

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

November 20, 2024

Minutes

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

CWSD Directors present:

Stacey Giomi	Ernie Schank
Sharla Hales	Lisa Schuette
Tammy Hendrix	Lee Sterrett
Jim Hindle	Fred Stodieck
Cassi Koerner	Mike Workman
Dave Nelson	

Absent Directors: Mark Gardner and Bus Scharmann.

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

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Ramon Naranjo, USGS
Ed James, CWSD	Nicola Neilon, Casey-Neilon
Steve King, CWSD Attorney	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Lindsay Marsh, CWSD	Catrina Schambra, CWSD (via Zoom)

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Schank motioned to approve the Agenda for November 20, 2024, as presented. Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024, as presented. Director Koerner seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

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

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

****END CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #9 For Possible Action: Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Audit

Nicola Neilon, CPA thanked Mr. James and Ms. Schambra for their assistance during the FY 23-24 Audit. She appreciated their diligence, responsiveness and level of review detail and the Board should be proud of CWSD employees.

Ms. Neilon presented the fiscal year 2023-2024 audit, highlighting key points such as total assets, liabilities, and net position.. She was happy to report that the audit resulted in the highest level of assurances that CWSD financials are in order and the district is in a strong position to meet their goals in the coming year.

Ms. Neilon noted there are two new accounting standards that will go into effect next year regarding compensated absences and risk disclosures. Also, effective October 1, 2024, the new threshold to trigger Single Audits is increased to \$1 Million (up from \$750,000) in Federal Funds, so a Single Audit may not be necessary next year.

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the CWSD Fiscal Year 2023-24 Audit and the CWSD Fiscal Year 2023-24 Single Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #10 For Discussion Only: Presentation by the USGS regarding Nitrate and Groundwater Levels in Carson Valley

Ramon Naranjo, Research Hydrologist from USGS presented data on nitrate and arsenic levels in Carson Valley, noting significant declines in water levels and increasing nitrate concentrations in certain areas. The board discussed potential management strategies and the importance of continued monitoring. Mr. Naranjo highlights the importance of using the new USGS web tools to visualize and analyze the data. [View presentation slides here.](#)

No action was taken.

Item #11 For Discussion Only: Annual Report on the progress of implementation elements of the Storey County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Ms. Neddenriep updated the board on the Storey County Hazard Mitigation Plan, highlighting grants for drought planning and scoping studies. She explained that Storey County became a part of the Lyon County Hazard Mitigation Plan, making them eligible for emergency management grants. She mentioned the Smart Water grant and the drought planning study, highlighting the importance of these grants for future projects.

No action was taken.

Item #12 For Discussion Only: Update on Lost Lakes

Mr. James provided an update on Lost Lakes, detailing water release and roadwork efforts. [View presentation slides here.](#)

No action was taken.

Item #13 For Possible Action: Approval of Board Members to attend the Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference, January 27-30, 2025, in Sparks

Director Schank made a motion to approve the up to three Board Members to attend the Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference, January 27-30, 2025, in Sparks. Director Koerner seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Item #14 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- There is a growing number of bills being introduced for the 2025 legislative session. There are currently 550 BDRs and the staff is monitoring about 30 BDRs. The Legislative Committee will meet in January to review these bills and BDRs. He mentioned a few water-related bills, including one on sustainable agriculture and soil health. He also mentioned a seminar by the Nevada Water Resource Association, where the state engineer discussed potential policy changes for water management. The state engineer's ideas include eliminating some exemptions for annual extensions of time for water rights and restricting uncertificated transfers of groundwater permits. Mr. James emphasizes the importance of monitoring these changes carefully.

Legal – None

Correspondence – None

Item #15 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

- Director Workman thanked everyone for their contributions and announced this will be his last meeting as Chairperson. Director Schank will Chair the December meeting in his absence.
- Director Schank mentioned he attended an interesting presentation at the university experimental farm on using insects for weed abatement.
- Director Hendrix reported on the Dayton Utility sewer treatment problem, mentioning that there was a temporary moratorium on all permits due to capacity issues, but they received permission to use treated effluent for dust control and if necessary, trucking it to Silver Springs. This allowed Lyon County to lift the moratorium.

Item #16 For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board