

# **CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

295 Holcomb Avenue, Suite A  
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**March 13, 2012**

## **DIRECTORS:**

Andre Aldax  
Barbara Byington  
John Capurro  
Mike Nevin  
Ernie Schank  
Sal Quilici  
Ron Penrose  
Todd Westergard

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michael Pagni, Legal Counsel  
Lori Williams, TriSage Consulting  
Richard Wilkinson, DM - DVCD  
Rob Holley, - DVCD  
Chad Blanchard, FWM  
Robby Johnston – First Independent Bank

## **ABSENT:**

Greg Dennis  
Gwen Washburn

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Director Capurro made a motion to accept the Minutes and Financial Statement for February along with payment of checks drawn on Bank of America #9049 - #9057 and checks drawn on Nevada State Bank #2267 - #2271. Motion was seconded by Director Schank, motion carried.

## **FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT**

Chad Blanchard, Water Master's office gave the water report, a copy of which is inserted in the Minutes Book. Tahoe elevation is 6226.74 with 270 cfs being released. Boca storage is 6936 AF with 80 cfs being released. Lahontan storage is 214961 AF. TCID may start releases on March 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Flow at Farad is 493 cfs with a target of 500 cfs for Floriston rates.

Snotel report: Truckee 36%, Tahoe 35%, Carson River 30%, and Walker River 30%.

Mr. Blanchard reports there is a projection of 5 inches of precipitation over the next week at Tahoe. That is half of what has been received this year to date. If we get the precipitation, the snow levels may rise and the flow may not be as high.

## **FLORISTON RATES**

Tahoe elevation has been too high over the last 3 years to lower Floriston Rates.

## **DVCD – PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS COMPLETED**

Richard Wilkinson, District manager of Dayton Valley Conservation District and Rob Holley showed a Power Point presentation of the DVCD's Weed Control activity over 2011-2012 along the 6 Mile Canyon, Rolling A Ranch and the River restoration projects which were completed during the year, sites MCD #036, MCR #037, MCR #38 and MCR #039.

Mr. Holley presented before and after pictures along with a map of the areas treated. Mr. Holley mentioned they use a combination of Tellar and 24-D sprays to control the weed population, explaining the 24-D spray is used more to wilt and weaken plants and the Tellar is used to kill or wipe out the rag, tumbleweed, and pepper weeds.

The power point presentation focused on project progress for 2011-2012.

- . 25 miles of canyon covered both by walking and driving
- . 2485 acres treated, plus 93 land owner acres
- . Over 5000 acres monitored
- . 10,000+ protected – whole of Dayton Valley toward Fort Churchill

Mr. Wilkinson also presented a report on projects completed:

- . 12,000 Willows were planted on the 4 projects
- . Burned, mowed, treated noxious weeds, and reseeded the treated areas
- . Three work days with 750 children attending & learning river restoration
- . 29 large trees and debris were removed from river
- . 4 river restoration areas totaled 3300 linear feet with 5 acres reseeded (these areas included Insert of stream barbs and rip rap)

The fiscal year for 2011-2012 DVCD budgeted \$788,000 on the four projects; however, the total expenditures were \$601,206.75. The District has been able to match the funding from CTWCD with a 6.6 to 1 match. Not all projects were shown in the presentation, but were discussed.

Director Schank wished to thank Richard Wilkinson and Rob Holley for their presentation and also commented Dayton Valley Conservation District has done the best restoration work by any District he has toured in the past.

## **DVCD – REQUEST FOR FUNDING – 2012-2013**

DVCD is requesting funding for 2012-2013 equaling \$90,000 for River Restoration, Stabilization and Weed Abatement. Mr. Wilkinson is requesting \$10,000 be allocated for noxious weed control and \$80,000 be allocated for the continuing river restoration progress.

Mr. Wilkinson stated the Budget, Expenditures, and project information will be supplied to the District on a quarterly basis, so District is aware of projects progress. Work this current year is estimated at \$545,000 with a ratio of funding matched at 6.0 to 1 for river restoration. Weed abatement is estimated to be \$52,000 with a ratio of funding matched at 5.2 to 1. Actual request is on file in CTWCD office. The District will attempt to complete as many sites as possible this coming year given the amount of funding received.

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

## **MOVING LGIP FUNDS**

Robby Johnston, First Independent Bank, discussed his schooling, 13 years' experience with First Independent Bank, and better banking options for CTWCD. Mr. Johnston thinks we can maximize the investment on our funds. He mentioned the differences in banking for individuals, groups and government and the best options for each. Mr. Johnston mentioned possible accounts options are out there are a Certificate of Deposit and a Flex Savings Account.

Director Aldax asked what kind of emergency access would there be to the funds in a Flex Savings. Mr. Johnston explained the following benefits:

- . There is one monthly withdrawal without fees; others will cost \$50.00 each.
- . You can take out a loan against this account without withdrawing the actual funds
- . Tiered rates
- . No penalty to withdraw, where a CD has penalties

The same rate could be given for a combined account or two separate accounts. There was further discussion regarding interest rates and different accounts.

Director Schank asked Gwyn how many withdrawals a month are made from the LGIP account. Ms. Bergin stated zero, the only time funds are transferred from LGIP is when our checking account is lower than any grant that needs to be funded.

Director Schank moved the Board approve Mrs. Bergin gathering information on rates and fees from other banking institutions and then have a vote next month. Seconded by Director Penrose and Director Byington, motion carried.

Mr. Johnston will supply a spec sheet so that we get apples to apples so exact information can be verified.

Director Capurro moved Mrs. Bergin mail a hard copy the directors can bring to the next meeting with all information for a quick review by the board and a vote. Motion seconded by Director Schank, motion carried.

Director Schank excused himself from the meeting at this time for a prior meeting.

## **POSSIBLE RESTRICTED EMERGENCY FUNDS**

Lori Williams, TriSage Consulting mentioned her and Mrs. Bergin met this month and discussed emergency funds spent in the 1997 flood were in the amount of only \$111,000. A 15 year escalation is \$350,000, this amount is about half of what is in the LGIP. The Board has never spent down to a zero on our LGIP account as our funding for the year normally pays our expenses and grants.

Emergency Funds could only be used and /or accessed by Board action.

## **DESIGNATION OF ACCOUNTANT FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

Mrs. Bergin suggested Muckel Anderson CPA's as our auditors for the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget work and audit. Director Quilici made a motion to approve, motion seconded by Director Byington. Motion carried.

## **LEGAL REPORT**

Michael Pagni (sitting in for Leo Bergin), there is nothing to report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **BOARD REPORTS – FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Director Capurro informed board due to below average snow/precipitation, Boca may not fill this year.

Director Penrose informed the board a presentation will be held on the Glendale Water Treatment Plant diversion and improvement project which focuses on the fishery on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at the TMWA offices.

Director Quilici stated Richard and Rob covered everything.

Director Aldax stated Douglas County has performed some along river and a private ditch company has been doing some work. Conservation District has not been too active.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned, next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

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Gwyn S. Bergin  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Andre Aldax  
Board President