

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting

March 8, 2016

DIRECTORS:

John Capurro

Karen Baggett

Greg Dennis

Ernie Schank

Mike Nevin

John Enloe (arrived at 10:50)

Ed James (arrived at 10:20)

ABSENT:

Pete Olsen

Todd Westergard

GUESTS:

Leo Bergin, Attorney

Lori Williams, Engineer

Ron Penrose, Superintendent

Danielle Henderson, TRFMA

Chad Blanchard, FWM

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER -

Vice-President Schank called the Regular meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Capurro made a motion to approve the checks written on Bank of America #9354 - #9360 and Nevada State Bank #2653 - #2658, motion seconded by Director Nevin, motion carried. The minutes for February will be revised and approved at the next meeting.

4. 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.

We are doing much better than in the previous 4 years, however not as well as public perception.

Snotel numbers this week are as follows: Tahoe Basin 94% of average, Truckee River Basin 89% of average, Carson River Basin 99% of average and Walker River Basin 94% of average. We are much better than we have been but still below average.

There has been a lot of Floriston rate water stored at Boca. We are at 27,669 AF or rate water. Storing 1000 AF a day. Boca is about 70% full on paper; some of that water is at Stampede. Boca will fill this year. Tahoe has stored quite a bit and we are ½ a foot below the natural rim. The current forecast should take us about a foot above the natural rim. Currently it looks like Floriston rates will be met until mid to late September, which is nearly a full season for irrigation.

Mr. Blanchard provided the board with information that can be obtained on the internet for river flow forecasts. The website is: <http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/> .

The canal is off for maintenance of gauges but should be up tomorrow.

5. DESIGNATE AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT FOR 2016-2017 – EIDE BAILLY CPAs

- ❖ Director Dennis made a motion to designate Eide Bailly CPAs as the Auditor/Accountant for FY 2016-2017; seconded by Director James; motion carried.

6. DISCUSS ENCROACHMENT PERMIT PROCESS, ASSOCIATED MATTERS AND POSSIBLE DISTRICT ACTIONS – Lori Williams

This item will be held until next scheduled meeting.

7. DISCUSS CLEARING & SNAGGING GRANT THRU NEVADA DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES –

Director James advised that most of the money has been allocated. There was originally \$200,000 in the fund this year. The NRS states that anytime the funds are down they are supposed to put more funds in. There are no submission deadline dates at this time. It is unknown if more funds will be added, hopefully it will be included in the next round of budgets. Hopefully this will be \$250,000, which is what the legislation states. Ms. Williams stated that this was something CTWCD supported, especially since we were unable to offer grants this year to other agencies.

There was discussion about requesting the State have a due date or some kind of process for applications or if there is a notification list CTWCD is put on it.

Director Baggett thought that the District should have something prior to the next Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting and possibly send copies of our requests to members on the subcommittee as well as the chairman. This establishes a record with the IFC that the District is interested in this. Director Schank thought maybe there was a need for 2 letters. The first letter would go to the person at the State who is in charge of the funding and the second going to the IFC. The letters would be thanking for the recognition of the need of the funding as well as requesting the continuation of the funding. The Board felt that contacting the person at the State level first to advise them what the District was going to do would be the best avenue. Attorney Bergin felt that a phone call to the State first to see how the District should proceed would be best.

- ❖ Director Dennis made the following motion which was seconded by Director Capurro. The motion carried. The motion is as follows:
 1. Find out from the State what the process is for applying for grants and complete the application process;
 2. Make an application for \$25,000 grant from these State funds for the Truckee River Debris Removal work in 2016;
 3. Request that the State Provide the District notification when funding does become available;
 4. Request the State provides information on the process of selection of grants awarded for clearing and grubbing;
 5. Contact the State first, asking how the District should proceed and letting them know the District is contemplating sending a letter to the IFC; then based on that discussion, possibly sending a letter to the state and also possibly the IFC from Superintendent Penrose appreciating the prior funding for this need and expressing the need to continue funding this account.

8. DISCUSS MARTIS CREEK AGREEMENT AND USACE INSPECTION ITEMS – Lori Williams

This item will be held until next scheduled meeting.

9. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT – Lori Williams

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is available at the District Offices or

on the CTWCD website.

Following the recent storm which produced a 3200 cfs flow on the River Ms. Williams did a few section checks on the River on some of the debris that we did not get out of the River. One of the trees that were not removed is no longer there. There is some debris on the side channel which Ms. Williams will continue to monitor.

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose

A complete copy of the Superintendent's Report is available at the District offices.

The as part of the River beautification project the City of Reno has a landscape wall along the path 3 feet high which just ends. An additional option may be to have that wall continue. Being secured into the ground, during a flood it could act as a flood wall. This might be able to contain 16-17 thousand cfs.

The Alternative analysis which will be brought back to the District will contain costs for the various alternatives.

Director Schank asked if it is possible since this never would have held the 14,000 cfs can we apply USACE for some funds to make the repair. Mr. Penrose did not know. It looks to Mr. Penrose as the USACE was not accurate with the original modeling and the bank was not high enough. It was a mutual responsibility. It will need to be decided what message the Board wants to send to the USACE when all parties meet, such as that the original model was not accurate in the Riverside Drive section. Director Schank asked if Mr. Penrose thought a fix would be in the area of 1 or 2 million dollars, Mr. Penrose did not think that it would be that much and there would be better figures after the meeting. Director Schank said that in working with USACE there is an opportunity, especially if there were deficiencies in the beginning to work with the USACE to have them make it part of their budget submission.

The City of Reno is trying to get the damage costs from the 05/06 flood which was a 14,700 cfs event. This cost information will be used to make recommendations as to a permanent, interim or a no action alternative.

11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

12. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

Board Comments: none

Future Agenda item requests:

- 1) Discuss Encroachment Permit process, associated matters and possible District actions
- 2) Discuss Martis Creek Agreement and USACE Inspection items.

15. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business, Vice President Schank asked for a motion to adjourn the

meeting. Director Enloe moved to adjourn, Director Capurro, seconded said motion, motion carried.

****The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday April 12, 2016, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.****

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer