

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

February 8, 2011

DIRECTORS:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leo P. Bergin, Attorney
Dave Wathan, Damtender

ABSENT:

Gwen Washburn

President Aldax called the Regular meeting of the Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District to order at 10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There being no corrections or deletions to the minutes of November 9, 2010. Director Nevin moved to approve, seconded by Director Capurro. Directors Dennis and Schank abstained as they were not present. Motion carried.

FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT – Dave Wathen

Mr. Wathen gave the water report as follows: We are on target at Farad 300 cfs with Tahoe's level at 298 which is a foot and a half higher than last year. Reno gage 287; below Derby Dam 370, the canal is currently off for repairs. Nixon gage at 382. Tahoe elevation has been flat 622.45 not much change there, lack of weather holding steady and releasing the minimum flow at 51 cfs. Boca typical storage is 21,081 and is full as of today we are at flood control limit. There is 9,000 acre feet in Stampede of rate water which makes up the total storage of rate water. Stampede 149.942 release of 30 cfs. Boca is currently off. Processor 9575 at limit of flood control there release of 53; Donner 3804 release of 29. Independence 15,000 release of 17 cfs.; Martis is at 774 release of 7; Lahonton 18.57. Snow tells Truckee River basin above average 115% average. Lake Tahoe is at 132%. Carson City is at 111%. Not much precipitation for the last 5 weeks.

There is potential snow in the forecast next week. Compared to last year Lake Tahoe is 1.5 feet higher from last year. Boca 558 rate water and today we are full good picture this year.

BOARD MEMBER FEES

Ms. Estrella informed the Board an IRS compliance audit occurred at the end of January. The auditor stated the board directors must now be treated as employees not contract service people. Board Members will not be paid per diem unless you spend the night; also the current rate of mileage is .50 cents per mile. Therefore, Ms. Estrella asked all members to fill out a W-4 and an I-9 Form along with supplying Driver's License and one other form of identification, ie: Passport, Birth Certificate or Social Security card.

Director Westergard asked if the District had ever or would hold the monthly meetings at a different location within the district. Mr. Westergard thought that since various projects in the areas would be nice to see, instead of just photos of the work. Wondered if this should be discussed in more detail at another meeting?

Ms. Estrella stated one month several years ago a meeting was held at Carson Subconservancy District in Carson City prior to a tour of the upper Carson River.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Estrella presented the Financial Report for the months of November, December 2010 and January 2011. Checks written on Nevada State Bank #2149 – 2178 and checks written on Bank of America #8953 – 59. Director Schank moved to approve checks written, seconded by Director Quilici, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Bergin stated that the Annual Report had been filed with State regarding summary claims information. Mr. Bergin informed the Board their lobbyist will be watching for any water changes which may affect the District.

Director Schank questioned the IRS compliance audit, does it coincide with what the State law is as far as our charter/status. Mr. Bergin answered that he had checked on everything a few years ago and had seen no changes. Attorney Bergin said he would check into the information Ms. Estrella submitted prior to the next meeting to see if there is anything new and different. Ms. Estrella stated the Nevada Pool/Pact (a local government entity) that insures the District, feels that we are a contract service Board.

Director Westergard stated that he felt this issue was brought to the forefront because of overtime issues with exempt employees versus non-exempt employees.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Director Schank informed the Board the canal is off, due to work TCID is doing. This year with the snow pack TCID has been able to shut down the canals which will remain closed till the first of April. They will only be on to supply the Truckee Diversion. Lahonton should have ample water from the Carson side without diverting from the Truckee. President Aldax asked, “Why TCID is not taking any water?” Director Schank stated that the Justice Department likes to interpret decrees and it is easier to comply than to fight.

Repairs have been done at the Derby spill. Storey County and BOR allowed a couple to build a house right next to the spill in the process they cut into the canal bank. The couple exposed the spill and when the canal gets a certain height of water it goes into their yard. After 16 years, it is TCID’s responsibility to fix; the cost will be \$100,000’s to reline the section above, buy the house and abandon the site Director Quilici suggested. Even though TCID objected, a building permit was issued.

Director Penrose gave the Board an update about the Glendale Project; recalls rerouting the river. TMWA has now re- the river the work in the main stream is completed, now doing some off

channel work: fish screen installation, electrical, some fencing, landscaping, grading work and taking the channel into the plant south of the Glendale Bridge. This part of the rehabilitation work that was exposed and found it was leaking. There was the need for additional work to the original contract with Q & D Construction. We were able to get out of the river in time and in compliance with our environmental permits the Corps of Engineers.

The Highland canal / Mogul bypass project underground canal system west of Reno has turned out to be a good thing for the community. TMWA anticipated they would save \$400,000 – \$500,000., a year in electrical pumping expense and power. We've run the canal throughout the winter it has not stopped. TMWA had to remove some ice but this is the first time it has operated that way since the early 1950's. This fiscal year to date, TMWA saved about \$800,000.00 in pumping cost, it is looking at closer to a million dollars in savings. Double of what we were looking at originally. Water revenues are down and that has helped saving.

TMWA announced a volunteer work force reduction program. The details are in place, a reduction of 10 to 20 employees through a voluntary incentive retirement program.

The Pioneer water intake plant which affected TMWA through construction. The sponsors of the Pioneer Ditch project did not secure their Encroachment and Corps permits. They authorized their contractor to do the work outside of the river without having the "in the river permits" this was a mistake. The project was shut down for a year until they secured all their permits to restart. The project is complete and looks good, it is an improvement of what was there before. The project will also provide TMWA some localized flood benefits.

Director Capurro asked about, "the temporary diversion blew out and if it took out any of the fish pools?" Director Penrose said, that the water covered them up with sediment and that the pools had been vacuumed out. TMWA was able to recover what we had there before. It took about 3 weeks to re-establish the Coffey dam, it was a significant breach right at the bullnose of the Eastland ditch channel.

Director Quilici reported three projects on the Carson river were completed in December of last year. State Parks has a seed drill and re-seed the 200 acres where weeds were sprayed last fall. There are some projects coming up this summer with DVCD. Getting a handle on the white top and drainages.

Ms. Estrella addressed the status of the new web site design. Bryan, the web designer is working on several ideas. It was suggested a meeting with Ron and John to look at the schematic design of the site to get necessary information, ideas as to where and what to combine on the web site pages. There is more information needed to bring the site to completion. There are several suggestions to add: the District's historic relevance, board of management and staff; and to add our partners: DVCD and Storey County and the others that we are partnering with; also project funding. We only have one grant with weed abatement and there could be other information we have going on. Another add would be how to get funding could be in a dropdown request; developer resources may have a link to TMWA to the work that they have done. Martis Creek would have to do with the encroachment permits and a way to fill out permit information and get payment to us. Then it is an important idea that all paper work should be able to be filled out on-line and sent via-email. The number of forms can be combined on a web page titled "Forms". Programs and services; news updates: meeting calendar and any new releases and maybe a page for all of our Agenda's and meeting Minutes. More suggestions came: the storage and flows information should be on the site as well. A list of board member and contact information. There are no samples of the website version that are ready yet.

Ms. Estrella asked the board members about receiving the agenda and minutes to be sent via email. All were in favor where listed and updated email addresses were provided.

Director Schank moved to adjourned, Director Quilici seconded the motion.

There being no further business President Aldax adjourned, next meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Andre Aldax

President

Gwyn S. Estrella,

Secretary/Treasurer