

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026

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, July 7, 2026** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen	President
	David Stix Jr.	Vice-President (<i>arrived 9:07</i>)
	Robert Oakden	Secretary
	Lester deBraga	Treasurer (<i>arrived 9:07</i>)
	Michael Olsen	Director
	Abrahm Schank	Director
	Wade Workman	Director
Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft	General Manager
	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Rachel Enox	Water Accounting Manager
	Cody Biggs	Construction & Maintenance Manager
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master
	Ariel Tomb	Assistant Secretary to the Board

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
Jason Villareal	Bureau of Reclamation
Christina	Self
Michael Miller	Self
Rachel	The Fallon Post

In-Person Guests	Representing
Anthony Berreman	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation

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

- Call to Order**
President Olsen called the meeting to order in accordance with NRS 241 at 9:01 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Olsen.
- Approval of the Agenda**
A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Olsen, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

Shawcroft reported on the correspondence from June 2026.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

- **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**
Shawcroft reserved his report until Item #9.
- **Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager**
Biggs reported his crew finished cleaning the Diagonal Drain yesterday and have started cleaning the Paladini Drain. The S6 was treated for magnicide yesterday and the T-Line will be treated tomorrow. He is working on trouble calls as they come in.
- **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**
Herwick reported on current conditions; see the attached report.
- **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**
Solinski was not present to report. Shawcroft reported the following kilowatts:
 - New Lahontan – 3,900 kw
 - Old Lahontan – 1,200 kw
 - 26' Drop – 900 kw
- **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**
Enox reported she has been very busy staying on top of analysis and her regular duties.
- **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**
Morrow reported she is working on four big projects: the annual budget, PERS audit, tax roll and insurance renewal. She is also working on regular bills and payroll.

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

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, thanked Biggs for assisting with the Urban Canal Inspection last month. Martinez also met with the Division of Water Resources regarding a water study.

8. **Community Updates:**

- **City of Fernley**
No representative was present to report.
- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST)**
Anthony Berreman, Land & Water Resource Director, reported that other than the S17 bridge collapsing everything is going well.
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

No representative was present to report.

- **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF)**
No representative was present to report.
- **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)**
No representative was present to report.
- **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Wetlands**
No representative was present to report.

9. **General Manager/Counsel Annual Report**

The General Manager, Ben Shawcroft, will provide the Board with an annual report of accomplishments and activities of the previous year.

Shawcroft reported an eventful year and gave a shoutout to the staff he manages. He reported:

Major Projects

- Tower Gate Project
- Watervize program (currently in progress)
- Water Measurement Plan (currently in progress)

Completed & Planned Projects

- S-C7 project (completed)
- Fernley Check automation (completed)
- S-C5 (funded by an NRCS grant)
- L12 Siphon
- Log Boom (funded by the CWSD)
- V7-1 Flume
- Soda Lake Drain crossing

Cost Reductions

- New insurance broker
- Fleet management study
- Detailed review of health insurance options (to take place this year)
- New cell phone plan showed substantial savings
- Keeping staffing levels down

Legal Work

- USF&W O&M payment expiration – finding solutions
- Allyn Drain cleaning issue
- Auto accident claim
- Solar lease
- CLP lease
- PERS audit
- Financial audit
- New/revised policies

- Full revision of the Carson SOP
- Legislative & external affairs
- Support for bills
- Grant advocacy

Other Notable Items

- Successful Board election
- Pursued disciplined cost management
- Assessment increase
- Increased revenue through new solar lease
- Presented at Western Water Network and Irrigation Leader Conferences
- Met with Acting Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation
- Put together a measurement workshop with Herwick and Enox
- New security cameras and satellite internet at Old Lahontan
- Upgraded server

Looking ahead Shawcroft will be putting time and attention towards reducing the amount of overtime being paid, implementing Watervize and the Water Measurement Plan fully next year, finding ways to be more efficient in the office and locating additional project funding.

10. General Manager/Counsel Annual Evaluation

The Board will give its performance evaluation of General Manager Ben Shawcroft and authorize a merit increase commensurate with any merit increases approved for staff and management.

The Board thanked Shawcroft for his report and all reported that they had no complaints to give. Treasurer deBraga asked Shawcroft if he'd ever received an increase besides what had been approved for staff; Shawcroft answered, "No".

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve a 2.7% additional increase above the increase approved for staff to total a 5% increase for Shawcroft, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

The motion was amended by Treasurer deBraga to add that Shawcroft received a positive evaluation, seconded by Director Schank.

11. Approval of CWSD State Contract #2026-13

Review and approval of a contract with Carson Water Subconservancy District for a grant to TCID in the amount of \$50,000 to install a log boom at Carson Diversion Dam.

Shawcroft provided an overview of Contract #2026-13; it's a standard contract. The District has received this grant many times; it has previously been used to fund Aqualastic at Carson Diversion Dam. This year the project is a new log boom at Carson Diversion Dam.

A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve CWSD Contract #2026-13, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Approval of Disclaimer of Water Rights

Approval for the recording of a Disclaimer and Release of Interest In Water Rights which puts the public on notice that TCID is not the owner of .4 acres of water rights which are part of the State Engineer's Application No. 47804. This cleans up the chain of title and allows the State Engineer to correct its ownership records internally.

Shawcroft reported this disclaimer is to clean up the chain of title; it is on record at the State office that the District owns these .4 acres of water rights. This disclaimer will allow the State Engineer to correct the ownership record.

A motion was made by Director Olsen to approve the Disclaimer of Water Rights, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Approval of 2026-2027 Budget

Approval of the 2026-2027 budget.

Shawcroft introduced the budget for 2026-2027; following the cost savings efforts by District staff and the increased revenue this year, the budget is showing \$2.4 million in the black. These funds will be used to bolster the District accounts, but it will take a few years for everything to balance out again. Treasurer deBraga stated that the Finance Committee reviewed the budget and approved it.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the 2026-2027 Budget, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

14. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of June as provided for by NRS 539.080.
- Approval of Board Meeting minutes from June 2, 2026.

A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.

15. Committee Reports

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of June 2026.
- **Employee Relations Committee**
There was no meeting held for the month of June 2026.
- **Policy Committee**

There was no meeting held for the month of June 2026.

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

There was no meeting held for the month of June 2026.

- **Finance Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on June 1, 2026.

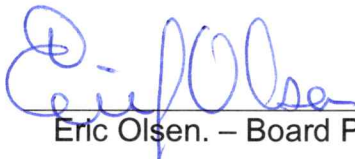
The Finance Committee did not approve any expenses this month.

16. Additional Public Comment

Robert Martinez, Bureau of Reclamation, commented that Aubrey Bettencourt is the new Acting Commissioner of the Bureau. Shawcroft reported that he had previously sent the County a letter regarding a parcel of land next to the emergency weirs; the County will retain ownership of the parcel. Shawcroft also reported that the Hiskett land sale is on hold.

17. Adjournment

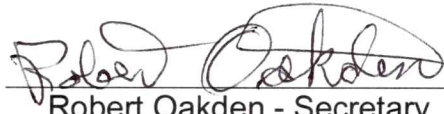
The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.



Eric Olsen. – Board President

8-4-26

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

8/4/26

Date



Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

Newlands Project

7/07/26

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General Counsel

Monthly Board Meeting

CURRENT CONDITIONS: 7/07 Daily WaterMaster Report (TROA)

- **Truckee Div.**
 - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 350 cfs
 - Truckee Canal: 138cfs
 - <5cfs in Gilpen Spill
 - 143cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
 - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 200 cfs
 - Below Derby Gauge: 245cfs
 - 114cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
 - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **10** cfs
 - Lahontan Storage: **183,855** a.f. | 2025: **181,164**
 - 2025 End of Water Season storage: 62,031 a.f.
 - Release below Lahontan: **788** cfs / approx. 1,560 a.f. at 24hrs
 - Total Inflows: **124** cfs/ approx. 245 a.f. at 24hrs (net LOSS 1,315 a.f.)

FPST STATUS:

- S7-t25: Ordered 10cfs/ cur: 7cfs

USFW STATUS:

- S-t75: Ordered 30cfs/ cur: 44cfs
- Bypass: Ordered 50cfs/ cur: 34cfs
- S17-t36: Ordered 10cfs/ cur: 3cfs
 - Ordered 90cfs/ cur: 81cfs

DISTRIC STATUS:

- Completing Month-end Reporting and Adjustments prior to Water Cards
- T-line is mossed up and scheduled for treatment today.
 - T-line has been treated one time prior in the month of May
 - Expected delays in the schedule.
- East Dist. S7 orders are being delivered and continuous until 7/16.