

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Board of Directors
& Carson River Watershed Committee Meeting

February 18, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Ernie Schank called the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Carson City Community Center Bonanza Room, Carson City, NV 89701. A roll call of the CWSD Board of Directors determined a quorum was present.

CWSD Directors / Committee Members present:

Charlie Dobson (Zoom)	Cassi Koerner (Zoom)
Stacey Giomi	Ernie Schank (Zoom)
David Griffith	Lisa Schuette
Sharla Hales (Zoom)	Lee Sterrett
Tammy Hendrix (Zoom)	Fred Stodieck (Zoom)
Jim Hindle (Zoom)	Nathan Tolbert
Doug Johnson	Mike Workman

CWSD Directors / Committee Members absent:

Myles Getto

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Reed Cozens, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Ed James, CWSD
Steve King, CWSD Attorney

Lindsay Marsh, CWSD
Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Kelly Nicholas, CWSD

Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance:

Committee Member Griffith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment

Dan Kaffer, Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) Board Member, read a letter recognizing Mr. James' contributions to AWG and expressed appreciation for his years of collaboration and service.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Mr. James announced that Items #7, #12, #13 were pulled due to weather. Items #8 and #9 were pulled and financials will be provided in March. Item #7 will be postponed until spring or summer. Items #12 and #13 will be postponed until March.

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Agenda for February 18, 2026, with Items #7, # 8, 9, 12, and #13 pulled. Director Giomi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of December 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes and Minutes from Special Board Meeting of January 5, 2026

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Agenda for January 21, 2026, as presented. Director Giomi seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved. **Item #7 – Discussion Only: Resolution Recognizing Friends of Hope Valley organization.**

This item was pulled.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #8 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Treasurer's Report for January 2026

This item was pulled.

Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for January 2026

This item was pulled.

Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of RCI Agreement #2026-3 for Consulting Services not to exceed \$10,000.

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of Time Extension for West Fork Carson River Prioritization Project Agreement #2023-9.

Director Tolbert made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.

****END CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #12 - For Possible Action: East Fork Carson River Hot Springs Planning Overview

This item was pulled.

Item #13 - For Discussion Only: East Fork Carson River Hot Springs USFS and Partner Memorandum of Understanding

This item was pulled.

Item #14 - For Discussion Only: Update on the 2026 Water Year and Runoff Projections

General Manager Cozens provided an update on current watershed conditions and runoff projections. He reported the Carson River watershed snow water equivalent at approximately 85% of median and noted no drought conditions at this time. He summarized recent snowfall impacts on forecasts and reviewed current flood outlook information indicating no immediate flooding concerns. Staff indicated an additional, more comprehensive runoff forecast update may be provided in April..

[View attached presentation.](#)

Item #15 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

General Manager – Mr. Cozens thanked the staff for a warm welcome and thanked Mr. James for time to transition.

Lindsay reported on her successful re-election to the NWRA board for the next three years and shared her experience at the 2026 annual conference.

Staff members expressed gratitude and appreciation for Mr. James' mentorship and leadership, acknowledging his professional growth and positive work environment.

Mr. James reflected on his career journey, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to work with dedicated staff and contribute to the watershed's management.

Legal – None

Correspondence – None

Item #16 - For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

Board members expressed appreciation for Mr. James' twenty-eight (28) years of service as General Manager.

The Board discussed historical CWSD documents located by Director Schuette (including records from 1962–1964).

Ms. Koerner provided an update on Douglas County's stormwater utility fee and a Board member review process for agricultural exemptions.

Mr. Stodieck noted an upcoming absence due to health reasons with intent to return.

Staff provided an update that Ms. Schambra is recovering at home following a hospital stay and surgery, with a planned return to work on March 2, 2026.

Item #17- For Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Zach Woods, Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) board member, referred to the letter of thanks to Mr. James and expressed his personal thanks to Mr. James and highlighted the many year they were able to work together. He wished Mr. James the best in his retirement.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Schank adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Neddenriep

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