faith Valley

Julie Fair, Director of California Headwaters for American Rivers gave an in-depth presentation on the Faith Valley Meadow Restoration Project overall and how their stream flow monitoring relates to the Carson River Watershed flows.

[View presentation slides here.](#)

No action was taken.

Item #12 For Discussion Only: Update on Alpine Watershed Group Programs

Kimra McAfee, Executive Director gave an overview of AWG projects during the past five years she has been leading the program. She emphasized the importance of CWSD support in helping their small group accomplish so much. Mr. James gave her kudos for her excellent leadership. Ms. McAfee also was happy to announce that the two Climate Resiliency Fellows, who have been such a great resource in the past year have agreed to stay on for another term.

No action was taken.

Item #17 For Discussion Only Steven King to Represent Storey County in the Marlette/Hobart Water System State of Nevada Agreement*

Mr. King has been asked to represent Storey County in their Agreement with the State of Nevada regarding the Marlette/Hobart Water System. He does not see this as a conflict of interest but in the interest of full disclosure to the Board reported the details of how the idea arose and led to his possible representation of Storey County in this capacity. Director Giomi stated that he would be concerned only if something appeared to pit counties against each other. The consensus was that this was not a conflict of interest.

No action was taken.

Item #13 For Discussion Only: Strategic Planning Process

Ms. Neddenriep gave a presentation reviewing floodplain management. Each month leading up to the Strategic Planning Session in November staff will review different CWSD information in preparation for the workshop.

[View presentation slides here.](#)

No action was taken.

Item #14 For Discussion Only: Update on the current and potential grant funds from Nevada Department Emergency Management (NDEM) and Nevada Division of State Parks (State Parks)

Mr. James gave an update to the Board on these grants that had such lapses between when the Board had approved the projects and when CWSD received the grant funds.

No action was taken.

Item #15 For Possible Action: Update on the Agreement between CTWCD and CWSD*
ITEM PULLED.

No action was taken.

Item #16 For Possible Action: Discuss Change to Meeting Day for CWSD Board Meetings

There was a discussion questioning the need to make this change. Director Giomi stated that accommodation is already in place i.e., lodging if needed and paid remote attendance via Zoom. Consensus agreed and it was also noted that a new meeting date would not work for everyone.

*Director Giomi motioned not to change the CWSD Board Meeting day.
Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board
unanimously approved it.*

Item #18 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- He met with the State Water Master. The Capture Model now used on the Humbolt may happen sooner on the Carson than anticipated. He will keep a close eye on this issue.
- The September 9 report coming from FEMA will outline new standards for building in a Flood Zone. There may be lots of changes.
- The Cybersecurity Assessment results are in and although it was a good report, some areas need to be addressed. We are currently looking at the list of suggested actions to determine the best course forward.

Ms. Hunt reported on the following:

- Carson City is updating its Master Plan and has a community survey open until September 23 on the public use of the Carson River. She urges everyone to participate.

Legal – None

Correspondence –

(1) Sierra Nevada Journeys - Thank You Letter

Item #19 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

- Director Giomi reported on a new phase of the Southeast Sewer System: \$2.5 million in Federal Funds to connect septic systems was just approved to proceed; an ADMP Study at Centennial Park is being done due to reports of debris flows in areas where a new Softball Field and Tennis Court are to be installed. There is some controversy over whether fields should have real or synthetic turf. That has yet to be decided.
- Director Sterrett reported on a USGS presentation to the Storey County Board well monitoring in the Virginia City Highlands.
- Committee Member Griffith reported the Death Ride last month in Alpine County met with hailstorms! 70 riders abandoned their bicycles and were brought down the mountain via emergency vehicles.
- Chairperson Workman serves on a State Board that provides funding for water projects throughout the state. He was happy to report that the administrative staff were able to collaborate with communities to keep the interest rate for these loans at 1% and a total of \$147 million was distributed for infrastructure projects throughout the state today.

Item #20 For Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Happy Birthday!

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board

*Approved changes to agenda.