

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
January 8, 2013

DIRECTORS:

Andre Aldax
Barbara Byington
John Capurro
Greg Dennis
Sal Quilici
Todd Westergard
Gwen Washburn
Ernest Schank
Mike Nevin
Ron Penrose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer/Consultant
Becky Stock - NLC
Chad Blanchard, Water Master's Office
Dave Wathen, Water Master's Office
Bill Washburn

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Trudy Salley
Gwyn Bergin

President Aldax call meeting to order at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Schank made a motion to approve the minutes for October and the checks written for October, November and December on Bank of America #9095 - #9102 and Nevada State Bank #2345 - #2370. Motion seconded by Director Washburn motion carried.

FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT -

A copy of the water report and Snotel report are both filed in the office. Chad Blanchard stated Farad is at 420 cfs. Floriston rates are a little above the threshold; however, they could drop below depending on the precipitation. TMWA has requested the "release of water for the removal of ice," per Article III (E) (2) of the Truckee River Agreement. Tahoe is at 6226.13 AF and Boca is 17,531 AF storing a significant amount of water during the month of December. Stampede is at 174, 319 AF, which is primarily fish water and a little TMWA storage. A lot of data is missing due to the ice turning off the gauges, as we warm up you will see the gauges come back on. As far as the Snotel report the news is now reporting Median rather than average. Average is usually lower than Median. Chad is trying to gather information from the NRCS with regards to median vs. average. Once we have more data on median, we will understand the difference. Precipitation for 2013 looks much better than 2012, even if it does stay dry in January.

President Aldax congratulated Chad Blanchard on his appointment as the new Federal Water Master.

NEVADA LAND CONSERVANCY –

Ms. Becky Stock, Nevada Land Conservancy (now Nevada Land Trust) gave a presentation on Weed Abatement completed this year. The District provided funding of \$15,000 in 2012; \$10,000 was released in October. Ms. Stock is requesting the remaining \$5,000 as this time. Director Washburn clarified Becky was requesting only the difference of the original amount. Ms. Williams asked if Ms.

Stock would be requesting any additional funds in 2013. Ms. Stock replied, no, as they still have remaining funds from the Truckee River Fund, as well as a grant from the Dept. of Agriculture. Ms. Stock did say she would most likely be back in 2014 requesting funds. A copy of the report is in the office.

Director Dennis asked Ms. Stock, if Washoe County Parks was contributing to her program as it appeared they were doing a lot of park work. Ms. Stock replied their program involves public lands which are streams and drainages that run through these public lands. It is easier to access through public parks, i.e., North Truckee drain and Dorostkar Park.

Director Dennis made a motion to release the remaining funds to NLC for the Weed Abatement. Director Quilici seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Schank asked if staff had given Becky our new Request for Funding and Weed Abatement Criteria forms. Ms. Bergin responded we will be providing them and they will also be available on our website.

DAYTON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT - RELEASE OF FUNDS

Ms. Bergin received an email from Richard Wilkinson, DVCD requesting release of \$80,000 River Restoration funding approved March 2012, prior to his completion presentation. DVCD also supplied copy of a invoice from their contractor for \$160,220.72. DVCD will not be using weed abatement funding until this spring. Mr. Wilkinson plans on attending our March 2013 Board meeting to share their project as completed.

Director Schank made a motion to release the funds, Director Westergard seconded the motion, motion carried.

ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –

Ms. Williams followed up with Robert Murakami, USACE Flood Branch regarding the Annual Inspection of the Truckee River. Mr. Murakami informed Ms. Williams there will not be an inspection for 2012. USACE tentatively has April 23, 2013 scheduled for the Annual Inspection of the Truckee River; he will confirm dates closer to April.

As discussed at our previous meeting, Chad had informed Ms. Williams of trees in the river near Patagonia (west of Mayberry Bridge). Tri Sage went on a site visit to evaluate the trees and found one long pine up-rooted from the bank had fallen perpendicular to the river flow. The second tree a cottonwood was sitting on a sandbar about fifty feet into the river from the bank just below the bridge. Tri Sage began pursuit of approvals and permits to remove the trees from the river. During this process, a warm winter storm was predicted with flows up to the 13,000 cfs levels over the first weekend of December. Based on this forecast, Tri Sage gained verbal approvals from NDEP, USACE and Washoe County Parks to access the trees and remove them from the river on November 30th. WWW Construction (Excavators) was utilized to perform the job as they were available and willing to respond on short notice. WWW Construction was able to remove the pine tree from the river's bank using a claw near the root ball to lift and rotate the tree onto the bank.

Director Quilici asked Ms. Williams if she had to select a contractor or if she had someone on standby. Ms. Williams said she did not have a contractor on standby; the phone number was obtained from her father. She called WWW Construction the evening before and asked if they were available, negotiated the rate and they completed the job. WWW (Wingfield) Construction has also been used and recommended by TMWA.

Director Quilici wondered if a list of Contractors, their emergency phone numbers and rates were available. Ms. Williams responded no and she would work on creating a list. Director Dennis stated TWMA should already have a list and as a public agency, there would be no reason to re-invent the wheel.

Director Capurro made a motion to approve payment to WWW Construction. Director Penrose

seconded motion, motion carried.

LEGAL REPORT – Leo Bergin
Nothing at this time

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RE-APPOINTMENTS –

There are five Directors to be reappointed: Andre Aldax, Mike Nevin, Sal Quilici, Gwen Washburn, and Ron Penrose. Mrs. Bergin shared a link to Directors who need to complete the new forms which accompany their letters of recommendation to the Governors office.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Gwyn disclosed the Post Office Box has been closed and we will now use our physical address for all correspondence.

Director Schank thanked Ms. Bergin for not holding meetings when very little business is on the agenda as it saves the District money.

Ms. Bergin introduced Trudy Salley, her new assistant to the board.

BOARD COMMENTS/REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –

Director Dennis stated if Lahontan Conservation District is requesting funds for the TRW mapping project there should be a new submission, as the grant was for 2010 fiscal year. The District requests a new submission.

There being no further business, Director Quilici moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Director Schank, meeting was adjourned. President Aldax stated next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

Andre Aldax
President

Gwyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer