

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

295 Holcomb Avenue, Suite A  
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January 10, 2012

## **DIRECTORS:**

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

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leo P. Bergin, Attorney  
Chad Blanchard, FWM  
Christine Davis, Nichols Consulting  
Jack Norberg, Nichols Consulting  
Bill Washburn

President Aldax called the Regular meeting of the Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District to order at 10 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT -**

Director Schank moved to approve the minutes for December. Motion seconded by Director Byington, motion carried. Director Schank also moved to approve the financial statement for December, motion seconded by Director Washburn, motion carried.

## **FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT –**

Chad Blanchard presented the water report, a copy of which is placed in the Minutes book. 402 cfs at Farad, Floriston rate still 400 cfs due to elevation of Lake Tahoe. If elevation goes below 6226 then Floriston rates would go to 300 cfs till April. Tahoe is at 60% of capacity, if it remains dry will still have enough water to carry us through the irrigation season. Releasing 272 cfs from Tahoe, cutting back on Boca as the remaining water in Boca is mainly fish water from Stampede to help from the minimum pool. Stampede is 198,542 AF; Prosser is flood control level 9858 AF; Donner is at minimum pool; Independence has been run down 9126 AF to generate power this fall; Martis is at dead pool and Lahontan is at 191,094 AF. Natural flow is still above average with a little carry over from last year's wet year. No precipitation in the last two months.

There was some discussion with regard to lowering the Floriston rate to 300 cfs; a Truckee River Basin meeting would be arranged. Also, some talk above cloud seeding, it was noted that DRI has been given funds by Truckee River Funds.

## **DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF CONSULTANT/ENGINEER –**

Director Westergard stated he was very comfortable with Lori Williams, Tri Sage Consulting. Ms. Williams is familiar with what we do; the different jurisdiction's we deal with and depth of scope that is needed. Director Aldax also mentioned Lori had represented Sierra Pacific Power/Truckee Meadows Water Authority on our Board for several years.

After further discussion of the pros and cons of Engineering firms interviewed last month, Director Westergard made a motion to select Tri Sage Consulting as Consultant/Engineer for the District. Director Nevin seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **APPLICANTS SUBMITTAL OF FEE SCHEDULES –**

The Directors were supplied with the three consultant's fee schedule for HEC-RAS modeling scenario. Director Westergard stated John's earlier comment of retaining the consultant on an hourly basis versus a retainer would be preferred.

Director Dennis moved to accept the documents as submitted as there is no further action. Motion was seconded by Director Nevin. A question was brought up as to what terms. Director Dennis amended his motion to accept the hourly rate for the billing.

Director Penrose asked the term of contract. Attorney Bergin stated normal contract is annual with a 30 day cancellation clause with the right to review and extend.

Chairman Aldax asked if there were any further questions, then called for a vote. Motion was accepted and carried.

#### **LEGAL REPORT – Leo Bergin**

Mr. Bergin stated a letter with regard to bidding process was given to staff and Directors were supplied with same.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

#### **DIRECTORS REPORTS –**

Director Quilici stated the Dayton Valley Conservation District should be able to complete the three projects which are being worked on if the weather continues to hold another ten days. Riprap, bioengineering, clearing and gravel bar removal has been done. Adjacent property owners have been very pleased.

Director Byington stated Carson Water Sub conservancy District awarded the "Andre Aldax Award" to John Colburn of US Extension Service for his long service.

Director Aldax stated there was a project on the East Fork of the Carson River by the golf course which has been completed, there is nothing else happening at this time.

#### **REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS -**

Director Schank asked if Attorney Bergin had found out if savings could be moved. Mr. Bergin stated this was possible by requesting same and place with another entity. Director Schank would like to suggest that we look into moving our funds to an entity where we could receive more interest. TCID has moved their funds to First Independent Bank (Alliance Bank of Arizona) with interest above 3%.

Director Dennis wondered if a minimum pool of funds available as emergency funds has ever been decided. Director Westergard stated that there is always an amount budgeted to funding and a balance for undetermined proposes.

Director Westergard would like to have a Floriston rate report placed on the Agenda.

Director Dennis would like to discuss and address issues for Consultant/Engineer - guidance and direction.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned, next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

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Gwyn S. Bergin  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Andre Aldax  
President