

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**April 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, April 7, 2026** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Michael Olsen Abrahm Schank Wade Workman	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director
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Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Rachel Enox Cody Biggs Mark Solinski Kelly Herwick Ariel Tomb	General Manager Finance Manager Water Accounting Manager Construction & Maintenance Manager Hydroelectric Facilities Manager District Water Master Assistant Secretary to the Board
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<b>Teleconference/Zoom Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Isaac Metcalf	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Jason Villareal	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Leanna Lehman	The Fallon Post
Michael	Self

<b>In-Person Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Kyle Larsen	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Anthony Berreman	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
Steve Hiskett	STR Land, LLC
Sean Hiskett	STR Land, LLC
Joe Gomes	Self
Thane Gomes	Self
Bryant Behimer	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 9:01 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cody Biggs.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to adopt the agenda, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

4. **General Public Comment**

Bryant Behimer addressed the Board to request the granting of an emergency entrance into the Carson Lake Pasture for this season only. His cattle normally run in Mason Valley, but that area was not opened this year. He has tried everything he can think of to find somewhere for his cattle, but nothing has worked. This is his last ditch effort to save his herd; if he can't utilize the Pasture he will need to sell his cattle. Treasurer deBraga commented that there is room in the Pasture as many of the grazers will not be filling their permit this season. The Board answered that there is an established waiting list for entry to the Pasture and those individuals would need to be asked before Mr. Behimer could enter. Shawcroft informed Mr. Behimer that it would take a couple days to call people and that he would be in contact to let him know.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There was no miscellaneous correspondence.

6. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft reported that due to the large number of items on this meeting's agenda, the measurement workshop was postponed. There is a new State Engineer, Joe Cassiopo. There is a Special Board meeting tomorrow (April 8<sup>th</sup>) to canvass votes from the election.

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

Biggs reported his crew has been flushing ahead of the water, fixing gates and trouble calls, and started cleaning drains.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick reported on current conditions; see the attached report. The Truckee Canal will be ramping down this week.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Facilities Manager**

Solinski reported the following kilowatts:

- New Lahontan – 3,050 kw
- 26' Drop – 500 kw

The electrical testing is complete. He is starting to upgrade the lighting at 26' Drop. The new security cameras and Starlink internet at Lahontan Dam are installed and will be very useful.

• **Rachel Enox, Water Accounting Manager**

Enox thanked Shawcroft and the Board for sending her to the SCADA training in California; she learned a lot and has new ideas and contacts for the District's SCADA program. The FLODARs have been installed and QCd, measurements and analysis have started.

- **Helen-Marie Morrow, Finance Manager**

Morrow reported she has been working with Juanita on the election, and preparing for the Finance Committee meeting which was yesterday (April 6<sup>th</sup>). The first round of Carson Lake Pasture bills went out and Carson Water Subconservancy District was billed for the aqualastic grant. We received the Federal Water Master bills. She is starting to work on the budget and tax roll. We are still looking for a mechanic. She will be out of the office next week on vacation.

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

Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported the Truckee Division EAP has been completed. The Carson Division EAP has been combined with the Lahontan Dam EAP, and the SOP is nearly finished. His office is keeping a close eye on the water supply for the season. There is 2,000 acre feet of credit water being held in Stampede. The monthly forecast for Truckee River diversions and credit water storage may be adjusted as necessary.

8. **Community Updates:**

- **City of Fernley**

No representative was present to report.

- **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST)**

Anthony Berreman, Natural Resource Director, reported he has been working on a few work orders with Biggs, and the first irrigations on the Reservation have begun.

- **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)**

Kyle Larsen, Wildlife Technician, reported cattle turned out into the Pasture on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. He has been working on drain flows and general maintenance. Isaac Metcalf reported with further information on the rate change that was implemented in the new Lease Agreement. An update to the NRS repealed the State Minimum which was what the previous rate was based on. Under Public Law 101.08 the new rate was determined using the rates for comparable pastures. The new rate of \$25 per AUM is still the lowest rate in the State.

- **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) - Wetlands**

No representative was present to report. Herwick reported they have ordered for three of their units.

**9. Approval of Contract with J.F. Brennan**

*Deliberation and decision to approve a contract with J.F. Brennan to perform work relating to the Tower Rehabilitation Project. The scope of work for this contract will include preparing a request for bids on the design and manufacturing of the replacement gates, assisting in the selection of a manufacturer, assisting in the application for a Buy America Waiver, and other related tasks. The total cost for this contract is \$60,800.*

Shawcroft reported that the Tower Project has been stalled due to Buy America requirements, the costs have skyrocketed compared to the original quotes. This contract includes obtaining a Buy America waiver which J.F. Brennan will assist with.

**A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to approve the contract with J.F. Brennan, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**10. Approval of Sale of Property to Hiskett & Sons**

*Deliberation and decision to approve Resolution No. 2026-02 authorizing the sale of district-owned property to Hiskett & Sons, LLC pursuant to NRS 539.217 and entering into a Land Sale Agreement to effectuate the sale. Properties to be considered for sale along with their appraised values are:*

APN 007-011-22	\$180,000	APN 007-191-10	\$25,000
APN 007-191-07	\$42,000	APN 007-191-05	\$26,000

Shawcroft informed the Board there is a correction to the agenda item description; the sale will be to STR Land, LLC which is owned by the Hisketts. Steve and Sean Hiskett were present. The Hisketts approached the District about purchasing some land near Bango. This is the same parcel that was previously leased out for a solar project. The vote must be unanimous and approved via a resolution. The District is not required to go out to public bid. The parcels were appraised by Tom Riggins for a total value of \$273,000.00 for the four parcels. The sale contract will include a due diligence period in which the buyers may back out of the sale if the property is not what they need. There are some potential access issues to the property. Closing costs will be split 50/50. Treasurer deBraga asked about the possibility of leasing the property instead of selling. The Hisketts aren't enthusiastic about that idea.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the land sale agreement and Resolution 2026-02, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion failed with a vote of four ayes, three nays with Directors Schank, deBraga and Workman opposing.**

Director Schank commented that he is not against the sale, but he feels that more time should be taken to evaluate and consider whether this is in the best interest of the District. Vice-President Stix asked if the Hisketts would be open to a form of profit-sharing agreement if the property is useful for gravel or sand. Steve Hiskett said that

could be considered. Mr. Hiskett also commented that if sold the District would be able to assess District General on the property and that would be an income boost.

**A motion was made by Director Schank to table this item until the next meeting, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**11. Approval of the Solar Lease**

*Deliberation and decision to approve a long-term lease agreement with Wildcat Renewables, LLC to lease approximately 100 acres for the purpose of developing a solar power generation field located at 9560 Reno Hwy, Fallon, Nevada (APN 007-171-01).*

Shawcroft reported that he had received the lease contract from Wildcat Renewables and sent it back with a few edits. As of this morning he has not yet received anything back. He had a phone conversation with his contact right before the meeting and was informed that the edits should be no problem if the Board would like to approve the agreement while the final contract is being edited.

The Board previously approved the Letter of Intent. The Agreement offers \$10,000 per year for the 3 year development period, then \$1,100 per acre per year with a 2% increase per year for 20 years. There are three 5 year renewal options. There was discussion regarding the lease details and whether or not the Board was comfortable approving an agreement without having the final document available.

**A motion was made by Director Workman to allow the Board President or General Manager to sign the agreement based on the terms provided, and the motion failed for lack of a second.**

**A motion was made by Director Workman to table this item until the final agreement is received, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment and the motion was withdrawn.**

**A motion was made by Director Workman to allow the Board President or General Manager to sign the agreement once received, seconded by Director Olsen, request for comment and the motion was approved six to one, with Vice-President Stix opposing.**

**12. Easement Dispute**

*The Board will review and give staff direction concerning a dispute over the use of a drain identified as the Allyn Drain. The drain has not been maintained to a standard which allows for the proper drainage of fields to the north. Notice has been given to the disputing parties concerning this agenda item.*

***TCID has been threatened with litigation over the maintenance of this drain; therefore, the Board may go into a closed session with legal counsel to discuss this matter pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2). Any action will be made in open session.***

Shawcroft provided an overview of the dispute over the Allyn Drain; Joe Gomes' property

is to the north of Allyn Place, David Matley's property is on the south side. The Allyn Drain crosses under the road and runs down through Mr. Matley's property. TCID was contacted because the drain is overgrown and not functioning properly. Mr. Matley claims there is no easement for that portion of the drain and refused permission to enter his property to clean it out. Mr. Matley was informed about this meeting but he is not present. Shawcroft is bringing the issue to the Board for direction because Mr. Matley has threatened litigation if TCID enters his property to clean the drain.

Shawcroft researched the issue and discovered a dedication deed created in 1906 for the creation of federal easements in that ¼ section yet to be constructed. An aerial photo from 1964 shows the drain cleaned out and functioning. Shawcroft believes the confusion may be from a parcel map filed in 1980 which incorrectly shows the federal easement location. However, the filing of a parcel map does not do away with a federal easement.

Vice-President Stix clarified that Shawcroft is asking if staff should clean out the drain regardless of the threat of litigation. Shawcroft replied yes. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to recess for a short legal meeting.

**A motion was made by Director Olsen to break for a legal meeting, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**The Board recessed for a legal meeting at 10:39 a.m.**

**President Olsen called the Board back to order at 10:48 a.m.**

Vice-President Stix told Shawcroft that the Board's direction was to clean the drain.

**A motion was made by Director Olsen to send a letter to Mr. Matley detailing the Board's decision and expected timeline for cleaning, seconded by Director Schank, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Rob Martinez, BOR, requested a copy of the letter once it was sent.

### **13. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Director's compensation for the month of March as provided for by NRS 539.080.

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

### **14. Committee Reports**

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

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

- **Policy Committee**

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

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

Treasurer deBraga reported the cattle went into the Pasture on the 1<sup>st</sup>; we are short about 20% from the applied for numbers.

- **Finance Committee**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on April 6, 2026.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 45807 through 45871 as well as automatic, online and phone payments, and a transfer of \$332,442.72 to pay bills, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

15. **Additional Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

16. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. subject to the call of the Board President.

  
Eric Olsen. - Board President

5/5/26  
Date

  
Robert Oakden - Secretary

5/5/26  
Date



# Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

## *Newlands Project*

4/07/2026

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Olsen, President  
David Stix, Jr., Vice-President  
Bob Oakden, Secretary  
Lester deBraga, Director/Treasurer  
Abraham Schank, Director  
Mike Olsen, Director  
Wade Workman, Director  
Benjamin Shawcraft, District Manager &  
General Counsel

### **Board Meeting**

#### **CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

- **Truckee Div.**
  - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: **1210** cfs
  - Truckee Canal: Approx. **507** cfs
    - <1cfs in Gilpen Spill
    - **438** cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
    - Water Master "Derby flow Target": **800.5**cfs
    - Below Derby Gauge: **830** cfs
    - **415** cfs at TC canal at Hazen (flush has yet to reach this location)
- **Carson Div.**
  - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: **459** cfs
  - Lahontan Storage: **234944** a.f.
  - Release below Lahontan: **472** cfs
  - Total Inflows: **906** cfs/ approx. 1793 a.f. at 24hrs

#### **FORECASTING:**

**Snow Water Equivalent percent NRCS as of April 6, 20226: Carson @ 17% of median**

**USDA NRCS National Water & Climate Center as of April 1, 2024**

- Carson R @ Ft. Churchill
  - April-JUL: 70%-17 kaf
  - 50%-29 kaf
  - 30%-47 kaf

**\*\*\*TROA Modeling Mar. 12th indicates:**

- **100% of traces show diversions to Lahontan through September 2026**
- **Ensemble Results: Lahontan Storage, Acre Feet**
  - **All traces indicate Lahontan End of Season storage approx. <50kaf**

#### **DISTRICT STATUS:**

- April 8, 2026: Per OCAP End of Month April Storage target is 234,700: currently 234,944
  - Ramping down Truckee Canal 100cfs Wed & Thu, ramping down 50cfs Fri, Sat, & Sun

David L. Matley  
4155 Allen Rd.  
Fallon, Nev. 89406

April 6, 2026

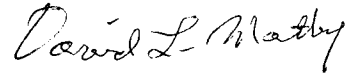
TCID  
2666 Harrigan Rd.  
P.O. Box 1356  
Fallon, Nev. 89407-1356

Mr. Shawcroft,

Your summary of our conversation is inaccurate. It is not my opinion that an easements use cannot be altered by just one party to the agreement, it is the law.

My tail water ditch is not an easement. It pre-dates Gomes' buried drain plastic tile and probably pre-dates the inverted siphon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David L. Matley".

David L. Matley

# Allyn Drain Dispute

Drain box



Drain Center

# Easement

- Created in 1906 by way of a Dedication Deed (covers entire ¼ section)

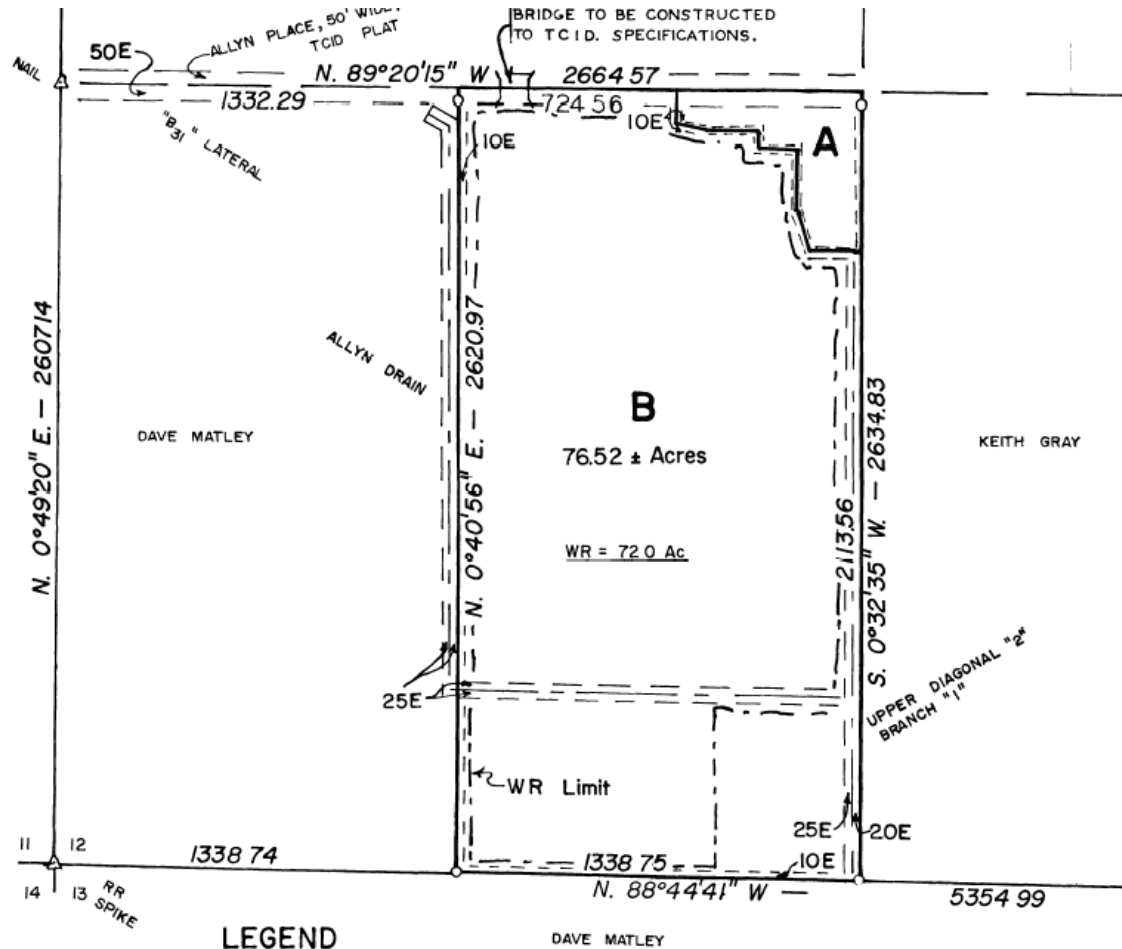
“The perpetual right of way or easement for any and all canals, drains or ditches, constructed or which may be hereafter constructed by the Authority of the United States of America, through, over or across the following described lands . . . The said right of way hereby granted to extend for a distance of 75 feet wide or not so much thereof as may be necessary, on each side of the center line of each such canal or ditch or drain so far as said right of way will extend over and upon said land.”

# Easement

1964 Photo of Drain



# 1980 Parcel Map



## LEGEND

- ▲ Found Point
- Set 5/8" Rebar with Tag
- IOE 10' Public Utility Easement
- 20E 20' Existing Drain Easement
- 25E 25' Existing Drain Easement
- 50E 50' Existing Drain Easement

## ROAD DISCLAIMER

The roadways depicted and do not public roads and Churchill or liability for their maintenance specifically declines to accept streets or highways

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