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**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Session Board Meeting
Churchill County Commission Chambers
155 N. Taylor Street
Fallon, NV 89406**

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING
ANNUAL WATER USERS' MEETING

Pursuant to Nevada Open Meeting Law, Notice is Hereby Given that the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting on: Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Hour of 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be conducted at the Churchill County Commission Chambers, 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, Nevada.

PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETING

There are three (3) ways to participate in meetings of the Board: (1) in person; (2) via video conferencing; (3) via teleconferencing.

IN PERSON PARTICIPATION

Subject to conditions then in effect relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may join the meeting in person to hear, observe, and participate.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

If you would like to join the meeting to hear, observe, and participate in the meeting online, you may click on the link below:

Video Conference Access:

Join the Zoom Meeting at the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83641486938?pwd=TWt5OEx3OGdYcmVTSDlrUVd2a1FQUT09>

Meeting ID: **836 4148 6938**

Passcode: **779125**

The link can be provided electronically upon request. Contact Michele at TCID, **775-423-2141**, for further information.

In the event that participation via Zoom isn't available, please dial by phone, at **1-855-222-7550**. The access code is **0135302 #**.

TELECONFERENCING

If you would like to join the meeting to hear and participate in the meeting, but not observe, follow the instructions below:

Teleconference Access

The teleconference number is **1-855-222-7550**. The collaboration (meeting) code is **0135302 #**. Please dial the number and follow all prompts including entry of the code, with the # tag when so prompted. You will then be connected to the meeting.

When speaking, all persons must clearly identify themselves for purposes of the record of proceedings. When not speaking, participants must place their phones or other electronic devices on mute. Strict rules of decorum will be observed.

THE AGENDA

Notes:

*For the purposes of this agenda, words which appear in **bold face** are intended only for ease of reference in the creation of this agenda. The full description of the agenda item, to be deliberated upon and decided by the Board, if at all, follows the words appearing in **bold face**.*

All meetings of the Board of Directors for the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID or District) are public (NRS 539.093). This agenda is a tentative meeting schedule. Action will be taken on all items unless otherwise noted. While meetings of the Board are subject to Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 et seq.) (OML), no provision of the OML requires the Board to discuss or take action on all agenda items. The Board may hear items in a different order, combine items for consideration, or remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to any item at any time to accomplish business of the Board, on behalf of the electors of TCID, in the most efficient manner. Items scheduled at a specific time will not be heard earlier than at the scheduled time pursuant to the OML. Except in an emergency, TCID will provide written notice of its meetings consisting of a clear and complete statement of the topics scheduled to be considered. No action may be taken on any matter that is not scheduled on this agenda. Any statement made by a member of TCID during a public meeting is absolutely privileged and does not

impose liability for defamation or constitute a ground for recovery in any civil action. Meetings of the Board may be conducted according to the rules of parliamentary procedure.

The Board of Directors may recess the meeting in order to convene an attorney-client meeting.

The Board may take possible action on any item on this agenda unless that item is marked "For Information Only." Items marked "For Information Only" may be discussed by the Board after any presentation is made but no action may be taken on that particular item. The Board may take items out of order, may combine two or more agenda items for consideration, may remove items from the agenda or may delay discussion of any item at any time.

For Information Only:

1. **Call to Order-Roll Call**

For Information Only:

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

For Possible Action:

3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

Deliberation and decision relating to the approval of the Special Board Meeting Agenda of March 17, 2022.

For Information Only:

4. **Public Comment**

The Board of Directors welcomes public comment; but, any such comment must be limited to matters in the scope of authority of the Board of Directors. No matter discussed during public comment may be acted upon unless the matter appears on the agenda and is scheduled for possible action. If you wish to be heard, please introduce yourself at the appropriate time and the presiding member of the Board of Directors will recognize you. The amount of discussion on any matter, and the amount of time any speaker is allowed, may be limited. The Board of Directors will not restrict public comment based upon viewpoint. The Board of Directors shall refuse, during public comment, statements relating to the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person.

For Information Only:

5. **Special Report: Truckee Canal XM Project and District Irrigation Modernization**

On January 5, 2008, the north embankment of the Truckee Canal, at a point approximately 12 miles downstream of the Derby Diversion Dam, in the City of Fernley breached after a storm. 590 homes were flooded. As a result of the breach, repairs were made to the Canal and safety related limitations were imposed upon the use of the Canal -when diverting water from the Truckee River. Reclamation completed several studies that identified areas requiring repair and maintenance to address the safety concerns. Until long-term repairs are made, the Canal is required to operate at a lower stage (water level) to comply with short-term risk reduction measures.

The District must improve the structural integrity of the Canal to reduce the risk of any future breach of the Canal. Measures, including the lining of a portion of the Canal, must be undertaken so as to provide for safe, long-term operation. This is very important for two reasons: 1. Public Safety; and, 2. Service of the judicially decreed water rights held in the Newlands Federal Reclamation Project. In the simplest terms, an event like that which occurred in 2008 must never happen again. If long-term repairs are not provided for, the consequence will be the reduction of Canal flow to a much lower, safe level.

The cost for long-term repair to the Canal is the responsibility of the District. Repair costs are estimated to be as much as \$35 Million. The District has made application to the federal government for funds with which to effect Canal repair; however, while some portion of the repair costs may be deemed non-reimbursable, the District must provide repayment for any reimbursable portion of the costs. The electors of the District (water users) must approve a contract for repayment to the federal government upon an election.

The District is one of the first Reclamation Projects authorized pursuant to the Reclamation Act of Congress on June 17, 1902. The Newlands Project consists of hundreds of miles of open channel canals, laterals, sub-laterals, and drains –with their associated water control features. Much work is needed to improve the efficiency of Project water conveyance features in order to conserve water for all beneficial uses associated therewith, including agricultural, wildlife, municipal, and others. A study is now underway by the Farmers Conservation Alliance, under contract with Reclamation, to create a modernization plan for the Newlands Project. The plan will guide the District when prioritizing and budgeting for future Project improvements.

For Possible Action:

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

General updates from staff on current conditions, current or planned projects and business of the District.

Deliberation and decision, as necessary, based upon changing hydrologic conditions, establishment of terms and conditions associated with water delivery, as necessary, and releases from Lahontan Dam for the 2022 water season.

For Information Only:

7. **Bureau of Reclamation**

Introduction of staff from the Bureau of Reclamation, Lahontan Basin Area Office, and review of current projects and status of business items.

For Information Only:

8. **2022 Water Users' Meeting, Carson Division**

Discussion regarding the commencement of the 2022 irrigation season in the Carson Division, review of Rules and Regulations for the Delivery of Water, review of subdivision rules and responsibilities and processes, and statement of 2022 allocation.

For Information Only:

9. **Additional Period of Public Comment**

Please refer to agenda item four (4) for rules relating to public comment.

10. **Adjournment**

Special Accommodations: The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District will make reasonable efforts to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend. Persons who are disabled and require special assistance may contact Michele Wisnefski, by phone at (775) 423-2141, or by email at michele@tcid.org, or in writing, at TCID, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406.

Posting: This meeting has been or will be posted at the following locations and websites at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled date of this meeting in accordance with NRS 241.020(3).

- Fallon City Hall
- Churchill County Administration Building
- Fernley City Hall
- Truckee-Carson Irrigation District
- TCID Website, www.tcid.org
- Department of Administration Public Meeting Notice Website, <http://notice.nv.gov/>

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I, Michele Wisnefski, of said Churchill County, do hereby affirm that I posted or caused to be posted, a copy of this agenda, on the 10th day of March, 2022 at the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Office, where the proceedings are pending.


Michele Wisnefski

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 10th day of March, 2022.


Notary Public

