

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting  
February 11, 2014

## **DIRECTORS:**

Todd Westergard  
Ed James  
Greg Dennis  
Ron Penrose  
Chuck Roberts  
John Capurro  
Gwen Washburn  
Ernest Schank  
Karen Baggett

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leo Bergin, Attorney  
Lori Williams, Engineer/Consultant  
Chad Blanchard, FWM  
Kerri Lanza, City of Reno  
Brian Gant, Jacobs Engineering

## **ABSENT:**

Mike Nevin

President Westergard determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT -**

President Westergard introduced new director Karen Baggett who represents Douglas County.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –**

Director Penrose made a motion to approve the minutes for December and checks written on Bank of America #9187 and Nevada State Bank #2476 - #2481, motion seconded by Director Washburn, Director Schank abstained as he was not in attendance at the December meeting, motion carried.

## **4. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT -**

Chad presented the water report, a copy of which is included in Minutes book. The storm last weekend was the single biggest day of precipitation at Tahoe since 1950. SNOTEL Squaw Valley and Echo peak increased 12" of water over the weekend. Total precipitation at Tahoe was 6" in 2 days. Tahoe is storing 4400, which makes the difference in making Floriston Rates for next year. There is a possibility of additional storms next week. SNOTEL reports the Truckee River is at 35%, Tahoe at 51%, Carson River at 54% and the Walker River at 37%.

## **5. Consolidated Tax Revenue Explanations – NV Dept. of Taxation**

Director Westergard received a call from the Dept. of Taxation stating they would like to postpone meeting with the board until March.

## **6. Discuss Virginia Street Bridge 408 Encroachment Permit –**

Engineer Williams states we have received the Encroachment Permit Application and Technology Memorandum which has been revised by Jacobs Engineering and the City of Reno and has addressed all of the issues the board had regarding the before and after as far as water surface allocations. USACE has asked for sensitivity analysis 10 feet up and 10 feet downstream from the bridge. Engineer Williams has recommended the board approve the permit pending authorization per the Martis Creek Agreement from the USACE. Project is overall a great improvement to the river.

Director Dennis moved to approve the Encroachment Permit subject to approval by USACE per the Martis Creek Agreement. Motion was seconded by Director Schank, motion passed.

## **7. Update on the SWIF – Discuss Status of USACE Inspection, related matters and action plan**

Ms. Williams advised that we are still waiting on the Model from TRFMA. Ms. Williams, Director Penrose and Ms. Lanza met with Jay Aldean, TRFMA. Mr. Aldean advised we would get the model in the next couple of weeks. USACE is waiting on our SWIF application until we can run the 14000 cfs model. They are also attempting determine if the flood walls are indeed flood walls or are channel walls. The last inspection report is being held until we get the model.

## **8. Report on Debris Removal Project**

Ms. Williams provided the board via email a report on the Debris removal a copy of which is on file in the office. There was discussion regarding the quarterly reports that are required by NDEP for any work in the river.

Director James stated as a follow up to the Workings on the Water Process that NDEP is sending out more information for revising the permitting process which is causing a lot of problems with some Conservation Districts. There is a requirement for quarterly reports for NDEP. Director Westergard asked what the requirements were pursuant to, weather driven by regulations. Director James advised they were trying to streamline the process. Lori advised the permit had been revised and sent out for public comment in the month of January. And she believes they are trying to address a need that has been raised by the EPA. Director James believes the public comment has been extended until February. Discussion as to whether this board should make a comment at the public meeting ensued; Attorney Bergin stated they could not comment as to how this would affect individual organizations as we do not have jurisdiction over what they are doing. He feels we should only comment on what affects this board.

## **9. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT -**

Ms. Williams stated regarding the Truckee River Fund Proposal (RFP) that Director James had sent her. She and Director Penrose had met and think this has possibilities for future projects particularly if we need to have the culvert removed. Purpose of the fund is very specific and must protect or enhance the water resources or quality of the river.

## **10. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT –**

Attorney Bergin has nothing to report at this time.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT -**

None

## **12. BOARD COMMENTS and/or REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –**

Director Dennis requested Engineer Williams let the board know about the outcome of the 408 permitting for the Virginia Street Bridge.

Director Baggett asked about the hierarchy of the Truckee River. She is going to be reviewing the Martis Creek Agreement.

Director Penrose stated a lot of things have been accomplished over the last few months, the channel clearing project and lots of debris removed from the river all of which has improved our relationships with various agencies.

Director James requested that perhaps we have a special “Strategic Planning” meeting to discuss what and how we do things and how all of this affects this board in the future.

There being no further business, President Westergard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Director Schank moved to adjourn, Director Capurro, seconded said motion, motion carried. Announced the next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

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Todd Westergard,  
President

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Gwyn S. Bergin,  
Secretary/Treasurer