

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting  
March 12, 2013

## **DIRECTORS:**

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

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leo Bergin, Attorney  
Lori Williams, Engineer/Consultant  
Richard Wilkinson, DVCD  
Chad Blanchard, Water Master's Office  
Ed James, CWSD  
Austin Osborne, Storey County  
Bill Washburn

## **ABSENT:**

Sal Quilici

## **STAFF:**

Trudy Salley  
Gwyn Bergin

President Aldax called meeting to order at 10 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

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

Director Schank made a motion to approve the minutes for January and the checks for January and February written on Bank of America #9103 - #9112 and Nevada State Bank #2371 - #2387. Motion seconded by Director Washburn, motion carried.

## **FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT -**

Chad presented the water and Snotel reports, copies of both are included in Minutes book. Chad stated this has been the driest January and February in 103 years of record tracking precipitation at Tahoe; by the end of December we were at 200% of snow pack. Farad is at 474 cfs, Floriston rate is 350 cfs. Tahoe has 2.89 acre feet of storage. If Tahoe comes up to 6226 AF, Floriston rates will increase from 350 – 500 which will occur anyway come April 1, 2013. Tahoe is at 6225.89. Currently, snow packs are: Truckee River is at 77% vs. last year 36%, Tahoe at 68% vs. last year 35%, Carson River 81% vs. last year 28% and Walker River is at 80% vs. last year 28% at this time. We are higher on both Truckee and Tahoe than we were at peak last year. Hoping March will go out like a "Lion"!

## **DAYTON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DVCD) – Presentation of 2012-2013**

### **Completed Projects**

Mr. Richard Wilkinson, DVCD gave a detailed power point presentation of the 2012-2013 River Restoration Project (actually completed 5 project areas: MCR 040, 041, 042, 043 and 044) and the Weed Abatement completed this last year.

### **Restoration Project Details: Total project length = 2700 feet**

- Total rock rip-rap installed – 15, 595 tons
- Total cut materials cubic yards = 11,282 cubic yards
- Total fill materials cubic yards = 11,086 cubic yards
- Total toe trench = 2250 feet
- Total refusal trenches = 6
- Total key trenches = 8

- Total stream barbs = 8
- Total willow bundles of 10 = 6740 willows
- Total willow poles = 780 willows
- Total willow brush mattress = 14,850 willows
- Total Juniper tree revetment = 400 feet 150 stems
- Total landowners = 6
- Total project stakeholders = 14

#### **Weed Abatement Project Details:**

- 3000 Acres Mapped/Inventoried
- 3000 Acres Treated with Herbicide
- 1000 Acres Treated by Land Owners (LIP)
- 26 Acres re-seeded
- 12 Acres burned
- Landowners in Program 56

#### **DAYTON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DVCD) – Project Funding Request 2013-2014**

Mr. Wilkinson is requesting \$80,000.00 for 2013-2014 four Stabilization projects (MCR 045 Morse Family Ranch, MCR 046 Eitel Ranch and MCR 047 Quilici/Minor Ranches) and \$15,000.00 for 2013-2014 Weed Abatement Projects. Hope to accomplish the following:

- 1900 lineal feet restored
- 2.5 acres re-seeded
- Rip-rap slope protection
- Bio-engineering treatments
- Invasive weed treatments
- Channel Clearing and Snagging 1900 feet
- Plant approximately 7500 willows/cottonwoods

Director Dennis asked about future maintenance of these projects. Mr. Wilkinson stated next fiscal year he may recommend a portion of the monies go to new projects and a portion to maintenance of previous projects. A discussion regarding Counties being responsible for enforcing a code when land goes from Agricultural to Development, the Developer should create some sort of HOA in order to obtain funds for the maintenance of these projects.

Director Capurro suggested assessing past projects including maintenance and new (future) projects and tying them together.

Director Schank made a motion to approve funding request in the amount of \$80k for 2013-2014 River Restoration. Motion seconded by Director Capurro, motion carried.

