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

June 17, 2026

Minutes

Chairperson Ernie Schank called the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Turtle Rock Community Center, Turtle Rock County Park Rd, Markleeville, CA 96120. A roll call of the CWSD Board of Directors determined a quorum was present.

CWSD Directors present:

Stacey Giomi
Sharla Hales
Tammy Hendrix *(via Zoom)*
Doug Johnson
Ernie Schank
Lisa Schuette
Lee Sterrett
Fred Stodieck
Mike Workman

Directors Getto, Hindle, Koerner & Tolbert were absent. The roll call included CWSD Committee Members present, David Griffith & Charlie Dobson.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Patty Brissenden, Public
John Brissenden, Public
Lindsay Budija, CWSD
Clint Celio, Alpine Cty
Reed Cozens, CWSD
Michael G., Public *(via Zoom)*
Jim Hales, Public
Richard Harvey, AWG
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Dan Kaffer, Public
Mike Kellogg, JE Fuller
Mike Malkley, Public
Randi Makley, Public
Kimra McAfee, AWG
Jim McLain, Public
Michael Miller, Public
Steve King, CWSD Attorney
Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Kelly Nicholas, CWSD
Catrina Schambra, CWSD *(via Zoom)*
Debbie Waldear, Public
Richard Waskowski, JE Fuller
Judy Wickwire, Public

Director Stodieck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Schuette motioned to approve the Agenda for June 17, 2026, as presented. Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2026

Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2026, with a noted edit. Director Giomi *seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.*

RECESSED TO CONVENE AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Schank recessed the Board of Directors to convene as the Administrative Committee. Roll call determined a quorum present. Director Giomi, Director Workman, and Committee Member Griffith were present. Director Getto and Director Koerner were absent.

Item #8 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026

> *Committee Member Griffith motioned to approve the Minutes of the Administrative Committee June 9, 2026, meeting as presented. Director Workman seconded the motion and the Administrative Committee unanimously approved.*

Item #10 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #11 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer's Report for May 2026

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for May 2026

Item #13 - For Possible Action: Approval of 2026-27 Lost Lakes Water Use Agreement with Carson City

Item #14 - For Possible Action: Approval of Non-Profit Contract #2026-5 River Wranglers - Conserve Carson River Workdays/Field Days, not to exceed $40,000

Item #15 - For Possible Action: Approval of State Contract #2026-6 Lahontan Conservation District - Clearing & Snagging, not to exceed $25,000

Item #16 - For Possible Action: Approval of State Contract #2026-7 Dayton Valley Conservation District – Administration/Management (2-Yrs), not to exceed $50,000 per year

Item #17 - For Possible Action: Approval of State Contract #2026-8 Dayton Valley Conservation District – Weed Crew (2-Yrs), not to exceed $30,000 per year

Item #18 - For Possible Action: Approval of State Contract #2026-9 Carson Valley Conservation District – Administration & Vegetation Management, not to exceed $60,000

Item #19 - For Possible Action: Approval of State Contract #2026-10 Carson Valley Conservation District – Damage Repairs & Restoration, not to exceed $175,000

Item #20 - For Possible Action: Approval of Non-Profit Contract #2026-11 Alpine Watershed Group – Carson River Upper Watershed Programs, not to exceed $35,000

Item #21 - For Possible Action: Approval of State Contract #2026-13 Truckee Carson Irrigation District (TCID) – Diversion Dam Log Boom Installation, not to exceed $50,000;

paid from LGIP Flood Management Fund

<u>Item #22 - For Possible Action</u>: Approval of Interlocal Contract #2026-14 Carson City – Bowers Lane Storm Drain Improvements, not to exceed $50,000; paid from LGIP Flood Management Fund

<u>Item #23 - For Possible Action</u>: Approval of State Contract #2026-15 Nevada Division of Water Resources – Carson Desert Water Availability Study, (2-Yrs), not to exceed $100,000 per year

Director Giomi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. All contract templates corrected Section 1 or Section 4 as applicable, "Term" was corrected to "Terms." The motion was seconded by Director Sterrett and unanimously approved by the Board.

END CONSENT AGENDA

<u>Item #24 - For Discussion Only</u>: Friends of Hope Valley Recognition

The Board presented a Certificate of Achievement to Friends of Hope Valley in recognition of their sustained conservation work since 1986. The citation noted preservation of thousands of acres, protection and enhancement of riparian and meadow habitats, support for outdoor education, and extensive volunteer stewardship that benefited downstream water users and regional ecosystems. Dan Kaffer (speaking for FHV) and other representatives highlighted major accomplishments including protection of Hope Valley from large-scale development, contributions to Wild & Scenic designation for the East Fork of the Carson River, long-running volunteer restoration days (willow plantings, erosion control, beaver monitoring), and initiation/support of local water quality monitoring. The Board and public expressed thanks for FHV's decades of service.

No action was taken.

