

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
January 13, 2015

DIRECTORS:

Chuck Roberts
Ed James
Ernie Schank
Greg Dennis
Gwen Washburn
John Capurro
Karen Baggett
Mike Nevin
Ron Penrose
Todd Westergard

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer
Dave Wathen, FWM Office

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM -

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes for December 2014 and checks written on Bank of America #9247 - #9254 and Nevada State Bank #2557 - #2565, motion seconded by Director Roberts, motion carried.

4. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Dave Wathen

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices.

Target at Farad today is 390 cfs, of that 90 is fish water, we are not making rate. Lake Tahoe is ½ a foot below the natural rim. We are 63000 AF in the hole.

The Snow Pack report is as follows: Truckee River Basin, 51% YTD, precip YTD 63%; Tahoe Basin 31% YTD, precip YTD 53%; Carson River Basin, 46% YTD, precip YTD 49%; Walker River Basin, 46% YTD, precip YTD 48%.

5. Discuss Ron Penrose retention as Superintendent for the District –

Mr. Penrose stepped out of the meeting while there was discussion as to retaining him as Superintendent for the District.

Director Schank made a motion to employ Mr. Penrose as Superintendent for the District on a Part-Time Basis at the Rate of \$50 per hour, seconded by Director Nevin; passed unanimously.

6. Update on Virginia Street Bridge 408 Encroachment Permit

See Engineer/Consultant Report

Ms. Williams said that the Flood Walls have been determined to be of Historic Value.

Director Schank asked if Ms. Williams knew the time frame once the projects starts to completion. Ms. Williams was not sure but said that Kerri Lanza from the City of Reno would like to come to the Board Meeting in either February or March to update the Board and she would have better knowledge of completion dates.

7. Discuss Status of USACE Inspection, related including SWIF application & action plan

See Engineer/Consultant Report

Since we have still not heard anything from USACE Director Penrose suggested that perhaps we should send them a follow-up letter at a future date if we still have not heard anything.

8. Debris Removal Project and Board direction on any additional work –

See Engineer/Consultant Report

9. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is available at the District Offices or on the CTWCD website. Below is a list of activities completed in the month:

- 1) Submit reports for 4th Quarter NDEP General Working in Waterways Permit including the 2014 Debris Removal Project report and the Box Culvert Removal report.
- 2) Inspect removal work completed by Waste Management at the Recycle America facility on Commercial Row.
- 3) Enlist Reno Tahoe Construction to remove trees at Sutro Bridge downed in the wind storm and monitor the tree removal work; pursue City of Reno Entry Authorization for the removal work.
- 4) Discuss CTWCD/USACE Encroachment Permit next steps for Virginia Street Bridge with City of Reno Staff.
- 5) Continued development of updated model sections along Riverside Drive near Keystone Bridge to evaluate model outcomes and water elevations.

10. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

11. Secretary/Treasurers Report – Gwyn Bergin

Nothing to report.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

13. BOARD COMMENTS and/or REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –

- Director James – CWSD is working with the legislature on the clearing and snagging fund. This may have fallen thru the cracks so CWSD is following up on this.
- Director Penrose – TMWA has become an anchor sponsor of the “Adopt-a-River” program thru Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful. This involves doing River clean up periodically. TMWA did a clean-up in November from the Glendale Diversion up to the two bridges; there is a significant homeless population in this area. This is a water quality issue.
TMWA is working with NDEP on an extension of the Working in Water Permit in order to get in the River and make modifications to the River bed to ensure the delivery of water. A continuation of that permit was granted thru June of 2015.
TMWA completed a project to eliminate a section of Flume being used to transport to the Flash Hydro Facility.

- Director Schank – Asked if any money had been put into the legislation to provide funding for chemicals and weed control for the conservation districts. Director James had not seen anything and did not anticipate much if any. TCID is in the process of re-building the Lewis Spill, which was lost in 2008. Thru some granting they are going to be building a small hydroelectric plant.

14. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business, President Westergard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Schank moved to adjourn, Director Capurro, seconded said motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

** The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday February 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. **

Todd Westergard,
President

Gwyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer