

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022

DIRECTORS:

Todd Westergard
John Capurro
Ed James
Mike Nevin
Tyler Henderson
Karen Baggett (via Zoom)
Pete Olsen

ABSENT:

John Enloe
Ty Minor
Ernie Schank

Staff

Mary Pat Eymann

GUESTS:

Kayla Dowty, Tri Sage Consulting
Leo Bergin, Attorney
Chad Blanchard, FWM
Ron Penrose, Superintendent
Rich Wilkinson, CVCD (via Zoom)
Rob Holley, DVCD (via Zoom)
Lyndsey Boyer, Carson City Parks (via Zoom)
Iris Peppard, One Truckee River (via Zoom)
Mandy Bengton, One Truckee River (via Zoom)

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER -

President Westergard called the Regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**3. APPROVE AGENDA –**

- ❖ Director Olsen made a motion to accept agenda as posted; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the February 2022 Minutes; financial statements as submitted, and checks written on Bank of America #9726 – 9732 and Nevada State Bank 3123 – 3127; motion seconded by Director Henderson; motion carried.

5. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Chad Blanchard

*A complete copy of the Water Report is available at
District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.*

Should have rates until late October if things continue as they have been.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF GRANT REQUESTS AND POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF

The Grant Applications received were provided to the Board and are available at District offices.

- **Dayton Valley Conservation District (DVCD), Rob Holley–**

Total cost of the project is \$918,000 requesting \$50,000.

Funding from other sources will be in place by July 1, 2022. Estimated that the construction portion of the project is going to be \$800,000, variations may be built into the project depending on the availability of the funds. Estimated time for completion of the project is the fall/winter of 2023.

Director Baggett - are the trees currently stacked up on the Pradere property are off the riverbank? Mr. Holley stated that they are quite a way from the bank.

Director Westergard - are the private property owners the project is being done on contributing money. Mr. Holley advised that the access is via private property but the work itself is on State Lands property and no money has come from private property owners.

- **Carson Valley Conservation District (DVCD), Rich Wilkinson–**

Total cost of project is \$785,000 requesting \$50,000.

This is phase 3 of the overall project estimated completion is June 2023.

Director Westergard - is the stretch of the River the project is on include private property owners? Mr. Wilkinson advised that access is thru private lands, but the project is on the river which is State Lands. All property will be restored to its original form.

- **Carson City Parks & Recreation, Lindsey Boyer –**

Total cost of the project is \$11,000 requesting \$10,000.

Director Westergard – our grant process includes criteria that qualifies projects to receive funding from this Board, where does this project fit into this criterion. Ms. Boyer stated that the project would benefit water resources, reduce erosion, and improve water quality.

Director Westergard – based on the total cost of the project if you did not get funding from this District what happens. Ms. Boyer advised this project is of high priority if no funding the project will still proceed but possibly with a reduced scope of work.

- **One Truckee River, Iris Peppard and Mandy Bengton –**

Total cost of the project is \$174,000 requesting \$20,000.

Project is to assess the conditions of the banks of the River that fall within the jurisdiction of the CTWCD, to help identify and prioritize these conditions.

Director Baggett – asked for clarification between what our engineer does and what this group does, it seems like they are doing similar things. Kayla Dowty (engineer for the District) advised that generally the CTWCD is to remove debris or potential for debris on the River. The District does not do any revegetation, and this is what 1 Truckee River is proposing. They are proposing a plan to identify what potential revegetation would best suit banks of the Truckee River.

General Discussion -

Director Westergard – pointed out that the Board has \$87,000 for distribution and there are \$130,000 in requests.

Director James – the \$87,000 is from current fiscal year, how much will there be for the upcoming year – yes there will be approximately \$100,000 for next year. The total funds available will be \$130,000 for grants (projects to be determined category).

Director Olsen – which projects meet the criteria the District has established for the funding of projects. Possibly the Carson City may not meet the criteria.

Director Capurro – The DVCD and CVCD are right on the channel and fit under the criteria. Part of the CC project is off the channel. The 1 Truckee project is trying to find out what we should be doing and traditionally we have funded for boots on the ground projects. Maybe we do need to start looking at funding on where we are going.

Director James – at first had concerns on the 1 Truckee project but then thought if you don't know what the problem is how are you going to fix it. It seems this is a project that is an assessment to help know where the

issues. A precursor to work that needs to be done.

Director Westergard – from a historical perspective this District did award Storey County funds for a weed abatement project which was outside the river channel. A majority of the District's revenue does come out of Washoe County. In previous years the District has provided both DVCD and CVCD with funding.

Attorney Bergin – in the past the concern from the District has been about the applicants receiving funding from other agencies as well as this District. Mr. Bergin does not feel any money should be awarded until outside contributions have been verified.

Director Westergard – that could be a condition of granting the funds.

Director Capurro – can the District fund studies to find out what needs to be done? Attorney Bergin yes if we have a presentation, and it is specific to what we want to find out. If you are saying what we can do or what you want to do.

Director Capurro followed up asking if the request from 1 Truckee River's project which is trying to determine what needs to be done, is that allowable? Attorney Bergin does not believe so.

Kayla Dowty - stated that in the criteria the Board established it was the thought of the Board to expand the allowance of what the Board could fund. Previously it was always that projects must be for boots on the ground. The new criteria established was made to be vaguer and more allowable for Board direction.

Director Westergard – the Board does not set a percentage of matching funds but has been sensitive to this. 50% has been the tradition.

Director Olsen – asked why no more applicants representing Washoe County. Director Westergard stated that there have never been applicants from Washoe, there is a list that is used to send information regarding the grants which includes agencies from Washoe County. If the 1 Truckee River project is granted funding would this in the future bring more applicants from Washoe County?

Ron Penrose – stood out that the DVCD project will benefit private property owners and there is no funding from private property. Ed James advised that the access is through private properties, but the actual projects is on State Lands property. The erosion is on private property.

Director Nevin – how far out is the pending funding for both the CVCD and DVCD project? Make conditions that distribution not made until proof of additional funding has been received.

Motions for funding:

- ❖ Director Olsen made a motion to approve granting \$20,000 to One Truckee River with the condition that they share data with the District; seconded by Director Henderson; discussion that determined that the Board was satisfied with the match portion of the criteria has been met. Motion carried.
- ❖ Director Olsen made a motion to approve \$50,000 for Dayton Valley Conservation District; seconded by Director James; with the stipulation that they demonstrate by July 1, 2022, they have the additional funding; motion carried.
- ❖ Director James made a motion to approve \$50,000 for Carson Valley Conservation District; seconded by Director Nevin; with the stipulation that they demonstrate by July 1, 2022, they have the additional funding; motion carried.
- ❖ Director James made a motion to approve \$5,500 funding for the Carson City Parks & Recreation and that they come up with a \$5,500 match; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE AMBROSE PARK DIVERSION AND POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT – Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

At the Board's direction from last months meeting a letter was drafted by Attorney Bergin (available at District offices) to State Lands asking for their input on who owns the diversion structure which was reviewed and edited. Ms. Dowty has received several calls on this topic from the County and City.

Also, at the direction of the Board Ms. Dowty reached out to a contractor regarding the method and possible cost estimates of removal of the structure. Contractors have been contacted however no response yet.

The USACE has also stated that a 408 permit will not be issued even if temporary structures are constructed for the removal of the structure. USACE believes these falls under the Martis Agreement and does not require a 408 permit.

8. DESIGNATE AUDITOR FOR FY 2021-2022, BARNARD VOGLER & CO – Staff

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to retain Barnard Vogler as the auditors for the District for FY2021-2022 in the amount of \$10,600 (which includes preparation of the budget); seconded by Director Nevin; motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF USGS STREAM GAUGING PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,582 AND APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN – Staff

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the execution of the agreement with USGS; seconded by Director Olsen; motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK, EMERGENCY DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR SUCH WORK –Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

11. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

12. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose

Nothing to report.

13. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

14. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future Agenda Item Requests: none

Board Comments:

- Director James – March 29 & 30 there will be a Carson River coalition river forum discussion different aspect of the Carson River.

17. ADJOURNMENT -

- ❖ There being no further business Director Baggett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Nevin; motion carried meeting adjourned.

****The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.****

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer