

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2020

## **DIRECTORS:**

Todd Westergard  
John Capurro  
Mike Nevin  
Ernie Schank  
Karen Baggett  
Ty Minor

## **ABSENT:**

John Enloe  
Ed James  
Tyler Henderson  
Pete Olsen

## **GUESTS:**

Leo Bergin, Attorney  
Lori Williams, Engineer  
Ron Penrose, Superintendent  
Chad Blanchard, FWM  
Nick Brothers, City of Reno  
Karen Schlichting, Tri Sage Consulting  
Kayla Dowty, Tri Sage Consulting  
Staff

### **1. CALL ANNUAL MEETING TO ORDER -**

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

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

### **3. APPROVE AGENDA –**

Director Schank made a motion to approve the posted agenda; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –**

Director Schank made a motion to approve the January 2020 Minutes and financial statements as submitted and checks written on Bank of America #9606- #9612 and Nevada State Bank #2969 - #2975, motion seconded by Director Nevin; 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](http://troa.net).*

Things are not looking good at this point. Only good thing is the carry over storage. Forecast is for more of the same. The Tribe is holding back some of the rate water while work on the canal is being completed, which should be by mid-March.

### **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING ENCROACHMENTS, PERMITS AND REQUESTS– Lori Williams**

*See Engineer's Report  
See Martis Creek Agreement, which is referenced in this agenda item*

Ms. Williams and Superintendent Penrose had a good meeting with the City of Reno Assistant City Manger and some of the staff at which time they were made aware of the conditions of assurances the City provided under the Martis Creek Agreement. The City is looking forward to receiving a letter requesting that they would enforce the lack of encroachments, including tents and carts in the Truckee River channel. A letter has been drafted (and available at District Offices) and will be reviewed by Chairman Westergard and Attorney Bergin. A copy of the original Martis Agreement will also be reviewed and sent with the letter.

There was discussion as to if the City of Reno had ever adopted any ordinances or regulations pertaining to what they had agreed to in the Martis Creek Agreement. Ms. Williams advised the Board that under the Martis Agreement the City had provided assurances to the Army Corp of Engineer's. The Corp had required that both Washoe County and City provide assurances because obviously the District had no enforcement powers. The assurance specific to the City of Reno is that they would fully cooperate with CTWCD and pass ordinances and regulations to prevent encroachments in the flood channel. It is unknown if the regulations have been passed or not but clearly, they are not being enforced. It is possible there is no one at the City who is even aware of these assurances, but they are being made aware now.

Nick Brothers from the City of Reno stated that the City's code enforcement manager did get passed a no camping in the River ordinance but if or how it is being enforced is unknown.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK, EMERGENCY DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK – Lori Williams**

*See Engineer's Report*

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING DISTRICT ENGINEERING FIRM CONTRACT – Todd Westergard**

*Copy of the Agreement available at District Offices*

The original agreement was from March 2012 and the term was for a period of 1 year with an automatic renewal after that time for a period of 1 year unless written notification is received by either party. The agreement is with Tri Sage Consulting. Section 5 states specific contacts for both entities but states changes may be made by written notice by either party. The Board felt that they wanted to continue with Tri Sage. The new contact with Tri Sage is Kayla Dowty who will be working with the District. Attorney Bergin stated that everything was fine by just doing a letter updating the contact and address changes.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion that CTWCD and Tri Sage send letters with the appropriate contact and address changes and that the contract continue; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

**9. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT – Lori Williams**

*See Engineer's Report*

**10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose**

Attended a working group put on by RTC for the replacement of the Arlington St. Bridge. They are entering into a contract with a local consulting company to do a feasibility study and to come up with a final conceptual drawing. The new bridge would replace the 2 bridges that are there for the 2 channels. Mr. Penrose was there to represent the District and made the point that access was need for getting into the River for the purposes of maintenance. Mr. Penrose also advised about the 408 process.

Attended the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission as a non-voting member representing the District. The meeting primarily focused on budget issues and future. The Board felt that a presentation on the 408 process would benefit the NNWPC.

**11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin**

Nothing to report

**12. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann**

Nothing to report

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

#### 14. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

##### Future Agenda Item Requests:

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##### Board Comments:

- Director Baggett – Spoke wo Rich Wilkinson who expressed his appreciation to this District for their financial assistance and is hoping to attend the April to make a presentation.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business, President Westergard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Schank moved to adjourn, Director Baggett, seconded said motion, motion carried.

**\*\*The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.\*\***

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Todd Westergard,  
President

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Mary Pat Eymann,  
Secretary/Treasurer