

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee**  
 Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
**January 13, 2022**

The Committee Members of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in regular session at the office of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Thursday, January 13, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	David Stix, Jr. Robert Oakden Joseph Gomes Cody Biggs Kelly Herwick  Rusty Jardine	Chairman Vice-Chairman Committee Member Const. & Maint. Mgr/Committee Member District Water Master/Committee Member (Office only) General Manager/Committee Member (Office only)
Others Present:	Helen-Marie Morrow Michele Wisnefski	Finance Manager (Office only) Clerical Specialist

Guests in Attendance	Representing
Jacob Ward	Nevada Dept. of Wildlife (Office only)
Ben Shawcroft	Self
Ernie Schank	Self

The following agenda items are not necessarily in the order they were heard or decided but in the order as appearing on the agenda.

1. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Committee Chairman Stix.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Member Gomes.
3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**  
**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the January 13, 2022 O&M Committee Meeting Agenda, with the removal of items 18 and 19 due to scheduling/time constraints, seconded by Vice Chairman Oakden, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.**
4. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

No miscellaneous correspondence.

6. **General Manager & Staff Reports**

• **Rusty Jardine, General Manager**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager reported that the District met with Albert Mulder, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) regarding WaterSMART funding. At this time, one project targeting automation has been selected. Additionally, Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager reported that a ditch rider was hired. Michele Wisnefski, Clerical Specialist reminded the Committee that the Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) filing deadline is January 15, 2022.

• **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager reported crews are expected to complete pipe installation behind the Civic Center next week; concrete crews are installing water measurement meters; and other crews are trimming trees.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Mark was not present to report.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master provided the attached report detailing current conditions and the January forecast. Additional discussion was had regarding Truckee Canal diversions and credit water.

Committee Chairman Stix raised concerns regarding stock water delivery. Specifically, there are a number of water-right holders who are paying the fee associated with stockwater delivery and are unable to receive such water. Discussion was had regarding repairs to those lines, including access to such lines and timing of delivery. It is understood that stockwater is a part of the water-right holders' allocation under the Orr Ditch Decree and that delivery of stockwater is provided only during the irrigation season. Further discussion included identifying those who were taking water illegally and upgrading infrastructure in order to provide a revenue source for the District. Rusty Jardine, General Manager will contact Chad Blanchard, Federal Water Master to discuss the issue.

• **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**

Mike was not present to report.

7. **Conservation Work Order Review**

There were no comments on the Conservation Work Order Review.

8. **Damage Claims Submitted**

No damage claims submitted.

9. **Incidents & Accidents**  
Rusty Jardine, General Manager reported that Daniel Gibbs burnt his wrist yesterday which required a hospital visit. Gibbs returned to work the same day.
10. **New Applications Received**  
No new applications received.
11. **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Representative(s)**  
Not present to report.
12. **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Representative(s)**  
Not present to report.
13. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) Representative(s)**  
Not present to report.
14. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Representative(s)**  
Jacob Ward, Wildlife Area Technician reported no major updates from NDOW at this time.
15. **Bureau of Reclamation Representative(s)**  
Not present to report.
16. **L8 Water Delivery Improvement Project, Ducks Unlimited**  
Rusty Jardine, General Manager provided a summary of the teleconference conducted regarding the L8 Water Delivery Improvement Project initiated by Ducks Unlimited; specifically, the ongoing and extensive process, including the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and cultural resource evaluation requirement necessary for Bureau of Reclamation approval. The project includes cleaning and reshaping of the L8 lateral and installation of a new water control structure (WCS) at the intersection of the L8 and A-Line to provide water delivery to the Carson Lake Pasture in Churchill County.
17. **On-Site Inspection of Proposal to Reroute a Portion of the A-5 Lateral**  
The Committee performed an on-site tour and inspection of property owned by Travis Peek on Lima Lane in Churchill County, Nevada. Mr. Peek proposes to reroute and raise a section of the A-5 lateral water supply ditch crossing through his property. Previously, Peek's application for relocation of the existing federal easement was discussed at the July 15, 2021 O&M Committee Meeting where the Committee asked Peek to provide a more specific conceptual design for review.

