

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
September 11, 2012

DIRECTORS:

Andre Aldax
Barbara Byington
Mike Nevin
Greg Dennis
Sal Quilici
Todd Westergard
Ron Penrose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer/Consultant
Chad Blanchard, Water Master's Office

ABSENT:

John Capurro
Gwen Washburn
Ernest Schank

President Aldax call meeting to order when quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Westergard made a motion to approve the minutes for July and the checks written for July and August on Bank of America #9082- #9087 and Nevada State Bank #2325 - #2337. Motion seconded by Director Byington, motion carried.

FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT

A copy of the water report is filed in the office. Chad Blanchard stated this morning, Floriston rates are 500 cfs. Water releases are being switched from Tahoe to Boca. Work needs to be done on spillway at Boca; therefore, water is being released to get below spillway gates. 10,000 AF of Boca water has been kept in Stampede and is now being released for rates. Prosser is using Tahoe/Prosser exchange which will be down to flood control by the end of October. East fork of Carson is 41 cfs which includes 10 cfs of Mud Lake. Woodfords is down to 12 cfs. Lahontan is dropping 47,103 AF may get down to 10,000 AF by time TCID is done diverting.

WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM –

Ron Penrose stated he, John Capurro and Lori Williams went on tour coordinated by Nevada Land Conservancy. They visited three or four places along the river where weed eradication has been done with re-vegetation. Ron was impressed with the work, personally think the money is well spent and wish to continue to support these types of programs. A good demonstration project at Dorostkar Park which was a pasture under irrigation where the water rights were stripped and it was allowed to go dry. It became totally infested with tall white top, other thistles and noxious weeds. It has now been totally restored.

Note: The hand out received by Ron, John and Lori is available in the office for review.

Attorney Bergin stated Board had requested him to investigate whether the Board could actually fund this program. Mr. Bergin informed Directors the District was created under NRS 541, under 541.140 we can deal with public entities or contribute to them for preservation and operation of water

ways. Also, NRS 543 – Flood Control District you can prevent waste, water supply diminishment; under 543.360 make payment for project of improvement for flood water from creeks and other waterways. In order to go forward, it is a grey area of what we can and cannot do. We need to make a connection to flood control, waterways and preservation via controlling weeds we are helping flood control preservation.

Director Westergard thinks we need to include in our application certain criteria in order to qualify for grants. The grant should have a maximum amount available per year and per entity.

After further discussion, it was determined Lori Williams and Ron Penrose would get together and updating Criteria and Application for Funding of Weed Abatement Projects. Lori will bring back information to next month's meeting.

ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –

Ms. Williams presented her monthly report:

- Met with Glen Daily, City of Reno regarding the Idlewild Drive Box Culvert to discuss current operation, structure and City concerns related to the possible removal from the river bed. This is an actual functioning storm drain which runs from Summit Ridge crosses I-80 to back of Seventh Street area – Summit Ridge on one side and Mt View Cemetery on the other side of canyon. No drawings are available on this culvert and not too sure when it was installed. Do not know extent of culvert; however, sediment would have to be dealt with. Refer to TriSage “Project Tasks” report located in office.
- Phone calls and emails with City of Reno regarding a concept to place large boulders along the bank within the ordinary high water level for a section along Riverside Drive near the Washington Street intersection.

LEGAL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Gwyn informed the Board the State Water Engineer's office had refunded \$18,000 from the last grant we had made on the Water Mapping Project.

BOARD COMMENTS/REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –

Director Quilici stated Richard Wilkerson, DVCD will have a presentation in November or December on projects completed. Dayton Valley Conservation District is a little short of funds; therefore, they cut down the work down to five projects. They are waiting for new bids on the revised project should be received on Friday.

Director Westergard mentioned he had talked to Chad Blanchard about the Federal Water Master appointment. The application period will be up on September 28th and at that time Federal District Judge George will make the decision. Attorney Bergin informed the Board Jeff Boyer also of the Water Master's office has put his application in.

There being no further business, Chairmen Aldax asked for motion to adjourn. Director Quilici made motion, Director Dennis seconded said motion, meeting adjourned. President Aldax stated next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Andre Aldax
President

Gwyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer