

**CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 5, 2025, 11 am**

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members present:

Stacey Giomi, Carson City (*via Zoom*)
Tammy Hendrix, Lyon County (*via Zoom*)
Ernie Schank, Churchill County (*via Zoom*)
Lee Sterrett, Storey County

Committee Members absent:

Sharla Hales, Douglas County

Staff & Guests present:

Taylor Allison, Lyon County
Ed James, General Manager
Catrina Schambra, Office Manager/Secretary to the Board

Director Sterrett called the meeting to order at 11am in the Carson Water Subconservancy District Conference Room, 777 East William Street, #209, Carson City, Nevada. Roll call was taken, and a quorum of the Legislative Committee was present.

Item #3 – For Discussion Only - Public Comment: None

Item #4 – For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda

Director Schank moved to approve the Legislative Committee Agenda for February 5, 2025, as presented. Director Giomi seconded and the committee unanimously approved.

Item #5 – For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda

Director Schank moved to approve the Legislative Committee Minutes of February 13, 2023, as presented. Director Giomi seconded and the committee approved 3-0-1. (Director Sterrett abstained.)

Item #6 – For Possible Action – Discussion regarding the upcoming 2025 Legislation Session and a review of various BDRs/bills that CWSD may want to support, oppose, or monitor

Mr. James opened the discussion explaining that there are many bills related to water this session and some that may affect us as an organization. He presented a list to the committee and explained each bill and his recommendation to watch, support or oppose. After discussion of each bill, the following list was established.

- [AB 9 - Revises provisions governing the temporary conversion of agricultural water.](#)
WATCH
- [AB 26– Revises various provisions relating to dams.](#)
WATCH
- [AB 51 – Revises public records requests.](#)
WATCH
- [AB 64 – Revises Open Meeting Law.](#)
WATCH
- [AB 80 – Establishes provisions relating to soil health.](#)
SUPPORT

- [AB 104 – Revises provisions relating to water rights.](#)
SUPPORT
- [SB 6 – Makes an appropriation to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program.](#)
WATCH
- [SB 31 – Revises provisions relating to water rights.](#)
WATCH
- [SB 36 – Establishes Nevada Water Buy-Back Initiative to purchase water rights.](#)
SUPPORT
- [SB 55 – Establishes Agricultural Tourism.](#)
WATCH
- [SB 69 - Revises provisions relating to economic development & taxation.](#) (Storey County)
WATCH
- [SB 108 - Revises provisions for Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting Program.](#) CWSD is the main representative for this bill to support funding Conservation Districts river projects.
SUPPORT
- [SB 143 – Authorizes study to evaluate and review use of artificial turf and synthetic grass.](#)
WATCH
- [AB 132 - Revising the exemption from certain appropriation requirements for guzzlers providing water for use by wildlife.](#)
WATCH
- [AB 134 - Revising the policy of this State concerning the conservation of water.](#)
WATCH

There was discussion of other bills that were county specific. Director Giomi suggested not supporting county-specific bills unless they directly relate to CWSD's work.

Mr. James stated that during each legislative session he is a registered lobbyist representing CWSD. During his lobbyist training for the current session, it was emphasized that one must be registered as a lobbyist to contact law makers directly. This would pertain to CWSD Board members, but Director Giomi questioned if that includes elected officials. He will seek clarification from the District Attorney on this issue.

Director Schank moved to recommend legislative action as listed above to the Board at the February meeting. Director Giomi seconded and the committee unanimously approved.

Item #7 – For Discussion Only - Public Comment:

Taylor Allison, Lyon County Emergency/Communication Manager offers to send Lyon County's bill tracking list, including SB 39 regarding a hazard mitigation revolving loan fund.

The Legislative Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra
Secretary to the Board