

CARSON-TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

November 8, 2011

DIRECTORS:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Wathen, FWM office
Leo P. Bergin, Attorney
Robert L. Holley, DVCD
Austin Osborne, Storey County
Matt Setty, CH2M Hill
Geni Azad
Dan Kaffer

ABSENT:

Ernest Schank
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 and the Financial Statements for October. Director Nevin moved to approve, seconded by Director Quilici. Motion carried.

FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT

Dave Wathen presented the water report, a copy of which is attached. Farad is at 484 cfs this morning. Floriston rates are actually 400 cfs. We are actually releasing 500 cfs at the request of TMWA. Reno 586 cfs, Truckee below Derby 544 cfs and Nixon is 589 cfs. The Truckee Canal is shut off as repairs are starting in the Fernley/Bench area consolidating some head gates. Gardnerville at 136 cfs, Woodfords 39 cfs, Carson City 196 cfs, and Fort Churchill is 203 cfs going into Lahontan. Tahoe's elevation 6227.31 and rising minimum 48 cfs. Boca storage 26,659 AF and releasing 350 cfs. Still releasing some of TMWA storage out of Donner 3616 AF and Independence 13,936 AF (TMWA wants to get this down to roughly 10,000 AF. Martis is at dead pool 820 AF passing inflow, releasing 8 cfs. Lahontan 177,514 AF still releasing 422 cfs.

ANNUAL AUDIT – Review & Approve

President Aldax referred to the Audit report received by email. Director Quilici wanted to know if there was something the District had to sign. Mrs. Bergin informed the Board the Audit just had to be reviewed and approved by the Board and it had to be mailed by the end of November. Director Westergard moved to approve the Audit report as presented, seconded by Director Washburn. Motion carried.

WEED ABATEMENT update – Storey County & Dayton Valley Conservation District

Austin Osborne, Senior Planner Storey County informed the Board the 2011 comprehensive

invasive weed abatement program throughout Gold Hill, American Flat, Six and Seven Mile Canyons and other portions of the southwest Storey County has been completed with the cooperation of Dayton Valley and Washoe-Storey Conservation Districts. Mr. Osborne stated Storey County is requesting the release of the \$14,300 grant that was previously approved. Invoices have been received from Dayton Valley and Washoe-Storey Conservation Districts, respectively totaling \$13,400 and \$1,000 will be fulfilled.

Mr. Holley provided a power point presentation of the project which actually started in 2009 when DVCD worked with Great Basin crew. Pepper weed; large quantities of white top, hoary cress and scotch thistle were the main weeds treated. Twenty five miles of canyon land was sprayed. The project partners were: Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District, Dayton Valley Conservation District, Storey County, Washoe-Storey Conservation District, and Carson Water Subconservancy District. This was the first year work has been done in Gold Canyon. Mr. Holley wanted to thank us for our cooperation in this project. The project is a great success and DVCD is pleased to be working with Storey County.

Mr. Osborne stated that individual property owners were approached and gladly participated in the weed abatement program. Public Works supplied a great reader board indicating "Weed Abatement Project for your community". Mr. Osborne has been talking to Dayton Valley Conservation District about trying to work with the sheep herders in the area to work with us in areas we cannot reach.

LEGAL REPORT – Leo P. Bergin

Last meeting there was a question with regard to new statues concerning our bidding process. This statue applied to Counties and not our entity.

ENGINEER REPORT –

Matt stated there was an inquiry for an encroachment permit; however, after reviewing the engineering plans it was determined the project was for a fiber optic line that would be attached to Wells over pass bridge and not within our footprint. A letter was mailed exempting the project with CC Communications from our process.

Matt also fielded a fair amount of calls regarding the Request for Proposal. Matt will not be submitting a proposal with his new firm CH2M Hill. His job will be taking him out of the country a lot which would not reliably be of service to the district. He will be an advisor on one of the teams that is submitting a proposal.

Matt believes he has approximately four hours of work to complete the administration work with JBR.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bergin presented the Financial Report as follows: Checks written on Bank of America # 9012 – 9021 and Nevada State Bank #2243 - 2252 for October as shown on Check Details in your file folders. Mrs. Bergin stated the check for Storey County had been cut and mailed.

Director Schank moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills previously paid and approve those yet to be paid. Seconded by Director Washburn, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dan Kaffer, retired from the NRCS and acting coordinator for the Western Nevada RC&D and Geni Azad, recently from the Carson Sub conservancy District. A quick update on the mapping project approved approximately one year ago. With the demise of the NRCS RC&D there has been a break in the progress on this map. He is now trying to contact different entities to try and get the matching funds

which went away with NRCS. LVEA has been unfunded and disbanded also. Ms. Azad was the instrumental on the Carson River project map. Ms. Azad is here to help keep this project going. Dan stated the graphic art firm is willing to do the artwork. Think it is a great project and want to keep it going. Mr. Kaffer would like to come back in January after firming up matching funds.

Director Westergard asked if the approved funding had been released. Mr. Kaffer stated no funds had been received from CTWCD at this time.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director Penrose stated the TWMA Board in October approved funding for cloud seeding through DRI funds and funds for TRCD final development and watershed inspection program for the other upstream reservoirs. TWMA is looking to try and prevent quaggia muscles before they can get established in the upstream reservoirs. TMWA is also looking for other sources of funding. Do not want their water in takes to become encrusted with the muscles.

The Glendale Diversion Project has been completed and the project team received an award “Engineering News Record” for the best civil infrastructure project in the southwest United States.

Director Quilici informed the Board Dayton Valley Conservation District awarded a contract on the river restoration for this year. The bids were very reasonable and enough money is available to complete all three projects. Weather holds out and the river doesn’t rise they should be able to get some work done.

Director Westergard asked about the funding of the State of Nevada Water Engineers for the mapping project, do they have any funding requests. Would Ms. Bergin please look into this mapping project and report back.

Director Aldax stated there was a small project started in Gardnerville near the Carson Valley Golf Course. The Sub conservancy District and NRCS are realigning the river.

There being no further business President Aldax adjourned, next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

Andre Aldax,
President

Gwyndalyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer