

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
January 10, 2017

DIRECTORS:

John Capurro
Ed James
Ernie Schank
Mike Nevin
Todd Westergard
Karen Baggett
John Enloe

ABSENT:

Greg Dennis
Pete Olsen

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer
Chad Blanchard, FWM
Eddie Quaglieri, Division of Water Resources
Chris Thorson, Division of Water Resources

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 Enloe; motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Schank made a motion to approve the November 2016 Minutes and financial statements as submitted and checks written on Bank of America #9402 - #9395 and Nevada State Bank #2716 - #2727, motion seconded by Director Capurro, motion carried.

5. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Chad Blanchard

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

SNOTEL report: Tahoe Basin 146%; Truckee River Basin 163%; Carson Basin 155%; Walker River Basin 164%; Upper Humboldt 162%; Lower Humboldt 148%.

The only reservoir that is in flood control space currently is Prosser. The Carson River is being moved into major flood status.

The GFS weather model shows significant precipitation still to come.

Tahoe has stored 1 foot of water in the last week. Since the low in October there has been 1.85 feet stored. Tahoe is 1.3 feet above the rim.

As far as Floriston rates go Boca has been at flood control on paper for about a week. Everything being stored now in the Little Truckee is fish water. Cannot start storing until April 10th.

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

Ms. Williams has not yet updated the application process, but will have something to bring to next month's meeting.

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 THE MARTIS CREEK AGREEMENT & SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES – Lori Williams

This item was left on the agenda so that the board could discuss the District's and Superintendent's responsibilities per the Martis Creek Agreement. There was discussion of putting the required notice on the District Website. Ms. Williams is going to draft the language and Attorney Bergin will review it. This will be brought back to the Board for approval prior to adding to the website.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION ON DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK – Lori Williams

See Engineer's Report

Debris removal began December 5th. The process began a little later than anticipated but in the end worked out better due to the events that happened. The River was in good condition for the January flow event.

Director Westergard asked Ms. Williams if there were plans to check the River after the January flow event. Ms. Williams plans on going and checking a few places that are prone to debris.

Ms. Williams asked the Board how they wanted to handle any debris she found in her inspection of the River today. The Board felt that she has the ability to spend the money up to the amount allocated for debris removal and in the event of an emergency type situation an Emergency Meeting would be held to discuss/authorize anything above the budget amount.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION ON "NON-RESPONSE" BY USACE REGARDING LETTERS SENT BY THE DISTRICT – Lori Williams

Reference to the 3 letters sent to USACE based on the June Meeting, which are available at District offices. To date there has been no response to the letters from USACE. 2 of the 3 letters (Channel Maintenance Work Permit Requirements & Channel Wall Determination) stated that if no response in 60 days the District assumes USACE is in agreement with the letters.

The letter regarding the Riverside Drive channel capacity elevation did not have a 60-day response. The letter basically stated that this was discussed in our meeting and we have provided the Corp with all information and our evaluation. The letter also put the USACE on notice that the Martis Creek Agreement never met the 14,000 cfs capacity in that area.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to take the Non-Response of USACE regarding the 2 letters (Channel Maintenance Work Permit Requirements & Channel Wall Determination) as an agreement by USACE with the District in the handling of these matters; seconded by Director James; motion carried.

Director Schank stated that he felt that USACE budget to make the repairs to the Riverside Dr. area to bring the River up to the capacity of 14,000 cfs. Ms. Williams stated that according to the Martis Creek Agreement the construction of the berm on Riverside Dr. was the responsibility of the City of Reno. The Martis Creek elevations were wrong. The City did not construct the berm to the elevation that was shown in the Martis graph. The City constructed the left bank approximately 2 feet lower than was shown in the graph. The City constructed according to the graph and bottom line is the elevation shown in the graph was wrong.

Director Schank asked if the District has an obligation to put the City on notice that even though the berm was built on erroneous information they had a responsibility to construct a berm and this has not been done.

Ms. Williams advised that TRFMA is asking the USACE for money for construction that would solve an 18,000 cfs event.

Director Schank asked if the District has sufficiently done what we need to do remove our liability and are clearly on record that we understand and know now that with present information that what was supposed to happen didn't happen. Attorney Bergin advised that yes that is what happened by the letter sent. Director Schank asked if the City of Reno received a copy of the letter sent to USACE. Ms. Williams advised that no the City did not get copied on that letter. There have been meetings with the City but it might be a good idea to get in writing. Ms. Williams is going to draft a letter to the City of Reno and send them a copy of the original letter sent to USACE stating also that there have been multiple meetings and put them on notice that the level they built the berms to was not per the level shown in the agreement.

Ms. Williams is going to draft a letter to the City of Reno that will be reviewed by Attorney Bergin and brought back to the Board for approval.

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

Director James is working on getting the Clearing & Snagging fund refunded. This is a \$250,000 source for channel clearance.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to send a letter to the new Director at the Division of Water resources and cc Jason King and the Sub-Conservancy District in support of the funding for clearing & snagging; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

Director Baggett is working on setting up a spread sheet to track any water bills.

There was discussion of the District sending letters to the legislature regarding water issues. Attorney Bergin pointed out the fact that this District has specific obligation. Director Westergard thought that the Board take a case by case look at potential legislation and make any decisions that way.

12. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT – Lori Williams

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

13. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose

Mr. Penrose was not in attendance at the meeting.

14. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

15. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Mileage costs have gone from .54 to .535.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

Board Comments:

- Director Schank - TCID met with BOR last week where they were encouraged to remove the soft plug from Derby Dam, they are still diverting approximately 300 cfs with the plug out. Problem in Fernley, Alt Hwy 95 coming from Silver Springs area had water over the canal bank. The canal was immediately cut back and will be shut off to make needed repairs.
- Director Baggett – Trying to get a video to the board showing the 1955 flood of

- Sparks, Lockwood area and the old McCarran Ranch.
- Director Enloe – The Huffaker pump station flooded. The ditches were what caused all the local damage.
 - Director Nevin – Lost 6 Mile Canyon Rd. mid-way down.
 - Director James – Awareness back up especially for Clearing & Snagging Funding. NOAA predictions were way off, perhaps time to see why.
 - Director Capurro – Most of the problems with irrigation ditches was West and Southwest. Most of what happened in the ditches was storm flow.
 - Director Westergard – The flow of water in Carson has really changed over the years. Former Board member Sal Quilici passed away.

Future Agenda item requests:

- Review/Approve letter to City of Reno regarding Riverside Drive
- Emergency debris removal protocol

18. ADJOURNMENT -

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

****The next meeting will be Tuesday February 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.****

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer