

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

December 18, 2024

Minutes

Vice Chairperson Schank called the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the CWSD Conference Room at 777 E. William Street, Suite 209, 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	Lisa Schuette
Tammy Hendrix	Lee Sterrett
Cassi Koerner	Fred Stodieck
Ernie Schank	

Absent Directors: Mark Gardner, Sharla Hales, Jim Hindle, Dave Nelson, Mike Workman, and Bus Scharmann.

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

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Alison Cramer, RCI (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Kelly Nicholas, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Ed James, CWSD	Sarah Peterson, USGS
Steve King, CWSD Attorney	Catrina Schambra, CWSD (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Lindsay Marsh, CWSD	

Committee Member Dobson led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Director Schank mentioned for the record that Director Stodieck received an engraved pen at the Christmas Dinner to commemorate his 30 years of service on the CWSD Board of Directors. There was a round of applause from the Board.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Agenda for December 18, 2024, as presented. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of Strategic Planning Session and Board Meeting Minutes of Nov. 20, 2024

Director Giomi motioned to approve the Strategic Planning Session and the Board Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024, as presented. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

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

Item #9 For Possible Action: Approval of General Manager Contract

Item #10 For Discussion Only: Select the 2025 Andy Aldax Award Recipient

Item #11 For Discussion Only: Authorize Staff to pursue a grant with NDEM to Evaluate and Develop a BCA for the Empey Flood Project in the Stagecoach Area

Item #12 For Discussion Only: Approval of Addendum B to NCE Agreement #2022-6 NCE Web Viewer Project, not to exceed \$3,000

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 the 2024 Activities & Accomplishments Annual Report

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

****END CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #14 For Discussion Only: Introduction of Sarah Peterson, USGS Deputy Director Nevada Water Science Center Southwest Region

Mr. James introduced Ms. Peterson, the Acting Center Director for the Nevada Water Science Center, who provides a detailed background on her career and role. Ms. Peterson discusses her education and work experience, including her time with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and USGS. She highlights the various projects and studies being conducted by the USGS, including water quality sampling, groundwater modeling, and stream capture projects. Ms. Peterson details specific projects such as the Terminal Lakes Ecosystem Integrated Water Availability Assessment and the Truckee Canal Seepage Study. She mentions the Nevada Water Initiative, a project funded by the Nevada Division of Water Resources to update water budgets for basins throughout the state. She explained the Nevada Stream Stats program, a web-based interface providing stream statistics and characteristics for the entire state. She explains the cooperative matching funds program, which provides funds for projects with state, local, tribal, and regional partners. Mr. James thanked Ms. Peterson for the presentation and emphasizes the importance of USGS's unbiased science.

No action taken.

Item #15 For Possible Action: Approval of Lumos Agreement #2024-10 for the North Dayton Valley Storm Drain and Basin Scoping Project, not to exceed \$121,700

Mr. James explained this project is funded by a grant CWSD received from NV Div. of Emergency Management (NDEM). This grant requires a 25% match which will mostly come from Lindsay's work. This will actually be an opportunity for her to learn how to do the BCA (benefit cost analysis) and the environmental assessment, which will be of benefit for future funding opportunities and projects. The selection committee included Lyon and Storey County staff and Lumos was selected for this project.

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve Lumos Agreement #2024-10 for the North Dayton Valley Storm Drain and Basin Scoping Project, not to exceed \$121,700 as presented. Director Koerner seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #16 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- Wild Nevada will be talking about the Marlette System on January 2 at 8pm on PBS. He and Lindsay were interviewed for this segment. He is hoping that the Board can have a field trip to Marlette this summer. Debbie mentioned that the show airing on December 19 will highlight the Tahoe Rim Trail. The shows can also be watched on the [PBS Reno website](#).

Ms. Neddenriep reported the following:

- Her grandson, Gunnar Thorvald Eliason was born on December 9!

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- The CRC Forum will be held on March 3 & 4 in Ruvo Hall at the Governor's Mansion. The second day will be a workshop for the Carson River Master Plan stakeholders, so we are going to join forces there. This is still in the planning stages.
- Alpine Watershed Group confirmed that \$250,000 from the 319 funds in California has been allocated to the East Fork Geomorphology and Sediment Transport Project. They will be requesting funds for the match, I think \$83,000. CWSD has helped fund the West Fork and with the East Fork project the whole upper watershed study and prioritization plan will be completed, and then we can move on to the lower watershed.

Ms. Marsh reported the following:

- She submitted pictures of Lost Lakes to the Nevada Water Resources Association for a photo competition, and the winner got their photo used for the cover for the latest issue of their magazine, [The waterSPOT](#) and she won! Ms. Neddenriep commented that Lindsay has been doing a great job on the Board of NWRA and is helping to plan the annual conference in January. Both Lindsay and Ed are moderators.

Legal – None

Correspondence – None

Item #17 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

- Director Sterrett reported Storey County has just approved a major update to their Master Plan.
- Director Koerner reported that from the Ditch Committee, they were saying that we will have a similar winter water year as last year with 80-100% moisture. This is based on the data set out of New Zealand that has been an accurate predictor of our weather here in each following year.
- Director Hendrix reported that Dayton Valley Conservation District (she is also on that Board) is burning the midnight oil to get contracts finalized by December 31 so they can make use of available grant funding.

- Director Schuette reported Carson City is reviewing the Master Plan draft at their meeting tomorrow.
- Committee Member Griffith reported Alpine County has started pile burning, still from the Tamarack Fire now that it is wet. So, you might see a lot of smoke. Also, we have applied for an Alpine biomass collaborative, put in a grant to do a feasibility study of a tree nursery being viable in the eastern Sierra. We will find out in March if we win the award.
- Director Schank wanted to express his appreciation to the General Manager and staff who keep the office going. He thinks they have done a great job and they make him proud to be part of this organization! There was a round of applause from the Board.

Item #18 For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business before the Board, Vice Chairperson Schank adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board