Director Westergard made a motion to approve funding request in the amount of \$15k for 2013-2014 Weed Abatement. Motion seconded by Director Schank, motion carried.

#### **STOREY COUNTY REQUEST FOR FUNDING - NOXIOUS WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM IN SIX & SEVEN MILES CANYONS, GOLD CANYON, & AMERICAN FLAT, STOREY COUNTY -**

Mr. Austin Osborne gave his presentation on Storey County Weed Abatement Project, a copy of which is available in the office. The project including materials, labor and treatment will be fulfilled through inter-local cooperation between Storey County and Dayton Valley Conservation District (DVCD) in the Carson River Watershed area during the 2013 spring and summer season. Mr. Osborne is requesting funding in the amount of \$16,097.40 for the Storey County and Dayton Valley Conservation District Weed Abatement Project. Four years ago 140 acres was solid white top. In 2009 Six/Seven Mile Canyons had 90% improvement in regrowth of native grasses.

Director Schank made a motion to approve funding request in the amount of \$16,097.40 for

2013-2014 Weed Abatement. Motion seconded by Director Capurro, motion carried.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RE-APPOINTMENTS - CHANGE OF BY LAWS –**

Director Westergard had requested this item be placed on the agenda, as he had to leave the meeting early, he asked Director Schank to address this issue. Director Schank stated the statute specifies how the Directors from the six counties are to be submitted; however, the four subcontracting agencies do not have a specific way to be appointed. The County Commissioners from each county are to submit two or more nominees from the represented county to the Governor’s office for appointment. After discussion regarding the matter, Director Schank made the motion for Attorney Bergin to draft a new petition to the Court to clarify this matter. Motion seconded by Director Byington, motion carried. Director Dennis abstained.

**DESIGNATE ACCOUNTANT FOR YEAR 2013-2014-Muckel Anderson CPAs –**

The Board asked Gwyn if she was satisfied with Muckel Anderson CPA firm, which she replied “Yes”. Director Dennis made a motion to approve retaining Muckel Anderson CPA firm. Motion seconded by Director Capurro motion carried.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER – Preparation of Tentative Budget 2013-2014 - Election of Officers**

Ms. Bergin asked if there were any Directors interested in assisting with the actual Budget expenses for the fiscal year 2013-2014. President Aldax asked if any of the local directors would be interested in doing so. Director Capurro volunteered to assist Gwyn with this task.

Ms. Bergin mentioned an Election of Officers would be necessary after appointments and reappointments have been made.

**ENGINEER-CONSULTANT REPORT –**

Ms. Williams has received notice the City of Reno will be pursuing the Virginia Street Clear Span Bridge project. Ms. Williams will assist USACE with floodplain design. Ms. Williams has also received an inquiry from Venture Engineering regarding a project on the lot kitty corner to the Police Dept. Application should be submitted in mid-March 2013.

Lori has requested some pricing from local construction companies for emergency work in the river. She has already received the information from Q&D Construction and she is still waiting for two other responses, would like to have a total of four.

Ms. Williams will also be following up with Robert Murakami, USACE Flood Branch regarding the Annual Inspection of the Truckee River for 2013. Previously, Mr. Murakami informed Lori USACE has tentatively scheduled April 23, 2013, for the Annual Inspection.

**LEGAL REPORT –**

Mr. Bergin, no updates other than the directions just given by the Board with regards to drafting a Petition pertaining to the appointment of the four subcontracting Agency Directors.

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

NONE

**BOARD COMMENTS-REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –**

Director Schank – proposed additional information be added to the applications in regards to maintenance. Invite someone from Churchill County to either the next meeting or a future Board

meeting to discuss their codes in reference to development of subdivisions near the river and the maintenance of weeds.

There being no further business, President Aldax adjourned the meeting and announced the next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

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Andre Aldax  
President

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Gwyn S. Bergin,  
Secretary/Treasurer