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager briefed the Committee regarding the proposed project including eliminating one ditch; and reshaping, extending and raising another on the perimeter of the property. The subject property was purchased from the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Peek transferred water rights. Discussion was had regarding the number of acres associated with subdivided parcels and whether those who purchased the subdivision parcels would want to later transfer water back to the property.

Additional discussion was had regarding easements and take outs. Biggs stated that of particular concern by Lumos & Associates, the engineering firm consulting with Peek, is whether the District will require the new ditch to be concrete lined. Currently, there is no District policy requiring a project such as this, where the parcel to be divided is non-water righted, to concrete line the ditch. However, District policy does exist for parcels of water-righted land that are subdivided. Specifically, in accordance with Management Policies, Section F, it is preferred that the irrigation systems be either piped or concrete lined. The Committee requested information regarding size in acres of resulting subdivided parcels and whether there was interest in transferring water to those new parcels. At this time, the Committee consensus was to not require the ditch to be concrete lined as the land to be subdivided was non-water righted.

**18. On-Site Inspection of the Lahontan Dam Penstock Serving the New Lahontan Power Station**

This item was postponed due to scheduling/time constraints.

**19. On-Site Inspection of Carson River Diversion Dam**

This item was postponed due to scheduling/time constraints.

**20. Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2021 Committee meeting, seconded by Committee Member Biggs, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

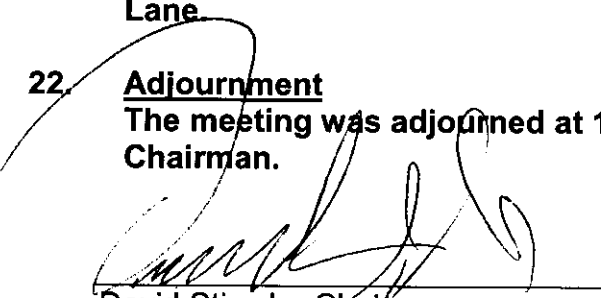
**21. Additional Period of Public Comment**

No additional public comment was given.

**The meeting was recessed at 9:32 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Chairman, in order to complete the on-site inspection of proposal to reroute a portion of the A-5 lateral. The meeting was reconvened at 9:46 a.m. at Lima Lane**

**22. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Chairman.**

  
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David Stix, Jr., Chairman

  
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Date



# Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

## *Newlands Project*

01/13/2022

### **O&M MEETING**

#### **CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

- **Truckee Div.**
  - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 350cfs
  - Truckee Canal: 0cfs
    - <0cfs in Gilpen Spill
    - 0cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
    - Water Master "Derby flow Target": .5cfs
    - Below Derby Gauge: 357cfs
    - 0cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
  - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: 238cfs
  - Lahontan Storage: 76,004 a.f. / prev. 12/13/21 @ 44,328 a.f. ; Diff. + 31,676 a.f.
  - Release below Lahontan: < 1cfs
  - Total Inflows: 238cfs/ approx. 471 a.f. at 24hrs
  - Month End Storage target: 86,900kaf; projections of 93,300kaf which exceeds 6,400kaf. Truckee canal has been shut down.

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General Counsel

#### **DISTRICT STATUS: Forecasting**

- January, 2021 TROA outlook
  - Est. 328cfs TC canal @ Wads.
    - Currently 328cfs.
  - Est. 206cfs Car. Rv. @ Ft. Churchill
    - Currently 271cfs
  - 87,646a.f. end of month storage
    - Dec. 2021. Projected 57,863/ actual 63,890; net gain of 6,027 a.f.
  - **Streamflow forecast as of January 6, 2022**
    - 70% chance 239kaf / indicates 100% allocation
    - 50% chance 317kaf / indicates 100% allocation
    - 30% chance 394kaf / indicates 100% allocation

#### **District status: Operations**