

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

March 8, 2011

## **DIRECTORS:**

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

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leo P. Bergin, Attorney  
Matt Setty, Engineer  
Richard Wilkinson, DM - DVCD  
Shelly Hardy, Admin. Asst, for DVCD  
Bill Washburn  
Brian Casci, Water Master's office

ABSENT: Mike Nevin

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections or deletions to the minutes of February 8, 2011. Director Schank moved to approve minutes, seconded by Director Quilici. Motion carried.

## **FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT –**

Brian Casci gave the Snotel report as follows: Truckee River basin 123% average; Carson River is 124% of average; Wadsworth at a 128% of average with Tahoe's level at 144% of average. The upper Humboldt is at a 112% and the lower Humboldt is 107%. USGS is shut down this morning; therefore, following information is as of Monday. The Truckee River at Farad is at 373 cfs, Reno 472 cfs, Vista at 711 cfs. The Carson River at Gardnerville is 460 cfs; Carson City is 578 cfs, Churchill 554 cfs. The elevation at Tahoe is 6225.00, Boca 5583.29, Stampede is 5925.47, and Lahontan is 4143.43.

## **DESIGNATION OF AUDITOR**

Ms. Estrella informed the Board it was time to designate an auditor for this fiscal year. Director Byington moved to appoint Muckel Anderson CPA's as this year's auditor. Seconded by Director Capurro, motion carried.

## **DAYTON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUNDS**

Richard Wilkinson, District Manager of Dayton Valley Conservation District and Administrative Assistant Shelly Hardy, of DVCD showed a Power-Point presentation.

A project site aerial map was also displayed, it provided all project site locations and each site was addressed individually during the presentation. Mr. Wilkinson explained how the funds have been allocated during the past year, updated for continuing project's progression and new projects being planned. The power point presentation focused on project progress for 2010-2011 as follows:

- 1,500 to 1,800 acres of weed treatment
- 305 acres re-seeded with Native Vegetation
- 57 acres cleared and burned
- 85 acres mowed
- 75,000 - Project planted willows/cottonwoods/shrubs
- 7,215 Linear feet of river restored (before and after photos provided)
- 1,250 acres of weed mapping completed

The district will attempt to complete as many sites as possible this coming year given the amount of funding received. Not all of the projects are shown in this presentation but were discussed during the presentation.

The fiscal year for DVCD 2011-2012 budgeted approximately \$463,500.00 for the Carson River restoration projects, pending finalized agreements and funding from federal, state, and local sources. The district has been able to match the funding from CTWCD with a 9 to 1 match.

Noxious weed control and abatement funding will help the district purchase chemicals, hire a seasonal intern for spraying and maintain existing equipment. The fund's total \$28,500.00 equals a 2.85 to 1 match.

The Carson River Workdays located at Rolling A Ranch in Dayton has been involved in educating the community. The "River Wranglers" a youth program provides education to elementary and high school students in river conservation. The workdays consist of seeing wildlife along the river, planting trees, shrubs and other native vegetation along the river was also shared by the presentation.

DVCD is requesting funding for 2011-2012 equaling \$90,000 for River Restoration/ Stabilization and Weed Abatement. It is requested \$10,000 be allocated for noxious weed control, and \$80,000.00 be allocated for the continuing river restoration progress. The DVCD is asking to carry over dedicated funds from FY 2010-2011 as they have not received the formal funding award or agreement for State Lands, NDOW, and the UFSWS. Mr. Wilkinson informed the Board there were other funding opportunities to help in the continued efforts of the river restoration projects.

Director Dennis asked about the amount of roll over funds from the Division of State Lands Question 1 Grant funding and the amount from CTWCD. There is approximately \$425,000.00 still available from Q1. Ms. Estrella informed the Board there was still \$80,000.00 being held from 2010-2011 year for DVCD projects which have not been completed to date.

Director Dennis asked how much funding CTWCD received from the general tax base each year. Ms. Estrella advised we receive \$180k to \$200k a year from CTX funds.

Director Dennis moved to approve \$80,000.00 for River Restoration and \$10,000.00 Weed Control Abatement as requested. Director Capurro seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Estrella presented the financial report for the month of February, checks written on Nevada State Bank #2175 – 2186 and checks written on Bank of America #8960 – 8969. Director Schank moved to approve checks written, seconded by Director Washburn, motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

## **LEGAL REPORT – Attorney Bergin**

Nothing to report

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

Engineer Matt Setty provided the USACE Truckee River Inspection Report dated July 27, 2010. By virtue of an executed agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Flood Control and Navigation and CTWCD has the responsibility of maintaining the Truckee River as a flood conveyance channel. The river is to be inspected on an annual basis for flood conveyance and channel maintenance issues. The purpose of this summary is to inform the Board of the maintenance needs as is indicated in the report.

The summary of this report follows:

- Culvert box at intersection Foster and Idlewild; there is cause for concern.
- Center Street Bridge – Shoal vegetation
- Ambrose Park – Diversion dam deterioration
- Wingfield Park - large shoal is developing
- Between Center Street and Virginia Street – shoal developed in middle of river
- Lake Street Bridge – shoal has developed downstream of the northern support pillar

There are a few projects we should tackle if other funding agencies would participate in the repairs. The discussion was directed for locating funding for the Truckee River clean-up projects for 2011 - 2012. It has been noted Gary Williams, City of Reno requested the City address the flood wall instability of the downtown region. It has been cited for several years and is not being addressed by the City.

Director Dennis asked if there was an estimate required by CTWCD of our responsibilities to make any of these improvements or are these notices to others that they are required to maintain certain portions of the river. Engineer Setty responded these are essentially our responsibilities but there has been no issue that has been ascertained that provides proof.

Director Penrose wanted to know the ownership of the culvert box at Foster Drive and Idlewild Drive and the diversion at Ambrose Park. Engineer Setty responds there is no owner of Ambrose Park; however, the ownership could be assigned to the Division of State Lands. The culvert was originally installed by NDOT and was turned over to the City of Reno. The culvert is full of sediment. We need a cost estimate for removal of the culvert. Engineer Setty feels once we have an estimate we could then go to the City for help in removal. Director Penrose thinks we should investigate who has ownership and if, State Lands is responsible; we need to communicate the concern and to partner for the removal of the culvert.

Director Schank asked if the City of Reno might be willing to participate with in-kind removal of the box culvert.

One more item from Engineer Setty, the City of Reno is moving ahead with the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project. City asked if CTWCD wanted to take a part in the project meetings. Engineer Setty explained to the Board, we will only be reviewing the project and he did not think it was important for any of the Board members to sit in on these meetings. When the project is designed and completed the City will have to bring the hydraulic model to the attention of the Board for an encroachment permit.

## **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Director Schank - work being done on the Truckee Canal. There are problems with thirty take

outs through the Fernley reach. There is no agreement with the BOR of how to fix it. It may be the middle of May before water will be back in the canal. No water will be diverted from the Truckee into Lahonton until late summer.

Director Capurro - Boca is ready for the irrigation season and there has been some maintenance work throughout the year and everything looks good.

Director Quilici - we are reviewing sites for this coming fall construction. We are getting quotes for the design.

There being no further business, President Aldax adjourned, next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

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Andre Aldax, President

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Gwyn S. Estrella, Secretary/Treasurer