

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022

The Board of Directors 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 **Tuesday, June 7, 2022** at 9:00 a.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
	Wade Workman	Director
	Abrahm Schank	Director
Others Present:	Rusty Jardine	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Cody Biggs	Construction/Maintenance Manager (Left 9:40 a.m., returned 11:20 a.m.)
	Mark Solinski	Hydroelectric Manager

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Dan Lahde	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Jonathan Garrison	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Raija Bushnell	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Dave Whalen	City of Fernley
Hezy Ram	Lahontan Solar LLC
Paul Stroud	Lahontan Solar LLC
Dina Lopez	Self
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Ben Shawcroft	TCID
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Jason Villarreal	Bureau of Reclamation
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Kris Urquhart	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Stuart Johnson	Lahontan Solar LLC

Steve King	TCID
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

President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 9:02 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Stix.

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Miscellaneous Correspondence

No report was given.

6. Recognition of Service

Recognition of Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., General Manager and Counsel for the District. Rusty has served the District for the past 12 years as the general manager and counsel and will retire on June 30, 2022 from 38 years of public service. We would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge his many contributions to this District and the community. Rusty has been instrumental in cultivating relationships with other agencies and bridging gaps between the District and other entities. He has worked hard to keep the District's interests at the forefront of our local and state representatives as well as those in Washington D.C. Rusty has been a great asset to this District and will be missed. We want to wish him the very best in this new chapter.

7. General Manager and Staff Reports

- **Rusty Jardine, General Manager**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager reported that a reversal of the denial of the Emergency designation for the Extraordinary Maintenance (XM) is being pursued.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported that Ted Renfro replaced Bob Baldwin who retired last year. In addition, crews are working on trouble calls, cleaning drains and applying Magnicide to treat moss.

- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, provided the attached report (Exhibit A) detailing current conditions, forecasts and District operations. Discussion followed.

- **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**
Not present to report.
- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**
Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager, reported on current power production at all three (3) Power Plants, discussion with the Bureau regarding New Lahontan gate repair and coordination with The Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA) regarding pursuit of a grant for the 26' Drop Power Plant.

8. **City of Fernley – General Updates**

Dave Whalen, Public Works Director for the City of Fernley, provided an update regarding construction of the takeout structure intended to convey surface water from the Truckee Canal to the water treatment plant.

9. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**

Jonathan Garrison, Federal Officer, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported three (3) new seasonal employees have been hired and the Youth Conservation Corp (YCC), a summer employment program, will begin soon.

10. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**

Jack Worsley, Area Manager, briefed the Board regarding the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance (XM) Project bidding process.

Rob Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported on the upcoming Urban Canal inspections, the Fernley takeout and the Derby Dam Fish Screen. Discussion was had regarding interest calculation associated with the Truckee Canal XM Repayment Contract and the associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Dan Lahde, Special Studies Division Manager, provided the Board with a "WY 2022 Hydrologic & Operations Update" (Exhibit B).

11. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**

Leanna Hale, Land & Water Manager, reported that the walk-through on the S7-3 Lateral Project is complete, minus a few corrections, and FPST is exploring a concrete lining project on the R line canal.

12. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**

Not present to report.

13. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**

Not present to report.

14. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**

Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, reported that fencing materials for the Carson Lake Pasture are starting to arrive and all cattle should have entered the Pasture by June 1.

Kris Urquhart, Fisheries Biologist, reported on his efforts last year regarding the aeration program for the fish at Lahontan Reservoir and his appeal to maintain a minimum pool in the Reservoir this year.

15. Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates

Raija Bushnell, Watershed Planning Program Manager, reported that FCA has been working with the District in order to submit a WaterSMART grant for the 26' Drop Power Plant. In addition, FCA plans to discuss with the District their inclusion in the Churchill County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding; and communication with NRCS relative to the Watershed and Flood Prevention Act (PL-566) Program and the Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR), and completion of a System Improvement Plan (SIP) for the Carson Division.

16. Resolution 2022-06 Relating to Form of Repayment of Contract As a Result of Construction Performed for Extraordinary Maintenance Upon the Truckee Canal, a Facility of the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project, Nevada.

Deliberation relating to approval/denial of Resolution Number 2022-06, providing form of contract, to be presented to the electors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District at a special election to be conducted on June 30, 2022 in polling places at Fallon and Fernley, Nevada respectively. On May 13, 2022 and May 31, 2022, the Negotiations Committee of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District held public meetings -at which negotiation of a contract for repayment to be made to the United States was conducted relating to Extraordinary Maintenance to be performed upon the Truckee Canal in consequence of the 2008 breach of the Canal, at Fernley, Nevada, and subsequent studies conducted thereafter, including an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued for the EIS on December 14, 2020. Contract terms include, without limitation, the scope of the repairs to be made to the Canal including the lining of 3-1/2 miles of Canal, and work associated with two (2) check structures. The approved cost of repair is not to exceed Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000) and the term of repayment is fifty (50) years. Final approval of a repayment contract must be made by the electors of the District pursuant to NRS 539.297. At the May 31, 2022 meeting of the Negotiations Committee, the form of the contract was approved which is annexed to Resolution 2022-06 and is incorporated by reference therein. Resolution 2022-06 also provides for related matters.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve Resolution 2022-06 Relating to Form of Repayment of Contract As a Result of Construction Performed for Extraordinary Maintenance Upon the Truckee Canal as presented, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

17. Combined Scope of Work and Cost Agreement with Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. and JRP Historical Consulting for Implementation of Historic Properties Treatment Plan for the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project

Deliberation and decision relating to approval/denial of a combined scope of work and cost estimate to complete cultural resources tasks to support the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District in implementing proposed mitigation measures in advance of work to be performed on the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project in the Truckee Division of the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project, Nevada. The proposed measures relate to a Historic Properties Treatment Plan (HPTP) serving to resolve adverse effects from the Extraordinary Maintenance. The Newlands Project is listed in the National Registry of Historic Places and the Truckee Canal is National Registry eligible. Resolution of adverse effects is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The combined estimate of cost for services provided by Far Western and JRP is \$51,180.

A motion was made by Director Gomes to approve the Combined Scope of Work and Cost Agreement with Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. and JRP Historical Consulting for Implementation of Historic Properties Treatment Plan for the Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project as presented, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was approved; 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Vice President Stix).

18. SLR Solar Proposal for Leasehold of District Owned Lands

Deliberation relating to a presentation and proposal by Lahontan Solar LLC (formerly SLR Solar) for leasehold of a portion of District owned lands within Assessor's Parcel Number 007-011-22. This property is located to the north of Bango Road and west of U.S. Highway 50 in Churchill County, Nevada. This proposal contemplates development of a facility upon District lands capable of approximately 25 Megawatts of electric energy production. See Exhibit C.

No decision was made by the Board of Directors. The Board referred the proposal to the Revenue/IT Committee for deliberation and recommendation.

19. District Financial Authorizations for Incoming General Manager/Counsel

Deliberation by Board of Directors approving/denying extension of authority to the incoming General Manager, Ben Shawcroft, to become a signatory on all accounts held in the name of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District through First Independent Bank, 2061 West Williams, Fallon, Nevada, and further authorizing the incoming General Manager/Counsel to do and perform all other acts necessary on behalf of the District, subject to authority and approval given him by the Board of Directors and the District Treasurer, in connection with the levy of assessments, implementation of District financial policy, oversight of policy implementation by District department managers and other staff members, the posting and publication of claims, the preparation of financial statements and provision of reports, the review of accounts both payable and receivable, the justification of accounts, the creation of accounts with service providers and suppliers, the taking of action on past due accounts, the preparation of recommendations for augmentation to budget categories within the general budget as needed, the provision of proposals to the Board of Directors for an annual budget each fiscal year and implementation of each such annual budget, the authority to cause financial review, to cause preparation and approval of financial filings, to provide

approval of disbursements, payments, transfer of funds, journal entries, and/or management of all District accounts, disbursements, payments, transfer of funds, journal entries, advances, payroll, and any and all other management activity necessary to achieve compliance with applicable principles and practices of generally accepted accounting principles and practices, and to the fullest extent possible ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of NRS Chapter 539 as touching duties, governing affairs, and financial responsibilities of an irrigation district and to provide for compliance with all provisions of Contract No. 7-07-20-X0348-X with the United States of America, relating to financial duties and procedures, for the operation and maintenance of the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project, and to do and perform any or all other acts relating to financial affairs, as is, or may be required by law for the benefit of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.

A motion was made by Vice President Stix to approve the District Financial Authorizations for Incoming General Manager/Counsel, Benjamin Shawcroft, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

20. Consent Agenda Items

Matters borne by the consent agenda are considered routine and/or informational in nature. Any deliberation and/or decisions made relating to the consent agenda may be given by the Board in a single action without comment, discussion, or public input as a single Board action. Any item on the consent agenda may be removed there-from, upon the request of a Director or member of the public, and thus be made the object of full and complete deliberation and decision making. Action relating to the consent agenda may be undertaken at any time during the course of the meeting. Items on the consent agenda for this meeting are as follows:

- Approval of Director's compensation as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022.
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2022.

A motion was made by Vice President Stix to approve the Consent Agenda items including the Director's Compensation for the month of May, 2022 and the Board meeting minutes of April 20, 2022 and May 3, 2022, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

21. Committee Reports

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
Vice Chairman Oakden (Secretary) briefed the Board regarding Damage Claim 22-001: Request for replacement of materials lost due to a haystack fire at 7000 Curry Road, submitted by Aaron C. Williams. The O&M Committee denied the damage claim and no appeal has been submitted by Williams. No action taken.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of May 2022.

- **Employee Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2022.

- **Finance Committee**

Finance Committee Recommendations:

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on June 6, 2022.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 42456 through 42540, online, phone and automatic payments, and transfer of \$974,857.72 to pay bills, seconded by Director Gomes, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Negotiations Committee**

Meetings were held May 13, 2022 and May 31, 2022.

- **Policy Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2022.

- **Public Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2022.

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2022.

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**

There was no meeting held for the month of May 2022.

22. Additional Public Comment

No public comment.

23. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 11:31 a.m.


Eric Olsen - President

8-2-22
Date


Robert Oakden - Secretary

8-2-22
Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

6/07/2022

BOARD MEETING

CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 690cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 464cfs
 - <1cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 424cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 196.3cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 220cfs
 - 385cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: 393cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: 153,706 a.f. / prev. 04/03/2022 @ 149,208 a.f. ; Diff. +4,498 a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: 580cfs
 - Total Inflows: 778cfs/ approx. 1540 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Month End Storage target: 204,000 af/ would require approx. 77,100 af of Diversions
 - This is greater than the amount of water available for diversion from the Truckee River.

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Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., District Manager &
General Counsel

DISTRICT STATUS: Forecasting

- May Jun. 2022 TROA outlook: Reservoir End of Month values
 - June- 2022
 - 112,842 a.f
 - May-2022
 - Projected 149,461 previously forecasted 135,604
 - Actual: 153,764
- June. 2022 TROA outlook: Monthly Avg. flows
 - Canal @ Wadsworth: 196.7 cfs
 - Ft. Churchill: 32 cfs
- Jun 2022 Water Supply Outlook Report
 - MAD: Maximum Allowable Diversions 298,900
 - Approx. 2022 Releases 82,562 = 216,338
 - 70% exceedance : 173,618 af = 74% allocation / End of Season at mid. month September
 - 50% exceedance : 188,615 af = 80% allocation / End of Season at beginning October
 - 30% exceedance : 200,615 = 85% allocation / End of Season at beg. to mid. month October