

CARSON-TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

September 13, 2011

DIRECTORS:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chad Blanchard, FWM office
Leo P. Bergin, Attorney
Matt Setty, Engineer
Delva Schank

ABSENT:

John Capurro

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

There being no corrections or deletions to the minutes of July and the Financial Statements for July and August. Director Schank moved to approve, seconded by Director Quilici. Motion carried.

FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT

Chad Blanchard gave the water report as follows: Farad at 647 cfs making rates and a 147 cfs is fish water. Derby 363 cfs, canal at Wadsworth is 82 cfs for the Bench and 461 cfs at Nixon. Gardnerville is 252 cfs believe this is rain and not reservoir water. Woodfords is up 42 cfs to 84 cfs; Carson City is 77 cfs; Dayton 48 cfs and Fort Churchill is 29 cfs. It has been a very good year on the upper Carson River. Tahoe is 6227.90 with 132 cfs being released, going to start ramping Tahoe down. Water will be released from Boca and Prosser for rates to get down too flood control levels. Stampede releases are down to 15 cfs which is actually below the minimum release as they are performing the CFR inspections. Stampede is still at 208,027 AF with flood control at 204,000 AF. Prosser is at 23,199 AF needs to take down to 9840 AF all the excess is Tahoe/Prosser exchange water. Lahontan is at 216,320 AF, possible carry over will be around 180,000 AF.

LEGAL REPORT – Leo P. Bergin

Nothing to report

ENGINEER REPORT – Matt Setty

Matt did a follow up on a phone called received in the office from the City of Reno Fire Department asking District to remove some debris from the river, back in June or July. Matt took a look at the areas they were concerned about, it was a minor amount, was not necessarily a flood founded issues. Predominately, the debris was a recreational safety issue? Not sure the Board wants to get into

this type of river maintenance.

Matt informed the Board, he has resigned from JBR Environmental; however, JBR does still have him under contract to help transition projects. Matt is now with CH2M Hill and is going to head up the environmental services and mining division for Nevada and portions of water resources.

Matt presented a request to consider contracting his services with CH2M Hill. If the District feels that it is time to renew its representation with a different consultant; Matt would be happy to supply a list of suitable candidates. In the past basic services, run around \$20,000 more or less. For the interim, Matt is still under contract with JBR to assist them with any of their projects.

Attorney Bergin asked with JBR would resubmit an application. Matt stated they are not sure who they would have, they are going to rebuild the company. JBR is less expensive on permitting issues and Matt would continue to use them for permit issues.

Director Quilici stated Matt Setty going to a different company; the Board should go to an RFP (Request for Proposal). Who is available, price, knowledge levels and look at another contract? Engineer Setty stated that the scope of work that is in his proposal was approved by the Board in 2007.

Director Dennis mentioned two interesting items: the modeling, itself - this is specific technical ability and the ability to act with our representatives. Two elements get one person to do it all or get a firm actually does it that has depth to handle the modeling and the ability to deal with issues that need to be covered.

After much discussion it was decided to form a committee to prepare an RFP process and bring it back to the Board for approval at the next meeting. The October agenda would have a review of contents and RFP, following item would be an Action item to put out an RFP with specific time and dates, and third – a committee to establish recommending a consultant or company for the purpose of the needs specified under the RFP or have the final two or three submittals appear before the Board in November for approval.

Director Penrose made a motion to establish a committee that will work towards developing a draft RFP which will be presented at the next board meeting, along with selection criteria parameters and draft list of questions that will be posed to the short listed consultants. Director Dennis seconded the motion, motion carried.

President Aldax asked for volunteers to be on the committee. A committee of Greg Dennis, Ron Penrose, Leo Bergin and staff to prepare an RFP, list of questions and selection list is to be brought to the Board for approval at the October 11th meeting.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bergin presented the Financial Report as follows: Checks written on Bank of America #8994 – 9002 for July and Nevada State Bank #2223 – 2237 for July and August as shown on Check Details in your file folders. Mrs. Bergin stated there will be a check written in September for the Accountants performance of audit in August for \$4,000. Director Schank moved to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's report and pay the bills that have been paid previously and approve those yet to be paid. Seconded by Director Westergard, motion carried.

Director Schank asked whether or not the Directors would be receiving a letter from the auditors. Mrs. Bergin stated she would like into this and report back to the Directors. Director Schank also wanted to know about the box culvert removal issue. Engineer Setty knows that we were going to hit high flows; therefore, it has been sitting with access issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director Schank reported TCID has passed a Bond issue for \$5 million to do the repairs on the Truckee Canal required by BOR. They estimate it will cost from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million. When completed the canal will not be used as in the past. Carry lower capacity of water. Transport water in winter and as a reservoir in the summer. When it is finished by replacing the conduits is to lower them to get more head pressure. TCID will be required to build the embankment up to 2011 standards which means the equivalent of an earthen built dam (clay soils, sand funnel, and another clay liner on the back side). This will tie into the turnout structures. Currently, have 33/34 outlets which will be reduced to 17 outlets, as the stock water pipeline into the takeout so there will be one structure.

Director Quilici informed the board there is a final draft for three projects on the Carson River. They are going to contract as soon as permits are received from CORPS. Engineer Setty suggested that the DVCD go into Christine Hansen, local CORPS office and see if you can get a preauthorized Nationwide Permit.

Director Schank stated Carson Subconservancy District is going to give Dayton Valley funds to help do repairs on the Carson River.

Director Aldax reported Carson Subconservancy District has three proposed plans on the upper Carson River. Money has been appropriated in the sum of \$5,000 and the users have come up with some funding. CSCD will have to receive approval from the Washoe Tribe to enter their property. CSCD will be meeting this afternoon.

A discussion of the purpose, function of and actual funding of District will be held at a meeting in the near future (December).

There being no further business President Aldax adjourned, next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Andre Aldax,
President

Gwyndalyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer