

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**March 1, 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, March 1, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

<b>Present:</b>	Eric Olsen David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Abrahm Schank Wade Workman	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director
<b>Others Present:</b>	Rusty Jardine Helen-Marie Morrow Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Michele Wisnefski	General Manager Finance Manager District Water Master Construction/Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Jason Villarreal	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Jonathan Garrison	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Jeff Anderson	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Dave Whalen	City of Fernley
Debra Chaney	Naval Air Station Fallon
Julie O'Shea	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Raija Bushnell	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post
Mark Limbaugh	The Ferguson Group

In-Person Guests	Representing
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Nancy Upham	CC Mosquito, Vector & Noxious Weed Abatement District
J.D. McKay	CC Mosquito, Vector & Noxious Weed

	Abatement District
Ben Matley	Water User

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 Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator.

**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**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager, reported on the District's response to the EPA's Proposed Plan for the Carson River Mercury Superfund Site.

**6. General Manager and Staff Reports**

- **Rusty Jardine, General Manager**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager, reported on the Directors' and Special election schedule, and the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Conference in Reno, Nevada in February.

Mark Limbaugh, President of The Ferguson Group, LLC hired by the District to provide Washington D.C. representation, updated the Board regarding the status of an Extreme Emergency Maintenance (EXM) designation for the Truckee Canal.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported that crews back filled projects that were sealed with Aqualastic at Carson Diversion Dam and the V-line and annual gate exercises will be performed soon. In addition, crews are spraying pre-emergent for moss, installing last two (2) meters on the upper T-line and V1, completing trouble calls and burning.

- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Kelly Herwick, District Water Master, provided the attached report as 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 that maintenance at New Lahontan Power Plant is nearly complete and work will be completed on the wicket gates at the 26' Drop Power Plant. Solinski also reported on the O&M Committee tour of the Penstock and the necessity of recoating in next five (5) years. Solinski will obtain quotes for work to be completed.

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

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

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

Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, reported that USFWS is hiring another intern and onboarding an equipment operator. In addition, USFWS is conducting vegetation management activities, planning for a prescribed burn next week and working on ditches and dikes. Chagnon also reported that an estimated flows report for the season would be submitted to the District and USFWS expects to take water to the Refuge via the Bypass at Harmon Reservoir and the L line; USFWS does not expect to use TJ drain this year.

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

Jack Worsley, Area Manager, briefed the Board regarding the XM Repayment Application status and the pre-irrigation season meeting with the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe scheduled for March 2, 2022. In addition, a water measurement meter will be installed downstream of the Derby Dam Fish Screen, permits and funding are being coordinated for installation of a permanent bridge at Derby Dam, and remote operations will be conducted on the Fish Screen. Worsley also reported that staffing issues are affecting implementation of the Infrastructure Bill.

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator reported on OM&R Contract activities including a Technical Committee Meeting scheduled for March 10, 2022.

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

Leanna Hale, Land & Water Manager, reported that a pre-irrigation season meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022. Also, the "FPST Allocation Spreadsheet" should be completed today. Furthermore, Jardine, General Manager, referenced the District's obligation to deliver Newlands Project Water to the Fallon Indian Reservation.

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

Debra Chaney had nothing to report.

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

Jeff Anderson, Water Supply Specialist briefed the Board regarding the coordinated forecast, prepared in partnership with the River Forecasting Center (RFC). Anderson

also explained how that forecast changes from January to April and how NRCS develops its forecast using SNOTEL, precipitation and streamflow data.

Additional discussion was had regarding establishing, per Board resolution, the irrigation season the second Tuesday of March following receipt of the coordinated forecast.

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

Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, NDOW reported that work is being done on roads and fences; specifically, 16 miles of wildlife fence at the Carson Lake Pasture is expected to be completed in phases over several years. In addition, a water management plan is pending establishment of an irrigation allocation.

**14. Farmer’s Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**

Julie O’Shea, Executive Director, reported that FCA will be working with the District and the Bureau to establish a process to identify and fund projects in the Carson Division.

**15. Preliminary Review and Determination of 2022 Water Supply and Establishment of 2022 Water Delivery Rules**

Deliberation was had regarding setting an annual allocation, setting of water season start date, and setting of dates for commencement of water ordering. Board consensus was to conduct a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 am to set an annual allocation, set a water season start date, and set a date for commencement of water ordering.

**16. 2022 Election Support Personnel Appointments**

Discussion was had relating to appointment of special election support personnel (three (3) inspectors, and two (2) election clerks) for both election sites (Fallon and Fernley). See Exhibit B.

**A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the appointment of special election support personnel (three (3) inspectors, and two (2) election clerks) for both election sites (Fallon and Fernley), as presented, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**17. 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 Board Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Consent Agenda items including the Director's Compensation for the month of February, 2022 and the Board meeting minutes of February 1, 2022, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

## **18. Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**

David Stix Jr., Committee Chairman, recommended to the Board of Directors, approval of the reallocation of funds previously approved to replace the Lahontan Dam inlet tower dome valve to be earmarked for costs associated with the VW Weir Project.

- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Committee**

Lester deBraga, Committee Chairman briefed the Board of Directors regarding CLP Committee recommendations.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the 2022 grazing season applications as presented per Exhibit C and tentatively open the Pasture on April 1, 2022 with 100% of permitted livestock, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Rusty Jardine, General Manager, briefed the Board regarding revisions to the contract for management of grazing (also known as the "Cowboy Contract") for the 2022 grazing season. Jardine specifically cited that terms of the contract were revised to reflect an independent contractor relationship, including an equipment rental rate of \$250 per month.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the contract for management of grazing (also known as the "Cowboy Contract") for the 2022 grazing season with new language to include an equipment rental rate established by management, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Finance Committee**

**Finance Committee Recommendations:**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on February 28, 2022. Discussion was had regarding the status of the AB380 Account and recommendations from the Board to retain the account or transfer funds. In addition, per O&M Committee recommendation, deliberation was had regarding the reallocation of funds previously approved to replace the Lahontan Dam inlet tower dome valve to be earmarked for costs associated with the VW Weir Project

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendations to approve reallocation of funds previously approved to replace the Lahontan Dam inlet tower dome valve to be earmarked for costs associated with the VW Weir Project and retain the AB380 Account at this time; including check numbers 42260 through 42319, online, phone and**

**automatic payments, and transfer of \$64,131.16 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion was had regarding a policy of insurance coverage for the District's New Lahontan Power Plant. The current policy provides for \$8 million in coverage. Policy renewal is due this month. Deliberation and decision regarding an insurance policy will be included on the Special Meeting Agenda.

- **Negotiations Committee**

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

- **Policy Committee**

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

- **Employee Relations Committee**

Robert Oakden, Committee Chairman reported that the Employee Association requested a 3% Cost of Living (COL) increase and 3% merit increase. The Finance Committee considered funding for the COL increase at Finance Committee meeting on February 28, 2022. The Employee Association has been presented with the counter offer.

- **Public Relations Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of February 2022. Abe Schank, Chairman reported on his efforts to keep the community informed via The Fallon Post.

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

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

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**


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

**19. Additional Public Comment**

Secretary Oakden reported on the passing of Bill Washburn.

**20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 12:22 p.m.



Eric Olsen - President

4-5-22

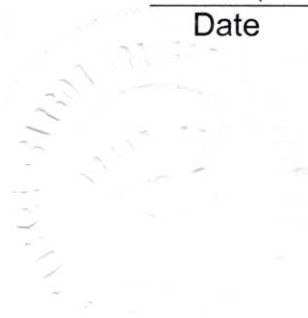
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Robert Oakden - Secretary

4-5-22

Date





# Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

## Newlands Project

**EXHIBIT**

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3/01/2022

### BOARD MEETING

### CURRENT CONDITIONS:

- **Truckee Div.**
  - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 374cfs
  - Truckee Canal: 259cfs
    - <1cfs in Gilpen Spill
    - 259cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
    - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 60.5cfs
    - Below Derby Gauge: 63cfs
    - 253cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
  - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: 234cfs
  - Lahontan Storage: 107,600 a.f. / prev. 02/01/2022 @ 85,097 a.f. ; Diff. +22,503 a.f.
  - Release below Lahontan: <1cfs
  - Total Inflows: 487cfs/ approx. 964 a.f. at 24hrs
  - Month End Storage target: 222,500 af/ would require approx. 86,500 af of Diversions
    - This is greater than the amount of water available for diversion from the Truckee River.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Eric Olsen, President  
David Stix, Jr., Vice-President  
Bob Oakden, Secretary  
Lester deBraga, Director/Treasurer  
Abraham Schank, Director  
Joseph Gomes, Director  
Wade Workman, Director  
Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., District Manager &  
General Counsel

### DISTRICT STATUS: Forecasting

- February, 2021 TROA outlook
  - Est. 318cfs TC canal @ Wads.
    - Currently 259cfs.
  - Est. 255cfs Car. Rv. @ Ft. Churchill
    - Currently 234cfs
  - 160,702 a.f. end of month storage (this will require an avg. inflow of 865cfs)
    - Feb. 2022. Projected 113,690/ actual 106,769; Accuracy at 93.9%
  - **Carson Basin Streamflow forecast as of Feb 22, 2022 Apr-Jul**
    - 70% chance 56kaf / indicates 75% allocation
    - 50% chance 90kaf / indicates 85% allocation
    - 30% chance 131kaf / indicates 98% allocation

### \*\*\*Observation Carson Basin\*\*\*

- February 1, 2022 Forecast Mar-Jul – "If I were to take Mar. –Jul forecast and lower it the same percentage applied to the Apr. Jul"
  - 70% chance of 84% allocation
  - 50% chance of 98% allocation
  - 30% chance of 100% allocation

### District status: Operations

- Newlands Credit water established approx. 2,462 a.f.
- 3/01 Tuesday; beginning credit water release of 25cfs for the TC canal.
- 3/01 Tuesday Derby Dam TC Canal Fishscreen SCADA Remote testing from TCID office to commence
- Staffing: Carson Div. 9 Employees/ short 1-3  
Truckee Div. 2 employees/ short 1-2

**ELECTION WORKERS for April 5, 2022 BOARD ELECTION**

**ELECTION BOARD (Need 2)**

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**Donna Wilberg  
Shelly Zmerzlikar**

**COUNTING BOARD (INSPECTORS) (Need 3)**

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**Lucy Rickman  
Kae Ward  
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**ELECTION WORKERS for April 5, 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION**

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**FERNLEY  
ELECTION BOARD (Need 2)**

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**Pat Norman  
Carol Amerman**

**COUNTING BOARD (INSPECTORS) (Need 3)**

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**Kathy Bennett  
April Homme  
Sierra Keathley-Dunn**

**Carson Lake Pasture  
2022**

**EXHIBIT** 

**Per Applications Submitted to the Board of Directors**

<b>Carson Lake Pasture 2022 Grazers</b>		<b>Number of Cows</b>	<b>Number of Bulls</b>	<b>Number of Heifers</b>	<b>Number of Steers</b>	<b>Total # Permitted</b>	<b>Less Steer</b>	<b>Adjusted 2022 Head in Pasture</b>
1	Beebe, Matt	25	1	-	-	26	-	26
2	Corkill Brothers Inc	175	7	-	-	182	-	182
3	de Braga, Trevor ( For Lyle de Braga)	42	2	-	-	44	-	44
4	Guazzini, Sam	75	3	-	-	78	-	78
5	Guazzini, Ted	100	4	-	-	104	-	104
6	Kyte, Larry (Michele)	244	8	23	-	275	-	275
7	Lee, Dennis	111	5	-	-	116	-	116
8	Lee, Flint	113	6	-	-	119	-	119
9	Lee, Kenny	382	18	-	-	400	-	400
10	Washburn, William	250	10	-	-	260	-	260
11	Williams, Aaron	140	5	20	-	165	-	165
12	Winder, Walter	68	2	-	-	70	-	70
<b>2022 head count for season</b>		<b>1,725</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,839</b>