

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Special Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**September 8, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in special session at the office of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Thursday, September 8, 2022** at 3:30 p.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen	President
	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President
	Robert Oakden	Secretary
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer
	Joseph Gomes	Director
	Abraham Schank	Director
Absent:	Wade Workman	Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Cody Biggs	Construction/Maintenance Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

<b>Teleconference/Zoom Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Rob Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Bethany Chagnon	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Wyatt Golding	Counsel for Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post
Adrina/Milton Cohen	Self
Amber Dause	Self
Catherine Wilson	Self
Sean (last name unknown)	Self

<b>In-Person Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Cathy Tuni	FPST Tribal Chairwoman
Jake Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife

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**

President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 3:32 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Secretary Oakden.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**A motion was made by Director Gomes to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Adjust Allocation**

*Deliberation and decision on adjusting the annual allocation for the Carson and Truckee Divisions of the District. This item was prompted by the receipt of new information concerning the timeline for the start of construction and closure of the Truckee Canal and water availability for the month of October.*

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, reported that the anticipated shut-off date for the Truckee Canal of October 1<sup>st</sup> had been changed to November 1<sup>st</sup> by the contractor. The flows in the Canal are anticipated to be high enough to support a 100% allocation for the Truckee Division until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, added that the November 1<sup>st</sup> date is tentative, the final construction schedule has not been received from the contractor as of yet. It is also unknown if water needs to be shut off on November 1<sup>st</sup> or if the canal needs to be dewatered and dry by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to increase the allocation to 100% in the Truckee Division, the Carson Division will remain at 85%, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

6. **Old Business**

*Deliberation and decision on the events related to the end of water season and any specific end of season circumstances concerning the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.*

Herwick reported that modeling supports Carson Division deliveries no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>. He believes the demand will drop near the end of September and recommends the last day to order as October 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed regarding continuing Truckee Canal flows to boost lake levels, Herwick replied that in order to make a significant difference the orders in the Truckee Division would need to be cut off sooner to allow full flow into the lake. Discussion was also had regarding how notice would be provided to the water users regarding the last dates to order; Shawcroft commented that the information would be available on the District website, Facebook page and The Fallon Post. It is believed that the majority of Truckee Division users will use up their allocation before the last day to order, so it was suggested that phone calls could be made to the few users with remaining balances.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to set the last day to order water in the Truckee Division as October 25<sup>th</sup> pending receipt of the construction schedule and giving staff authority to modify the date based on that schedule, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to set the last day to order water in the Carson Division as October 7<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

Shawcroft added that the District has received the Tribe's request for late deliveries; based on discussions with Tribal representatives and Herwick there should be no problem filling their orders. He wants to make sure it is understood that all orders must be received by the October 7<sup>th</sup> cutoff date. Leanna Hale, Land & Water Director – FPST, commented that during this 85% year according to Water Rights Public Law 101.618 the Tribe has the right to use 100% of their water allocation. According to conversations with her users and the depletion reports received from the District most individuals should be out of water by the beginning of October. Wyatt Golding, Counsel for FPST, commented that when the request for an extended season was sent it was believed that the season would end earlier; with this new information received today it doesn't appear that there will be a problem completing the Tribe's deliveries in the set amount of time.

7. **Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 3:56 p.m.

  
Eric Olsen - President

10-3-22

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

10-4-22

Date