

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

August 20, 2025

**Minutes**

Chairperson Ernie Schank called the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Alpine County Board Chambers at 99 Water St, Markleeville, CA 96150. A roll call of the CWSD Board of Directors was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

**CWSD Directors present:**

Myles Getto (*Zoom*)  
Stacey Giomi  
Sharla Hales  
Tammy Hendrix (*Zoom*)  
Doug Johnson  
Cassi Koerner

Ernie Schank  
Lisa Schuette  
Lee Sterrett  
Fred Stodieck  
Nathan Tolbert  
Mike Workman

The roll call included CWSD Committee Members present: David Griffith & Charlie Dobson. Director Jim Hindle was absent.

**CWSD Staff & Guests present:**

Alison Cramer, RCI (*Zoom*)  
Rich Harvey, AWG  
Ed James, CWSD  
Linda King, Public  
Steve King, CWSD Attorney  
Mo Loden, LRWQCB  
Brenda Hunt, CWSD  
Daniel Malmon, Waterways

Lindsay Marsh, CWSD  
Kimra McAfee, AWG  
Kelly Nicholas, CWSD  
Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD  
Loren Roach, WRC  
Carmen Schank, Public  
Robert Twiss, AWG  
Mary Young, AWG

**Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None**

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

Chairperson Schank announced Item #9 and Item #10 are being pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda with those changes.

Director Giomi was concerned that agenda items 11 and 12 had inoperative links; because of this, the public may not have been able to see the information contained therein. It was pointed out that because these items were for discussion only, it was not critical and not in violation of open meeting laws. Mr. James and Mr. King had discussed prior to meeting the inoperable link; concern is noted and well taken. The backup material for discussion items is not required for public review and counsel does not think it is a violation of the open public meeting law. Mr. James understands the concerns; in the past, presentations for discussion only had not been posted until after the Board meeting. It was requested by the Board that presentations be included with the Board package. Director Griffith appreciated the effort to get the material to the Board before the Board meeting but shares Giomi's concerns about transparency.

Director Hales pointed out that the public must receive any publicized information when the Board does. Because most of the Board members were unable to open the link(s), in essence no

violation occurred. Director Workman asked if the items were time sensitive. Mr. James stated they were not. Director Johnson recognized that the Board wanted to have items ahead of time and that CWSD had tried to accommodate the that request.

*Director Johnson motioned to approve the Agenda for August 20, 2025, with Items 9 & 10 pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion  
Director Tolbert seconded the motion and the Board voted 12-2-0, with  
Director Giomi and Committee Member Griffith opposed.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025**

*Director Sterrett motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025, with a correction to the name of Donald Gilman.  
Director Giomi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.*

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

**Item #7 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for July 2025**

**Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for July 2025**

*Director Koerner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7 & 8 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Workman and was unanimously approved by the Board.*

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

**Item #9 For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2025-16 Rambling River Ranches – Water Quality, Soil Health and Regenerative Agricultural Best Management Practices Project (2 years), not to exceed \$80,567 (Pulled from Consent Agenda for further discussion.)**

**Item #10 For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2025-20 Break-A-Heart Ranch – Water Quality, Soil Health and Regenerative Agricultural Best Management Practices Project (2 years), not to exceed \$56,398 (Pulled from Consent Agenda for further discussion.)**

Mr. James was asked what financial impacts these contracts had on CWSD. Mr. James stated that CWSD admin costs are covered by a grant and there is some staff time used as match. All other cost are covered by the grant. The majority of the match would come from the ranchers. After a discussion between Mr. James and Mr. King, language was modified in the agreement to move CFR 200 and a statement was added that each organization will hire its own personnel.

*Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 9 & 10 with corrections to the language as described above and adding the names of the organization throughout the documents in place of “the Contractor.” The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and was unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #11 For Discussion Only: East Fork Carson River Hot Springs Planning Overview**

Ms. Hunt presented a summary of the decisions the RCTA team had made that are captured in the East Fork Hot Springs report, which is an internal document not included in the packet. The video put together by Christopher Eddy could not render sound with Alpine County’s audio system, and the item was tabled.

*No action taken.*

**Item #12 For Discussion Only: West Fork Carson River Prioritization Project Update**

Dan Mallmann, a geologist from Waterways Consulting, gave an update on the project. The project was spawned from the West Fork vision plan. Funding for the grant came from an EPA grant through the Lahontan Water Quality Control Board (LWQCB). CWSD provides 25 percent of the match. Part of this effort is determining a sediment budget – where it is coming from, where it is going, and where it is stored. Once that is done, they will identify and address impairments. Future projects will be identified with community input. The sediment is coming from the upper basin; erosion could be from previous deposits or from beaver loss. By bringing up the channel relative to the floodplain, sediment will deposit in the floodplain and bring benefits. Concerns were brought about downstream water volume and the Alpine Decree. According to Waterways, the decrease in water delivery post- Faith Valley project and willow recruitment is negligible. It was determined that the Alpine Decree needs to be addressed in the final report to address downstream users' concerns.

*No action taken.*

### **Item #13 For Discussion Only: Update on Alpine Watershed Group Activities**

Kimra McAfee of AWG presented on the Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Alpine Natural and Working Land Collaborative's monitoring of post-fire plantings and aspen population monitoring.

*No action taken.*

### **Item #16 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports**

Mr. James reported on the following:

- CWSD is still waiting for the next round of CTP funding. However, there still has not been a NOFO posted, and the grant needs to be approved by September 30. Mr. James has talked to the governor's staff regarding getting their assistance but this issue is impacting all FEMA partners.

Ms. Hunt reported on the following:

- There will be a virtual fencing workshop Sep. 24 in Churchill County. Registration details forthcoming.

**Legal – None**

**Correspondence –**

- (1) Carson Diversion Dam Churchill County -FEMA Letter
- (2) Douglas Assemblyman Gray resigns seat for federal appointment
- (3) Record Courier Morning Report
- (4) Plan includes a tale of two floods
- (5) Draft NDEP Water Quality Integrated Report Comments
- (6) Draft NDEP Non-Point Source State Management Plan Comments

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

- Director Hales reported that Mr. James has been very helpful with concerns of Douglas County regarding USGS.
- Committee Member Griffith thanked everyone for coming to Alpine County for the meeting.

### **Item #18 For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None**

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Schank adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra*

Secretary to the Board