

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

September 17, 2025

Minutes

Chairperson Ernie Schank called the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:35 pm in 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
Sharla Hales (*Zoom*)
Tammy Hendrix
Jim Hindle (*Zoom*)
Ernie Schank

Lisa Schuette
Lee Sterrett
Fred Stodieck
Mike Workman

Directors Getto, Johnson, Koerner, and Tolbert were absent. The roll call included CWSD Committee Member present, Charlie Dobson. Committee Member David Griffith was absent.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Ed James, CWSD
Steve King, CWSD Attorney
Lindsay Marsh, CWSD (*Zoom*)
Kelly Nicholas, CWSD

Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Catrina Schambra, CWSD (*Zoom*)

Mr. King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Chairperson Schank thanked Committee Member Dobson with a six pack of root beer for coming to his aid when he ran out of gas on his way to the August 20 meeting.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Sterrett motioned to approve the Agenda for Sept. 17, 2025, as presented. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2025

Director Giomi motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2025, with a correction to change “action” to “discussion” in the second paragraph of Item 5. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

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

****END CONSENT AGENDA****

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

Item #9 For Discussion Only: Carson River Master Plan Presentation

Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager for Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space presented the Carson River Master Plan Update. The presentation covered the history of the Carson River Master Plan, starting from the early 90s, including land acquisitions and public access initiatives. Ms. Boyer highlighted the success of the open space program, including the acquisition of 5000 acres of Floodplain and the creation of an aquatic trail. The presentation included maps and images showing the success of the open space program and the positive impacts on the river and its users. Ms. Boyer explained the engagement process, including surveys, stakeholder meetings, and workshops to gather public and stakeholder feedback.

The Board discussed the importance of respecting private property and the challenges of balancing public access with private property rights. Ms. Boyer shared examples of positive impacts, such as the Buzzi's Ranch Open Space and the aquatic trail, and the importance of protecting Floodplain areas. The presentation concluded with the next steps in the update process, including compiling feedback and writing the updated plan.

Director Giomi asked for an update on the Mexican Dam Portage project, a take-out location for the aquatic trail. Ms. Boyer provided details on the project, including the selection of a contractor and the anticipated start date of November 10. The project includes installing interlocking brick structures to create a smooth take-out area for users. The Board discusses the importance of the project in improving safety and accessibility for users of the aquatic trail. The project is slated to be completed by the end of the year.

[View presentation slides here.](#)

No action taken.

Item #10 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Ms. Nicolas reported on the following:

- Ms. Nicholas discussed ideas of interviewing board members and historical figures for the purpose of preserving the history and heritage of the Carson River. She suggested possibly using resources like StoryCorps, the Nevada State Library, and KNBC radio to conduct the interviews. The importance of capturing the stories and experiences of current and historical Board members and river users was emphasized. The Board discussed potential formats for the interviews, including audio, video, and written transcripts.

Legal – None

Correspondence –None

Item #11 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

- Director Hales reported on the stormwater workshop in Douglas County today, highlighting the need for better funding for stormwater management. All comments from community attendees were positive. It was a very successful community meeting.
- Director Sterrett reported in late August the Virginia City area experienced severe lightning storms with excessive rain on three consecutive evenings. Debris had to be removed from Six Mile Canyon Road and at one point it was closed for a short time. The new culverts funded by

CWSD contained the flow freely and performed well. Public Works Director, Jason Wierzbicki asked him to convey his thanks for the grant for that project.

- Director Hindle reported his absence in-person is due to him being in Tonopah and observing the watershed there.
- Director Hendrix shared updates on flooding in Lyon County and emphasized importance of documenting these events. She brought in pictures and videos she received from residents to share. New communities in North Dayton had massive flooding.
- Committee Member Dobson reported on Markleeville Creek Days will focus on litter pickup this weekend.
- Director Schuette reported Carson City Public Works was busy with flooding issues as well.
- Director Workman added to Director Hendrix comments on the flood damage and the need to document these flood events.

Item #18 For Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Mr. James announced he will be retiring at the end of the year, expressing gratitude for his time with the organization and confidence in the staff's ability to continue the mission. The Board discusses the process of finding a replacement for Mr. James and the importance of maintaining the organization's success. He stated an Administrative Committee meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to begin the process of replacing his position.

Director Giomi stated that we will probably fill the position, but we will never replace Ed James.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Schank adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board