<u>Item #25 - For Discussion Only</u>: Update Alpine Watershed Group Activities

Kimra McAfee, AWG Executive Director provided a brief organizational overview and program updates on monitoring, restoration, and outreach in Alpine County (noting the long-running river monitoring program, QAPP update, post-fire and aspen monitoring, and project-specific monitoring such as Markleeville Creek floodplain restoration). She reported progress on the Markleeville project (sewer upgrades, partial floodwall removal, erosion control and initial willow plantings), described the Forest Health Community Working Group and recent tribal engagement/tree-planting efforts, and summarized the West Fork Carson Prioritization Project (EPA/State Water Board grant with CWSD match) that produced 15 prioritized projects and recommended advancing lower-risk projects (Willow Creek and Red Lake Creek) toward ~65% design while pursuing larger, multi-decade Middle Hope Valley work with American Rivers and a required water-budget to assess downstream impacts. She noted the East Fork effort is being refocused to complete a 9-element watershed plan to enable EPA implementation funding, acknowledged funder and Friends of Hope Valley match support, highlighted outreach/education (technical workshops, Diamond Valley school program, Creek Day Sept. 19) and strong volunteer contributions, and requested continued support to advance designs, permitting, and water-budget work.

View presentation slides here.

No action was taken.

<u>Item #26- For Discussion Only</u>: Presentation on Gold Canyon Area Drainage Master Plan

Mike Kellogg, JE Fuller, presented the FEMA-funded planning study (CWSD with Lyon & Storey Counties) to assess flood and sediment hazards in the Gold Canyon watershed (Gold Hill, Silver City, Dayton) and identify mitigation options.

Methods: Detailed hydrologic/hydraulic modeling (25- and 100-yr storms) on a 10x10 ft grid, sediment transport analysis, and public outreach (resident photos used for model calibration).

Findings: Flooding concentrates at steep-channel crossings and undersized culverts, causing roadway overtopping, clogged culverts, debris on roads, and local inundation; steep terrain limits effectiveness of detention basins.

Recommendations: Prioritize targeted, practical measures (upsized culverts/box culverts, improved channel conveyance, wing/approach walls, selective stabilization). Three concept designs (Projects 4, 6, 9) advanced for cost estimating; larger channelization solutions are possible but often cost-prohibitive and environmentally complex.

Costs & Funding: Concept-level cost estimates (including 20-yr O&M) provided; potential funding sources identified (FEMA, NRCS, state programs, NDOT partnerships).

Next steps: Counties to review/prioritize concept designs, coordinate with NDOT, pursue grants for design/construction, and use ADMP outputs for future project benefit analyses and maintenance planning.

View presentation slides here.

No action taken.

<u>Item #27 - For Possible Action</u>: Approval of General Manager Annual Review

The Administrative Committee reviewed 13 Board evaluations with scores mainly 3–5 (meets expectations to outstanding) and the supporting comments for the General Manager. Mr. Cozens has been on the job for five months and this evaluation occurred on the annual schedule per his contract. The Committee recommended approval and a merit increase per contract. After discussion it was determined an update to the evaluation form language to match contract terminology will avoid future confusion.

> *Director Workman made a motion to approve the General Manager's evaluation and authorized the contract-based merit increase due to satisfactory performance with ratings that exceed expectations. The motion was seconded by Director Schuette and unanimously approved by the Board.*

<u>Item #28 - For Discussion Only</u>: Staff Reports

- Mr. Cozens thanked the Board. He is continuing strategic planning and one-on-one outreach; pursuing grants (including USBR SMART grant) and

RiverWare Decision Support Tool work for Alpine Decree segments 1–7; assisting Alpine County with DWR water level data entry (CAS/JIM); advancing two NDPA/208 low-impact development planning grants; attended TCID meeting and plans to invite Federal Water Master's Office to brief the Board; supervising staff and refining job duties/performance evaluations.

- Ms. Hunt reported managing three NDP/208 grants — updating QAPP for monitoring (Lindsay noted for support); working on regen-ag irrigation outfall engineering (65% designs underway to address erosion/canyons and permitting needs); newly contracted 208 water quality planning work focused on LID/nature-based solutions for impaired urban/outfall areas; attended a Southern California workshop on arid-region stormwater/nature-based solutions.
- Ms. Budija complimented Kelly on the updated CWSD map; distributed physical copies and will send PDFs upon request; highlighted "The Water Spot" magazine (NWRA co-production) with CWSD/Staff articles and conference photos; noted Brenda's birthday; confirmed storyboards from the Alpine tour will be shared.
- Ms. Nicholas produced an updated watershed map with 20 new timeline items (post-2014) and added key documents/images; offered PDFs for Board distribution.
- Ms. Neddenriep reported attending the ASFPM conference in Milwaukee. She has positive takeaways she will summarize for the Board.

Legal – None

Correspondence – NDEM Social Media Post

Item #14 - For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

- Committee Member Griffith discussed the purchase of the Park Ranch around Markleeville and the involvement of the California Wildlife Conservation State Agency.
- Director Hales reported the formation of a task force to address stormwater issues and community engagement.

Item #15 - For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Schank adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board