

# CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2025

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**DIRECTORS:**

Todd Westergard  
Karen Baggett  
Ernie Schank (via Zoom)  
John Capurro  
Ed James  
Tyler Henderson  
Eddy Quaglieri  
Mike Nevin  
Ty Minor

**ABSENT:**

Pete Olsen

**OTHER:**

Kayla Dowty, Engineer  
Lucas Foletta, Attorney  
Chad Blanchard, FWM

**GUESTS:**

**Staff**

Mary Pat Eymann

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1. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER –Quorum present**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT – limited to no more than three minutes per speaker \***  
None
3. **APPROVE AGENDA**
  - ❖ Director Nevin made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.
4. **APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2025, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN AS SUBMITTED –**
  - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statements as presented; seconded by Director Quaglieri; motion carried.
5. **WATER MASTERS REPORT AND DISCUSSION – Chad Blanchard.**

*A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at [troa.net](http://troa.net) and the SNOTEL report at [wcc.sc.egov.usda.gov/reports/SelectUpdateReport.html](http://wcc.sc.egov.usda.gov/reports/SelectUpdateReport.html)*
6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR GRANTS AWARDED BY THE DISTRICT – Kayla Dowty**

The Grant notification was sent to everyone on the notification list. To date we have received 3

extension requests. 2 from the City of Reno and 1 from Churchill County.

Preliminary figures from the Department of Taxation should be in by Monday 2/17/25 and the budget will start to take shape then.

The Board decided that each of the entities prepare the full application to be submitted by Feb 21 and attend the March meeting for a brief presentation and to answer any questions the Board might have.

- ❖ Director James made a motion approve granting extensions for the final applications to the City of Reno and Churchill County to Feb 21, 2025; seconded by Director Minor; motion carried.

## **7. ENGINEERING/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Kayla Dowty** **See engineering report.**

### **A. Riverside Drive Inundation and possible involvement of the District.**

*A copy of the report from JUB for the 30% downstream portion was provided and is available at District offices.*

Timeline for the project- going to split this project into two pieces. We're going to do the downstream piece as a maintenance effort, because we're not changing the original intent of the flood project. We are just extending the height of the berm to contain 14,000 and I'm considering maintenance, so that is going to be done this fall. This is the is the current intent. We don't think it's going to be a huge construction effort. Probably four to six weeks for that piece. What the intent is, is that we know Arlington bridges is happening this season. You are going to start seeing Arlington in May. And it'll be May through probably September, that Arlington is entirely closed for construction, reconstruction of those bridges. And then the intent was that we just start the Riverside piece after Arlington is complete. So we're thinking that's going to be the end of September where they start to open that area up again. We won't do anything through the summer months. And they'd start that probably October 1, and they're expecting four to six weeks timeline duration on the berm piece, then for the flood wall peaks that is upstream of Booth. That's going to need a full 408 permit, because it does change the intent of the original federal flood project. And so what we're going to do there is we're planning to get all of our surveys, biological and cultural surveys, that we need done this spring, then J. U. B. will finish the packaging of that 408, application. I hope that we'll be able to get it to the core, probably in late summer, maybe August, September, and then I think we should expect about 18 months turnaround on that. That one's going to be a little complicated, because the flood wall. It's like an actual flood wall, even though it's only 400 feet in length, it does come with very stringent engineering requirements, because it is intended to hold back a serious amount of flood of flow. So I do expect that one to take 18 months to approve, which means that we'll do that probably in 2027

### **B. Maintenance debris removal work, emergency debris/deposit removal work and authorization for expenditures for such work.**

*See engineering report.*

### **C. Encroachment permits and requests.**

Trout Unlimited. – A copy of the report from Nevada Environmental for the project was provided and available at District offices. They are planning to install some J hook weirs in Verdi, actually, in Crystal Peak Park to support fish habitat. We've had a lot of conversation with them, especially regarding hydraulics and making sure that those boulders are large enough that they won't mobilize downstream, because they're trying to do that without doing any digging in the river because they don't want to have to do a diversion. They really just want to place these and try to get them to self-key. They're at a point where we have a good enough application hydraulic model to start the army

court process. So, I'm recommending that the board approves that 408 request so that we can send that on to USACE.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the 408 request by Trout Unlimited; seconded by Director Quaglieri; motion carried.

#### **D. Miscellaneous items**

### **8. LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND UPDATE – Attorney Foletta, Director Baggett**

Attorney Foletta - There are quite a few water bills now floating around. The main bill that most people are working on, talking about is it's on this bill coming out of this Division of Water Resources state engineers bill, which is a product of kind of a stakeholder working group discussion. The heart of the bill is really about the so called water buyback program, which is a program that got set up in the last session that allows the state engineer to buy back water in certain areas of state that over appropriated as well. It, kind of just puts more meat on the bones. That program establishes some regulatory authority to flush it out and make some modifications to the leadership of the program. There's actually a second bill that kind of tries to do a similar thing with respect to the way that the program is led and establishes an advisory committee. So presumably, those bills will kind of come together, but the program sort of picked up steam when some federal money became available to actually start, doing some work, but it's not likely there'll be any additional state funds available. It's an idea that could be affected down the road.

Director Baggett – sent out her summary report to the Board and available at District offices.

### **9. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT –Lucas Foletta**

Nothing to report.

### **10. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann**

Figures will be available next week from the Department of Taxation and the Budget will be worked on for discussion at the March meeting.

### **11. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

### **12. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**New Future Agenda Item Requests –**

**Board Comments –**

Director Schank - it's been so dry that TCID Board is going to probably turn the water on in March, unless we get some measurable precipitation. We haven't had any measurable precipitation all winter here in Fallon, it's always gone around us.

Director James - A lot of the conservation districts we're going to do work this year, river projects, part of the funding brought over, and because of permitting issues, they got delayed in other years. So, it's very frustrating for everyone on the river, how long it takes now that something's going to be discussed at our next meeting as we get financing.

**13. ADJOURNMENT -**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting  
Regular Meeting  
March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

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Todd Westergard,  
President

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Mary Pat Eymann,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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