

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
April 14, 2015

DIRECTORS:

Karen Baggett
Todd Westergard
Greg Dennis(arrived late)
Ed James
Mike Nevin
Ron Penrose
Chuck Roberts
Ernie Schank
Gwen Washburn

ABSENT:

John Capurro

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer
Chad Blanchard, FWM Office
Danielle Henderson, TRFMA
John Enloe, TMWA
Kerri Lanza, City of Reno
Schala Honey, City of Reno

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM -

President Westergard called the Regular Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Schank made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2015 and checks written on Bank of America #9271 - #9278 and Nevada State Bank #2577 - #2586, motion seconded by Director Washburn, motion carried.

4. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Chad Blanchard

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices.

This has been the worst year we have had as far as snow pack, run off. Snow Pack as of today is as follows: Tahoe 0%; Truckee River 14%; Carson River 2%; Walker River 26%. We have had more precip than the lowest year which was 1977.

Floriston Rates will run out on April 15, 2015. Tahoe dropped another 300ths today. Tahoe will have no rise from April to the high.

Prosser will be undergoing construction this year; the outlet structure will be out of service for 6 or 7 months.

Tahoe will not reach an all-time low this year, but if we get another dry year it will surpass 1992 which was 2 ¾ feet below the rim. Currently, we are a quarter of a foot below the rim.

As far as the ditches, there is still a natural flow of 200 cfs in the Truckee River so most of the ditches will still be in priority. It really depends on what the natural flow does and what TMWA's demands are.

5. Update on Virginia Street Bridge 408 Encroachment Permit - Kerri Lanza & Schala Honey, City of Reno

Bids were put out in January, with open bids in February. The low bidder was Q&D Construction. The bid award will be presented to the City Council on April 15, 2015. There will be a construction open house on April 30, 2015 for anyone interested in attending. A Ground Breaking will occur on May 20, 2015. Pending approval and permitting construction will begin on May 26, 2015.

Still awaiting 404 permit. The USACE will await the actual release of the 404 permit to release the 408 permit. It is estimated that we are approximately 2 weeks out from the release of the 408 permit.

6. Discuss and Approve or Disapprove request from City of Reno to enter Truckee River Prior to June 1 (May 1, 2015) for the Virginia Street Bridge Project Work – Kerri Lanza, City of Reno

It is felt that the ability to provide the notice to proceed by the middle to end of May. The City of Reno is requesting that the contractor be able to enter the River early, May 1, 2015.

Director Schank made a motion to approve the City of Reno's request to enter the Truckee River prior to June 1 (May 1, 2015) for the Virginia Street Bridge Project, contingent upon receipt of the 404 permit; motion seconded by Director Dennis. Motion carried.

7. Review/Discuss 2015-2016 Tentative Budget – Gwyn Bergin

Directors were provided copies of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which are also available at District Offices.

Director James stated that the Conservation Districts had contacted him regarding possible grant funding. He asked if the \$65,000 in the "To Be Determined" portion on the budget could be used to fund parts of the various requests. Ms. Bergin stated that the \$65,000 was earmarked for possible things that may be needed to be done on the Truckee. Director Dennis asked Engineer Williams if there were projects that she thought might be done this year as the River will be so low. Ms. Williams said she doesn't really have anything besides debris removal in mind. Ms. Williams asked if there was a time limit when the various Conservation Districts need the funding by. Director James said that there was not, the monies would be used as fill in for various projects.

Director James moved to accept the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented; seconded by Director Dennis; motion carried.

8. Discuss Idlewild Drive Decks and Stagg Lane Rock Barrier Encroachments into Truckee River – Lori Williams

See Engineer/Consultant Report

Idlewild Drive Deck - Ms. Williams advised the Board one of the decks in question had been built 47 years ago, prior to the Martis Creek Agreement. The deck did stay intact in the 1997 flood. Ms. Williams is waiting for the City of Reno to get back to her about what they are planning to do about the deck, as it may or may not have been part of the original building plans. Due to the age of the deck (47 years) it is uncertain if the City will be able to find any documentation. Ms. Williams's question for the Board was what jurisdiction does this Board want to take for this deck which was built prior to the Martis Creek Agreement? Attorney Bergin stated he thinks we probably don't have jurisdiction because it was built before the Martis Creek Agreement. Mr. Bergin is going to check to see if there is any type of grandfather clause and report at the next meeting.

Stagg Lane Rock Barrier: A response from the letter sent by the District was received from the owners. They have hired an engineering firm and wanted to know if the rocks could be left while the review is taking place. While the CTWCD will work with them it is not known what other agencies will require. The purpose of the rocks is diverting water from the River to their

irrigation pumps. They do have a water right and are diverting water from the River when the River is low to their pumps. If the river is that low they probably do not have a right to the water as it would belong to the Tribe or TMWA. The Watermaster's Office is aware of the situation. They do have a priority to the water, possible 1867 priority.

Director Penrose stated that what had been constructed in the River should not have been done. Mr. Penrose and Ms. Williams are going to continue to follow up with this. If the only time the structure is needed is during low flows then they have no right to that water and the structure needs to come down. In addition an Encroachment Permit should have been requested to begin with. Attorney Bergin suggested that another letter be sent giving them a timeframe to remove by.

9. Discuss Status of USACE Inspection, related including SWIF application & action plan – Lori Williams

See Engineer/Consultant Report

Ms. Williams and Mr. Penrose are going to meet with the City of Reno regarding outstanding items they have on the inspection list. Mr. Penrose feels the ball is in the court of the City of Reno now.

10. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is available at the District Offices or on the CTWCD website. Below is a list of activities completed in the month:

- 1) Scheduled meeting with TRFMA and City of Reno to discuss Riverside Model findings.
- 2) Emails with USACE regarding process for Virginia Street Bridge Encroachment Permit release.
- 3) Follow-up emails with City of Reno and NV Lands regarding decks on Idlewild Drive.
- 4) Responded to engineer's inquiry for Stagg Lane river rock encroachment.
- 5) Inspected side channel upstream of Kietzke Bridge and removed debris activity.

11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report

12. Secretary/Treasurers Report – Gwyn Bergin

Ms. Bergin reminded the Board that she would need to be replaced as Secretary/Treasurer. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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

- Director Dennis – Have Director James prioritize the grant funding requests so that if the CTWCD has funds available to assist there will be a priority to what needs to be done.
- Director Penrose – Will put together written testimony regarding the Snagging & Clearing and forward to Mr. Westergard to review and comment on prior to sending.
- Director James – The SubConservancy District is having a Flood Forum on April 22, 2015 and one of the speakers is Jay Aldean.

15. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business, President Westergard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Schank moved to adjourn, Director Dennis, seconded said motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

** President Westergard adjourned the meeting and announced the Public Hearing on the Final Budget meeting will be held Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10:00 am. **

Todd Westergard,
President

Gwyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer