

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting
April 8, 2014

DIRECTORS:

Todd Westergard
Ed James
Greg Dennis
Ron Penrose
Mike Nevin
Ernest Schank
Karen Baggett

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mike Pagni, Attorney
Dave Wathen, FWM
Danielle Henderson, TRFMA

ABSENT:

Gwen Washburn
Chuck Roberts
John Capurro

1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM -

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT -

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Schank made a motion to approve the minutes for March and checks written on Bank of America #9196 - #9203 and Nevada State Bank #2488 - #2492, motion seconded by Director Dennis, motion carried.

4. FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT -

Dave presented the water report, a copy of which is included in Minutes book. Dave also advised the Floriston Rate would typically go to 500 cfs beginning April 1st; however, the Truckee Basin Committee has elected to operate at reduced Floriston Rates for the month of April. The tentative schedule will be 300 cfs from April 1st through April 7th (while the Truckee Canal is de-watered for maintenance), and then up to 400 cfs for the remainder of the month – pending further consideration by the Truckee Basin Committee. This is being done with the intent to save water and extend making Floriston Rates. This will not impact the Truckee Canal.

Snow Pack as of today is as follows: Truckee River Basin 35% average with 55% precipitation, Little Tahoe Basin average 54% with 67% precipitation, Carson River Basin 64% average with 60% precipitation, Walker River Basin 48% of average, Upper Humboldt 109%, and the Lower Humboldt 64%. The NRCS Volume forecast for April 1st which shows .40 which is 31% of average at Tahoe and Truckee River at Farad 95,000 AF which is 37% of average, Carson River East Fork at Gardnerville 60,000 AF 32% of average, Carson River at Woodfords 21,000 AF 29% of average, Carson River at Ft. Churchill 35,000 AF 20% of average. It is expected that Floriston Rates will be made until the first week in September.

5. Review/Discuss 2014-2015 Tentative Budget -

Ms. Bergin presented the Tentative Budget which was sent to all the directors via email prior to the meeting. Director James advised the website may have to be upgraded due to the fact, there was new legislation which requires starting as of July 1st all documents presented to the board be posted on the website. Director Dennis questioned why we are losing approximately \$ 100,000 per year in the fund balance. It was discussed there are extra expenses which have been coming out of the fund balance and also revenue has gone down.

A motion to approve the Tentative Budget for 2014-2015 was then made by Director Schank and seconded by Director Penrose; motion carried.

6. Consolidated Tax Revenue Explanations – NV Dept. of Taxation

Director Westergard advised he had spoken with the people from the Dept. of Taxation and they are going to make a presentation to this District as well as others in the near future. Director Westergard will keep the board posted as to date of the presentation.

7. Discuss Virginia Street Bridge 408 Encroachment Permit –

Lori Williams was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, Director Penrose will be giving the update.

USACE has been reviewing the permit and we are unable to approve the permit without their prior approval. As of this morning, USACE has advised they want more information regarding the 14000 CFS flow model. There are some inconsistencies in the model that need to be addressed. Once this occurs USACE will review. A determination needs to be made between flood wall vs. channel wall. If it is determined it is a channel wall than the permit should be issued. If it is determined to be a flood wall than the entire process will have to go to a higher level in the USACE for a determination of authorization.

The modeling also impacts other things of concern such as the flap gate installation needs, vegetation variance, shoaling, and the flood response plan.

The annual inspection of the Truckee River from Glendale Bridge to the state line should happen in June or July. It is expected from this inspection a determination should be able to be made regarding channel clearing and maintenance.

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

This is still pending with USACE. If it is determined they are channel walls, the SWIF will go away.

9. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT -

Nothing additional to report.

10. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT –

Mike Pagni representing Leo Bergin, who was unable to attend, had nothing to report.

11. Secretary/Treasurers Report – Gwyn Bergin

Ms. Bergin reported Robby Johnston from First Independent Bank contacted her regarding the possibility of moving the districts money. The return at First Independent for a Business Flex Savings is .35% whereas Nevada State Bank is .15%. CD rates are: 12 month - .45%; 18 month .55%; 24 month .65%; 36 month .80%. No action was taken at this time.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT -

None

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

- Director Penrose – City of Truckee will be implementing mandatory watercraft inspections at Donner Lake this summer.
- Director Dennis – Received a letter from the Governor’s office and he has 4 more years on his term.
- Director James – Aquatic stickers for any kind of Kayak, inflatable raft, are mandatory for all of the Rivers. Flood awareness week is in November. There is also a water shed tour scheduled in June.
- Director Westergard – Steve Lewis will be able to come to our May meeting to facilitate the Goal Setting portion. We will start at 9:00 with the Carson Meeting and then do the Strategic Planning portion.

14. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business, President Westergard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Director Schank moved to adjourn, Director Penrose, seconded said motion, motion carried. Announced the Public Hearing on the Final Budget will be held Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Todd Westergard,
President

Gwyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer