

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
March 14, 2017

DIRECTORS:

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

ABSENT:

John Capurro

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer
Ron Penrose, Superintendent
Dave Wathen, 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 Schank made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; seconded by Director Dennis; motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Nevin made a motion to approve the February 2017 Minutes and financial statements as submitted and checks written on Bank of America #9409 - #9415 and Nevada State Bank #2737 - #2740, motion seconded by Director Baggett; motion carried.

5. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Dave Wathen

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.

Tahoe gates were opened up a couple weeks ago, and currently releasing approximately 500 cfs. With the current forecast, it is expected that they will have to spill over the next 3 months about 120,000 af. Boca is at flood control. BOR has a safety of dam project beginning this year at Stampede.

On pace for precipitation record.

Snowpack report: Tahoe Basin 215%; Truckee River Basin 200%; Carson Basin 207%; Walker River Basin 206%; Upper Humboldt 140%; Lower Humboldt 130%.

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

Ms. Williams presented the Board with a copy of the revised Application for Flood Channel 408 encroachment Permit (a copy of which is available at District Offices).

There was discussion as to the fee the District charges. It was decided the \$400 initial fee (which covers the first 3 hours) was adequate for an initial evaluation and to charge additional time as needed at the rate of \$150 per hour. Director Schank would like to see check boxes added to the application so that persons could check off the various requirements.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to approve the application provided to the Board with the corrections in typographic errors, charging \$400 initial fee and \$150 per hour for additional hours as discussed and the addition of the check boxes; seconded by Director Enloe; motion carried.

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

See Engineer's Report

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK AND PROTOCOL FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL – Lori Williams

See Engineer's Report

Ms. Williams has contacted the State Division of Emergency Management and will attend the briefing on March 7th to discuss FEMA reimbursement for flood work and repairs. It is not clear if the District can get reimbursement for the flood debris removal work and it is possible that other work may need to be completed by the District (such as shoal removal, or Carson River work) that may be able to be reimbursed by FEMA.

- ❖ Director Dennis made a motion that Ms. Williams continue to pursue the FEMA work and possible reimbursement; seconded by Director James; motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING 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)

Letter was sent to the City of Reno Public Works Director along with a copy of the previous letter that was sent to USACE along with the Interim Risk Reduction which looked at various alternatives to contain the 14,000 cfs. The goal of the letter was to relieve the District of liability associated with the 14,000 cfs flow commitment. Ms. Williams has heard from the City of Reno, Kerri Lanza staff to the Public Works Director for clarification as to if the berm is the wrong elevation or is the water surface elevation wrong. Ms. Williams advised that both were wrong. The plan from the City of Reno is to contact the District for a meeting.

10. DESIGNATE AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT FOR FY 2017-2018 AS EIDE BAILLY CPAs – Staff

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to designate the firm of Eide Bailly CPA for the FY2017-2018; seconded by Director Enloe; motion carried.

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

Director Baggett will continue to send out her worksheet to the Board as to the various bills at the legislature.

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

Director Enloe regularly attends these meetings and it was discussed that the appointee will not necessarily attend all the meetings but only when things are pertinent to the District.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to appoint the Superintendent of the District as the Non-Voting representative to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission and that this be added to the job description of the Superintendent position; seconded by Director Dennis; motion carried.

13. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT – Lori Williams

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

14. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose

Nothing addition to report.

15. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

16. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

Board Comments:

- Director Schank presented a slide show of the work being done at Lahontan dam to control the releases.

Future Agenda item requests:

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19. ADJOURNMENT -

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

****The next meeting will be Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.****

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer