

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the  
**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes  
**August 2, 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, August 2, 2022** at 9:00 a.m.

The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Eric Olsen David Stix Jr. Robert Oakden Lester deBraga Joseph Gomes Wade Workman Abrahm Schank	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Director Director Director (Via Zoom)
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Others Present:	Benjamin Shawcroft Helen-Marie Morrow Kelly Herwick Cody Biggs Ariel Tomb	General Manager Finance Manager District Water Master Construction/Maintenance Manager Assistant Secretary to the Board
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<b>Teleconference/Zoom Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Caitlin Skulan	Schroeder Law Offices
Isaac Metcalf	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Bethany Chagnon	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Julie O'Shea	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Raija Bushnell	Farmer's Conservation Alliance
Laurie Nicholas	Bureau of Reclamation
Rachel Dahl	The Fallon Post
Stuart Johnson	Lahontan Solar, LLC
Hezy Ram	Lahontan Solar, LLC
Steve King	TCID

<b>In-Person Guests</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Jack Worsley	Bureau of Reclamation
Robert Martinez	Bureau of Reclamation
Jason Villarreal	Bureau of Reclamation
Jacob Ward	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Don Snodgrass	Greenhead Hunting Club
Albert Mulder	Natural Resource Conservation Service

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 9:03 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Olsen.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**A motion was made by Secretary Oakden to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Director Workman, 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. **General Manager and Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Ben Shawcroft, General Manager, reported that he is still working on getting a change of opinion for the Truckee Canal XM project designation. There have been reports of coyotes harassing the cows in the Carson Lake Pasture; NDOW is bringing in a trapper. Ben attended the NWRA Western Water Seminar in Montana the last week of July. The WaterSMART grant for the 26' Drop runners has been submitted and proposals for ARPA funding have been sent. The hearing for the Validation of the Repayment Contract is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Churchill County Courthouse.

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

Cody Biggs, Construction & Maintenance Manager, reported that crews are working on trouble calls as they come in, cleaning drains and mowing weeds. There is a meeting next week with the Navy and NDOW regarding the Diagonal Drain relocation. Cody reported that the moss on the V-Line is much improved since the pre-emergent treatment; they are looking at expanding treatment to other laterals next season.

• **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 including crop irrigation schedules and past water season allocations.

• **Mike Adams, Systems & Technologies Manager**

Not present to report.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Not present to report.

7. **City of Fernley – General Updates**  
Not present to report.
8. **United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – General Updates**  
Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Project Leader, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR), reported that water has been ordered to move to the wetland units and things are proceeding well.
9. **Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office (LBAO) Representative(s) – General Updates**  
Robert Martinez, Newlands Project Coordinator, reported that a team would be in the Carson Division next week taking measurements in different canals. There is a meeting for TCIDWORKS scheduled in September.
10. **Fallon-Paiute Shoshone Tribe (FPST) – General Updates**  
Not present to report.
11. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) – General Updates**  
Not present to report.
12. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – General Updates**  
Albert Mulder, District Conservationist, reported that contracting for this year is completed. Engineering has started coming in; \$3-\$4 million in concrete ditches are scheduled to be put in next year. There are new programs in range and pasture coming in next year. There is a local working group meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He needs to know what the District's priority is- he knows irrigation is top priority; he needs to know second priority and so on.
13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) – General Updates**  
Jacob Ward, Wildlife Technician, reported that the meeting for the Diagonal Drain relocation is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. They have not started putting up the wildlife fence yet. Jake thanked Cody for the work he has done cleaning and mossing the lines. They have encountered lots of white-top and have been spraying weeds and working on roads.
14. **Farmer's Conservation Alliance (FCA) – General Updates**  
Raija Bushnell, Watershed Planning Program Manager, thanked the District and the BOR for working together to submit the WaterSMART grant for the 26' Drop runners. She provided the following updates:
  - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding request for SCADA and automation was submitted last year. Recently, NDEP reached out to confirm interest in the project. FCA worked with the District to update some of the cost information and confirm interest. Ben has been reaching out to local officials for their support of the project; the Governor's office has received the proposal and, if approved, the request will be forwarded to the Interim Finance Committee.

- NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention (PL566) Program is focused on modernization, lining & piping laterals and sub-laterals. To become eligible for construction funding the District would first need to complete NEPA, which NRCS pays as part of the program. To become eligible for this funding, a Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR) needs to be completed. NRCS has found a contractor who will be reaching out in the next week or so to set up an initial meeting, the process should take about 6 months. Once the PIFR is completed, then the District can move into the planning process and NEPA can go forward.
- System Improvement Plan (SIP) will be a 10% design and costing tool looking at modernizing infrastructure in the Carson Division. It will build on completed reports and work that Reclamation is currently doing with modeling. FCA is subcontracting with LUMOS Engineering; they should be reaching out to schedule a kickoff meeting in mid-August. Grants are continually coming out for specific concerns (conservation, water quality). The purpose of the SIP is to help determine high priority areas where grant funding could be most beneficially used.

Julie O'Shea, Executive Director, added that the goal of these projects is so that as funding opportunities become available, the District will have tools and assets that are ready to be competitive. NRCS's PL566 Program is up to 75% of project costs paid by NRCS. FCA has been working with individuals on the Federal level to refine and optimize programs, to ensure the funding is usable and will move well on the ground. They are planning on visiting Washington DC next month. The Farm Bill is set to be approved in September 2023. The Farm Bill is a national funding program; as the program is being developed, FCA wants to be sure officials understand how and why western agriculture differs from eastern agriculture.

**15. Proposal by The Ferguson Group for Advocacy Services**

Deliberation and decision relating to approval/denial of a proposal by the Ferguson Group (TFG) of Washington, D.C. to provide advocacy services for the District, including, without limitation, pursuit of potential funding from federal sources, such as loans and grants, for purposes of implementing improvements to the Truckee Canal as described in the Record of Decision for Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance entered December 2020, by Ernest Conant, Regional Director for the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Such services are to be provided by Mark Limbaugh, President of TFG, and by Lane Dickson, Principal. Terms of the proposal include a \$5,000 monthly fee for a term to be approved by the Board.

**A motion was made by Director Workman to discontinue payment for The Ferguson Group Advocacy Services, seconded by Treasurer deBraga, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**16. Lahontan Solar LLC (formerly SLR Solar) Proposal for Leasehold of District Owned Lands**

Deliberation and decision relating to a recommendation by the Revenue-IT Committee to the Board of Directors for their final approval regarding a 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 solar facility upon District lands capable of 25 Megawatts of electric energy production.

The Revenue-IT Committee recommends approving the Proposal. Ben clarified that this is a non-binding term sheet, not an actual lease agreement. Approving this document will allow Lahontan Solar to move forward with their process and create a lease agreement.

**A motion was made by Vice-President Stix to approve the Non-Binding Land Business Term Sheet subject to another review when the Lease Agreement is presented, seconded by Director Gomes, 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 June 7, 2022, and July 5, 2022.
- Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Consent Agenda items including the Director's Compensation for the month of July, 2022, the Board Meeting minutes of June 7 and July 5, 2022, and the Special Board Meeting minutes of June 21, 2022, seconded by Secretary Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**18. Committee Reports**

- **Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of July 2022.
- **Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) Advisory Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of July 2022.
- **Employee Relations Committee**  
There was no meeting held for the month of July 2022.
- **Finance Committee**  
**Finance Committee Recommendations:**

Treasurer deBraga (Finance Committee Chairman) reported that the Finance Committee met on August 1, 2022.

**A motion was made by Treasurer deBraga to approve the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee recommendation to approve check numbers 42609 through 42708, online, phone and automatic payments, seconded by Director Workman, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

- **Negotiations Committee**

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

- **Policy Committee**

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

- **Public Relations Committee**

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

- **Revenue/IT Committee**

Meetings were held July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 2, 2022. Discussion was had relating to the proposal of a solar project near Bango Road. See Item # 16 for additional information.

- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**

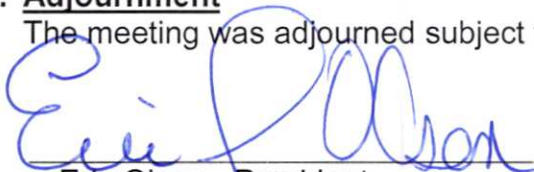
There was no meeting held for the month of July 2022.

**19. Additional Public Comment**

No public comment.

**20. Adjournment**


The meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the Board President at 10:00 a.m.



Eric Olsen - President

9-6-22

Date



Robert Oakden - Secretary

10-26-22

Date



# Truckee-Carson Irrigation District

## *Newlands Project*

8/02/2022

### **BOARD MEETING**

#### **CURRENT CONDITIONS:**

- **Truckee Div.**
  - Truckee River @ Vista gauge: 293cfs
  - Truckee Canal: 114cfs
    - < 1cfs in Gilpen Spill
    - 123cfs at TC canal at Wadsworth
    - Water Master "Derby flow Target": 135.8cfs
    - Below Derby Gauge: 164cfs
    - 58cfs at TC canal at Hazen
- **Carson Div.**
  - Carson River @ Ft. Churchill gauge: 1
  - Lahontan Storage: 82,541 a.f. / prev. 07/05/2022 @ 126,144 a.f.
  - Release below Lahontan: 721cfs
  - Total Inflows: 59cfs/ approx. 117 a.f. at 24hrs

#### **DISTRICT STATUS: Allocation**

- Current Lake Storage: 82,541a.f.
- Total Anticipated Runoff: 5,841a.f.
- Est. releases below Lahontan: 166,179a.f.
- Total accumulated A.F.: 254,561a.f.
- Minus Minimum Pool: -4,000a.f.
- Lake Evaporation est.: -2000a.f.
- Total Max. Allowable Demand: 298,900a.f.
- 2022 anticipated Allocation: 83%

#### **DISTRICT STATUS: Forecasting**

- 2022 TROA outlook: Reservoir End of Month values
  - Aug- 2022
    - 47,120 a.f
  - July-2022
    - Projected 86,929
    - Actual: 85,438
- Aug. 2022 TROA outlook: Monthly Avg. flows
  - Canal @ Wadsworth: 189 cfs / actual 123cfs
  - Ft. Churchill: 0 cfs / actual 1cfs
- Releases:
  - Aug. avg. 750cfs = 46,035af – 85,438af = 39,403 start of September
  - Sep. avg. 550cfs = 32,670af – 39,403 = 6,733 start of October – 4kaf min pool = 2,733 af
  - Oct. avg. 350cfs = 348af a day = 7.8 days of release in October

#### **USFW orders:**

S-t75 20cfs/ actual 17cfs; Bypass 70cfs/ actual 49cfs

#### **Canvasback orders:**

S-t78 10cfs/ actual 5cfs; S17-t33 10cfs/ actual 10cfs

#### **NDOW orders:**

A-t37 30cfs/ 22cfs; G-c17 spill 10cfs/ actual <10cfs

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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