

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board Meeting

July 9, 2013

DIRECTORS:

Barbara Byington
Ed James
Greg Dennis
Mike Nevin
Ron Penrose
Todd Westergard
Ernie Schank
Chuck Roberts
John Capurro

OTHERS PRESENT:

Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lori Williams, Engineer/Consultant
Pat Fritchel, Water Master's Office
Joe Coudriet, P.E., City of Reno
John Munson, Venture Engineering

ABSENT:

Gwen Washburn

STAFF:

Trudy Salley
Gwyn Bergin

Acting Chair Westergard called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CHECKS WRITTEN –

Director Schank made a motion to approve the minutes for June and checks written on Bank of America #9138 - #9143 and Nevada State Bank #2416 - #2426. Motion seconded by Director Byington, motion carried.

FEDERAL WATERMASTER'S REPORT -

Pat Fritchel presented the water report: copies of are included in Minutes book. Farad this morning is at 498 cfs. We should be able to make Floriston rate of 500 cfs all year. Reno is at 282 cfs, Sparks 240 cfs, Vista 247 cfs, and Tracy is 306 cfs. Substantially lower than we were in late June, due to fish releases cut off as of July 1, 2013 from Stampede and replaced with temporary flow transfers the Tribe made with Claims #1 & #2. The Canal at Wadsworth 153 cfs, Canal at Hazen 87 cfs. Lower Truckee at Nixon is 130 cfs. On the Carson River; Gardnerville is at 124 cfs, Carson City is at 27 cfs and Ft. Churchill is at 02 cfs. Tahoe is at 6226.09, a little over 3 feet above the rim. Boca is 30,900 AF, hoping to keep above 29,000 AF through Labor Day. Stampede at 135,800 AF, projecting that 100,000 AF will remain through the end of the year. Prosser has 11,860 AF, project we will end up with 6,700 AF by the end of the year. Donner has 9,000 AF and Independence is about 16,654 AF.

REVIEW OF ENCROACHMENT PERMITS APPLICATION - MARRIOTT COURTYARD

Ms. Williams presented the Encroachment Permit Application submitted by Venture Engineering on behalf of the Marriott Courtyard, previous property of the Nevada Inn at 340 E. Second Street. Ms. Williams's stated there is not an encroachment into the river channel; the developer is maintaining the original wall which meets the 14,000 cfs requirement. No construction being done past existing wall.

Lori was willing to recommend No encroachment permit was needed until, Mr. Munson stated the following:

Mr. Munson stated they are hoping to begin construction in mid-August. First phase is to build a

new wall to stabilize the site which should take about 45 days. Mr. Munson also mentioned there is one culvert proposed, which was not on the plans provided but are included on the grading plans. Currently, there is a dead end street into a wall with multiple (10) pipes coming out of the wall. Venture is proposing removing the multiple (10) small pipes and putting in one single storm drain above the ordinary high water line. Ms. Williams stated at this point, a new head wall in the floodplain is an encroachment; therefore, we will have to look at the project again.

Ms. Williams based on the new information there are no recommendations at this time. It will have to be at a later date, possibly next month's Board meeting, due to the additional review as well as possible modeling which may need to be required by Venture Engineering.

Director Dennis brought up the question of access to the river for maintenance for both CTWCD and City of Reno. How do we obtain this goal, who's responsibility is it to provide access and what type of access would be required.

Ms. William's stated this property is not a good access point, as it has a perpendicular wall. Mr. Munson informed the Board they are considering installing a gate at the end of the street which could be used by City of Reno.

Director Penrose asked if there is currently a good map of the river showing access, Ms. William's does not think so at this time.

Director Roberts stated as long as we have access that is most important. We have the jurisdictional requirement but we also have this group of operation and you are making an investment in for the future of your development, we are dependent on the success of the community and the success of the community comes from providing these types of accesses. Director Schank agrees with Director Roberts on this comment.

Director Westergard posed the question does the City of Reno have "access" on their checklist? Joe Coudriet, Public Works with City of Reno stated he would go back and find out the answer to this question and work with Lori regarding this topic.

Director Westergard also asked do we want to handle this as one request or should we have Venture apply for a separate encroachment permit in regards to the access. Ms. Williams feels this is all the same project; therefore, her recommendation is to keep the current encroachment permit as a whole and she will take the new information provided today and have the entirety of the project re-reviewed.

Attorney Bergin stated accept for the storm drain issue on this project, we would not have the right to require access as they were not encroaching into the river. Now, with the new piece (storm drain) this does give us an opportunity to look at access to see if it is practical or not. Ms. Williams will have to make this determination.

DISCUSS STATUS OF USACE Inspection -

Ms. Williams briefed the Board on the status of the USACE inspection. Ms. Williams shared she and Ron had a really nice walk along the river with City of Reno staff and shared with them all of the areas which were identified by the Army Corp of Engineers. Ms. Williams is working on a scoping plan, once this is complete she and Ron will meet again with the City of Reno and determine who will be responsible for which work. Ms. Williams stated they primarily focused on vegetation removal and vegetation thinning within the flood channel. City of Reno has some resources to basically in-kind contribution to this project.

Ms. Williams spoke with Truckee River Flood Management Authority (TRFMA) yesterday, regarding the base model for the river system. TRFMA is working on regarding the 14,000 cfs. Unfortunately, TRFMA is running about 2 weeks behind at this point. So until the base model is complete we are at a standstill. We may have to run our model for the 14,000 cfs elevation data in order to get back to City of Reno and look at all of the penetrations.

Director Schank asked Ms. Williams if there is any way we can put some kind of semi-

permanent elevation markers in areas of the channel. Ms. Williams replied she has also been thinking about this same idea, she agrees this would be a great plan.

Ms. Williams and Director Penrose both feel overall we are making progress with all parties involved. Mr. Penrose wants to have the modeling complete prior to going back to Sacramento and wants to take USACE Regulatory Christine Hansen along.

CHANNEL CLEARING CONTRACTOR –

Ms. William's apologized she may have jumped the gun a little on this item. It will be placed back on the agenda at the appropriate time.

ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT -

Ms. William's had nothing further to report after the above items. Director Schank did request a map for the next meeting (without spending a lot of money) of CTWCD jurisdiction of the river, where we have access as well as where access is needed.

Ms. Williams thanked Joe Coudriet, City of Reno for access to their Ariel maps; these will be very helpful to her surveyor, as up until this point they had only access to Google maps. Ms. Williams will do her best to supply a map as requested at next month's meeting.

The most challenging areas for access in Ms. William's perspective are the downtown areas.

LEGAL REPORT – Nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

BOARD COMMENTS and/or REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS –

Review/Revise Martis Creek Agreement especially with the creation of TFRMA (standing item).

Director James would like to have a workshop in the future pertaining to our jurisdiction in order to obtain better understanding of all the players as well as our responsibilities.

Director James also requested if it was possible to receive electronic copies of Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss financial information, Encroachment Permits and any other information prior to the meetings. Ms. Williams informed Mr. James the permit was received right before the holiday and it was not in electronic form. Mr. James is still learning the role of the Board and it would be helpful.

Director Penrose will speak with Jay Aldean, TRFMA in regards to attending a future meeting as discussed.

Director Westergard feels a presentation is a good idea, gathering information is always helpful and useful; with the changes over the last 20 or so years, agencies/entities need to evolve with change.

Director Westergard introduced John Capurro to Chuck Roberts and Ed James, stating John represents Washoe County Water Conservation District.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Westergard adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Announced the next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

Todd Westergard
Acting Chair

Gwyn S. Bergin,
Secretary/Treasurer