

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
February 14, 2017

DIRECTORS:

John Capurro
Ed James
Greg Dennis
Pete Olsen
Mike Nevin
Todd Westergard
Karen Baggett
John Enloe

ABSENT:

Ernie Schank

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer
Chad Blanchard, FWM

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 Dennis made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Capurro made a motion to approve the November 2016 Minutes and financial statements as submitted and checks written on Bank of America #9403 - #9408 and Nevada State Bank #2728 - #2736, motion seconded by Director Dennis; Director Dennis abstained as he was not present at the previous month's meeting; 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.

SNOTEL report: Tahoe Basin 203%; Truckee River Basin 207%; Carson Basin 215%; Walker River Basin 221%; Upper Humboldt 150%; Lower Humboldt 131%. We are currently leading in both SNOTEL and precipitation numbers this year. Tahoe has thus far come up 3.8 feet, forecast is to easily fill Tahoe. Tahoe will have the biggest physical rise since 1907.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING USACE FLOOD BRANCH PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS AND RELATED DISTRICT PROCESS AND FEE UPDATES – Lori Williams

Ms. Williams has not yet updated the application process, but will have something to bring to next month's meeting.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING ENCROACHMENT PERMIT REQUESTS AND PROJECTS – Lori Williams

See Engineer's Report

Had a couple mini projects that the City of Reno had referred to CTWCD that ended up not

needing permits.

There are areas that we do not have models to support whether or not projects would be in the 14,000 cfs path.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING THE MARTIS CREEK AGREEMENT & SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES – Ron Penrose/Lori Williams

Potential Notice language for the web page was given to the Board for review (copy of which is available at District Offices). There was discussion as to some of the language used.

- ❖ Director Dennis made a motion to have the Notice as follow and that a link to said notice possible be added to other agency pertinent to the issue:

Public Notice: The Martis Creek Lake Project, including the reservoir and related channel improvements, DO NOT provide protection against all floods.

This notice is provided by the Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District, the local project sponsor, as a provision to the 1973 Martis Creek Lake Agreement with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Link to the complete Martis Creek Agreement can be found at: ctwcd.org.

Motion seconded by Director James; motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION ON DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK AND PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL – Lori Williams

See Engineer's Report

Ms. Williams provided the Board with pictures of various areas of concern after the last flow event that she feels requires attention. Ms. Williams feels that the \$8,000 remaining in the budget for debris removal is not enough. Ms. Williams believes that \$25,000 would get the major snags out of the River.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion for Ms. Williams to spend up to \$25,000 using her discretion as far as which areas to clear; seconded by Director Dennis; motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING DRAFT LETTER TO CITY OF RENO REGARDING RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND BOOTH ST. CHANNEL CAPACITY – Ron Penrose/Lori Williams

(complete copy of letter is available at District Offices)

Superintendent Penrose said that they have gone as far as they can go in this matter with the City of Reno and TRFMA.

- ❖ Director Enloe made a motion to approve the letter as presented; seconded by Director Olsen; motion carried.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING DRAFT LETTER TO NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES – Lori Williams/Ron Penrose

A letter was drafted to the Director of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources respectfully request that your office, through the State Engineer, take action to restore the funding for the Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting Program as defined in NRS 532.220 and funded through NRS 532.230. (A complete copy of the letter is available at District Offices).

- ❖ Director Dennis made a motion to approve the letter as presented and forwarded to said agencies; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

12. UPDATE ON THE 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY IMPACT CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS -

Director Baggett has been forwarding the Board a worksheet on various Legislation regarding water issues. She will continue to keep the Board up to date on this by sending it out.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING VACANCY OF NON-VOTING SEAT ON THE NNWPC – Staff

Office staff was contacted regarding the CTWCD's non-voting position on the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission being vacant. There was discussion that this is not particularly applicable to this District. Director Enloe does attend in his capacity at TMWA and could notify the District of any issues that did pertain to CTWCD. The Board felt that Superintendent Penrose would be the appropriate person to fill this position. Mr. Penrose left the meeting early and the Board felt he should be consulted prior to nomination, therefore this item would be discussed at the next meeting.

14. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT – Lori Williams

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is available at the District Offices or on the CTWCD website.

15. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose

Nothing addition to report.

16. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

17. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

Board Comments:

- Director James – March 8 there will be a strategic planning meeting regarding flooding on the Carson River. Trying to get ahead of the curve on flood planning.
- Director Olsen – Flow models that were run indicate that Fallon would be well past the point that if nothing was done they would be serious trouble. There was a meeting with TCID, USBR and County Officials. They got in the River and cleared out snags and cleared plugged bridges. Working to get water thru the system and protect people.
- Director Dennis – Believes the District will hear back from City of Reno regarding the letter sent with reference it Agenda item #10.
- Director Enloe – TMWA is having issues with Donner Lake. The gates are wide open and they have been pulling trees out of the channel. They are still not getting the flow out of Donner. There will be some type of public announcement going out to lake front homeowners to prepare for flooding.

Future Agenda item requests:

- Discussion and Possible Board Direction regarding the USACE Flood Branch Permit Review Process and Related District Process and Fee Updates.
- Discussion and possible action regarding vacancy on Non-Voting Seat on the NNWPC.

20. ADJOURNMENT -

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

carried.

****The next meeting will be Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.****

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer