

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

August 19, 2026

Minutes

Chairperson Ernie Schank called the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) Board of Directors Meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the Lyon County Utilities Conference Room, 34 Lakes Blvd., Dayton, NV 89403. A roll call determined a quorum was present.

CWSD Directors present:

Stacey Giomi
Sharla Hales (*via Zoom*)
Tammy Hendrix
Jim Hindle
Doug Johnson
Cassi Koerner (*via Zoom*)

Ernie Schank
Lisa Schuette (*via Zoom*)
Lee Sterrett
Fred Stodieck
Mike Workman

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

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Lindsay Budija, CWSD (*via Zoom*)
Reed Cozens, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Steve King, CWSD Attorney
Michael Miller, Public

Tom Minor, Public
Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Kelly Nicholas, CWSD
Catrina Schambra, CWSD (*via Zoom*)

Director Workman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Chairperson Schank asked staff to introduce themselves and thanked staff for arranging the tour and dinner preceding the meeting.

Tom Minor, a Lyon County ranch owner, commented regarding the maintenance of water-diversion structures in the Dayton area. Mr. Minor expressed concern that failure to maintain certain diversion structures could result in sediment movement, head cutting, and other impacts to the Carson River and adjacent areas.

Mr. Minor discussed the Shabs diversion, a grade-control structure that he stated was damaged during the 1997 flood and subsequently repaired by ranchers. He also discussed another diversion associated with ranch property in the Dayton area and expressed concern regarding future maintenance as agricultural properties transition to other uses. Mr. Minor raised questions regarding ownership and maintenance responsibilities for these structures, including those associated with the State Parks acquisition of the upper Brighardt (Chaves) Ranch.

Mr. Cozens stated that maintenance of these diversion structures is not within CWSD's

direct regulatory responsibility but agreed that additional information regarding ownership and maintenance responsibilities would be useful. He stated that staff would look into the matter.

No action was taken.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Stodieck motioned to approve the Agenda for August 19, 2026, as presented. Director Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2026

Director Giomi motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2026, with amendment to attendance: Directors Koerner and Tolbert were present. Director Stodieck seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer's Report for July 2026

Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for July 2026

Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum to State Contract #2026-10 Carson Valley Conservation District (CVCD) Carson Valley Riverbank Restorations, Exhibit A - Scope of Work

****END CONSENT AGENDA****

Director Stodieck made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #10 - For Discussion Only: Presentation on Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

Ms. Hunt gave a presentation on the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and its importance for environmental data collection. The QAPP aims to ensure the reliability and validity of water quality data collected by CWSD. The plan includes detailed procedures for field sampling, data management, and assessment. It will support the update of the Carson River Adaptive Stewardship Plan and assist in identifying sources of non-point source pollution.

Ms. Hunt explained the need for the QAPP to meet US EPA and NDEP data collection standards. The QAPP will help in determining sources of pollution and assist in updating maximum daily loads. The plan includes sampling locations along the Carson River, with data to be provided to NDEP for integrated reports. The QAPP will remain effective for five years, with annual reviews to ensure it remains up to date.

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No action was taken.

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of amended Contract #2026-16 – Edwin James Consulting Services, not to exceed \$10,000

A change was requested to previous contract to revise the insurance requirement relevant to the scope of work.

Director Giomi motioned to approve the change to insurance requirement to match scope of work for Contract #2026-16 Edwin James Consulting, not to exceed \$10,000, as presented. Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of Board Members to attend the Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA) 2026 Fall Symposium, Sept. 22-24, in Reno

Director Schuette made a motion to approve attendance of two Board Members to the NWRA Fall Symposium as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #13- For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. Cozens reported on the following:

Mr. Cozens reported that a temporary water-right application related to Lost Lakes was submitted in early August. He explained that, if approved, the application would allow water released from Lost Lakes in early October to be captured by induction wells along the Carson River for use by Carson City.

He also reported on staff participation in the State Water Plan Advisory Group. During the meeting, Desert Research Institute representatives referenced CWSD's 30-Year Water Plan and discussed its use in ongoing statewide water-planning and modeling efforts.

Additional activities included:

- Reviewing Operational Criteria and Procedures (OCAP) matters related to Carson River issues.
- Coordinating potential meetings with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding upcoming OCAP revisions.
- Reviewing the Alpine County and Upper Carson River Watershed Weed Management Group agreement.

Mr. Cozens reported that staff identified inconsistencies and contractual issues in the Weed Management Group agreement and completed a redline review for consideration by the participating entities.

Mr. Cozens also reported that CWSD had been contacted by a property owner regarding the potential donation of a Carson River water right identified as Claim 161. He explained that staff was evaluating the potential transfer, including administrative and title-review

considerations. The Board discussed potential legal and financial considerations associated with accepting donated water rights.

Ms. Nicholas reported on the following:

- Bus tour itinerary and registration updates, with 11 paid attendees and one on a waitlist.

Ms. Neddenriep reported on the following:

- The MAS 14 application was submitted to FEMA, and we are awaiting feedback on project funding and prioritization. Proposed projects, in order of priority, include:
 1. Completion of the Ramsey Canyon LOMR (Letter of Map Revision), requiring approximately \$15,000 in engineering work to address FEMA comments.
 2. An Area Drainage Master Plan for Voltaire Canyon to evaluate flooding issues and develop drainage solutions.
 3. Improvements related to Airport Wash.
 4. Flood awareness and disaster preparedness outreach programs.
 5. Installation of a high-water mark display at Carson River Park.

Ms. Neddenriep noted uncertainty regarding FEMA's funding decisions and expects lower-priority outreach and educational components may be reduced or removed during review.

- She also reported on the High-Water Mark Bike Tour from Morgan Mill to Carson River Park. The event received positive feedback from participants and partner organizations, including Muscle Powered and Carson City staff. Approximately 25 people participated, with additional engagement from park visitors who stopped to learn about flood history and preparedness efforts. Organizers praised the educational value of the event, volunteer support, community interest, and overall success, with recommendations to continue the program in future years. Director Schuette stated it was a wonderful event!

Ms. Budija reported on the following:

- Ms. Budija provided an update on the upcoming Fall Symposium, which is being co-chaired by staff and will focus heavily on water policy and water quality issues. The event, titled "Clear as Mud: Nevada's Waters for Policy, Practice, Programs, and Partnerships," is designed to highlight key water management challenges and collaboration opportunities across Nevada. Board members were encouraged to attend and participate in the broader Fall Week of Water activities.

Additional events during the week include a pickleball fundraiser and a Community Benefit Agreements workshop hosted by NACO in partnership with University Extension and the Nevada Water Resources Association. The workshop is free for NACO members and is expected to provide valuable information on community partnership opportunities.

- She also reported ongoing GIS training and mapping work to expand technical capabilities and support watershed initiatives. Board members and partners were invited to suggest mapping projects or data visualization needs, as staff continue to gain experience and develop new mapping resources for the watershed.

Legal –

Mr. King discussed the Baker Ranch case, the McCarran Amendment, and proposed revisions to the Operating Criteria and Procedures (OCAP) governing the Newlands Project, including potential implications for Carson River operations. He also provided historical context regarding OCAP and its relationship to management of Truckee and Carson River water supplies.

Mr. King summarized a recent State Engineer ruling denying protests filed by Churchill County and TCID against change applications involving Carson River water rights. He discussed the ruling's treatment of water duty under the Alpine Decree and related hearing issues.

Board discussion included the potential operational and regulatory implications of future OCAP revisions and the importance of continued monitoring and technical and legal review as the process moves forward.

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

Director Hales reported on a mudslide on Fish Springs Road and stated that Douglas County had appointed a Stormwater Task Force.

Director Giomi reported on proposed changes to federal Uniform Guidance for Grants being considered through the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). He discussed potential changes involving federal grant review and approval, agency discretion regarding funding decisions, grant termination provisions, subrecipient compliance requirements, and responsibilities of pass-through entities.

Director Giomi stated that, if adopted, the proposed changes could increase administrative requirements and uncertainty for local governments and other organizations receiving federal funding. He also noted that national and state associations, including the National Association of Counties (NACo), had expressed concerns and submitted comments regarding the proposal.

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

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Schank adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board