

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Regular Session
JANUARY 7, 2013

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 offices of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada, on **Monday, January 7, 2013**.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President, David Stix, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in compliance with NRS Chapter 241. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	Ernest C. Schank Dave Stix, Jr. Bob Oakden Lester deBraga Eric Olsen Joe Gomes Wade Workman	President-Arrived 9:33 a.m. Vice President/Director Secretary/Director Treasurer/Director Director-Arrived 9:10 a.m. Director Director
Others Present:	Rusty Jardine Walter Winder Kate Rutan Paula Utter	District Manager, General Counsel O&M Foreman, Deputy District Manager Assistant Secretary/Office Manager Board Secretary

Guests	Representing
Steve Puterski	Lahontan Valley News
Carl Lunderstadt	USFWS
Kenneth Parr	Bureau of Reclamation
Rod Windle	FHTC
Dwight Orton	FHTC
Norman Norcutt	CLP – Pasture Manager

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

Director Dave Stix opened the meeting and presided as chairman until 9:40 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lester deBraga.

General Public Comment

Rusty Jardine addressed the public and informed that the Truckee Canal has been shut down due to dangerous icing conditions. It will be re-opened when conditions render it safe.

Approval of Agenda

A **motion** was made by **Director Lester deBraga** to approve the agenda seconded by **Director Bob Oakden**, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consideration/Possible Action – Treasurer’s Report - 2013 Monthly Disbursements

Director Olsen reported that the District is on track with the budget in the category of salaries even with more overtime paid for work on the Truckee Canal than anticipated. The legal category is very close to target and the hydro budget is holding very well. There are still a lot of engineering bills and some augmentation will be needed to meet this. The District will need to budget differently this year in the area of engineering. **Walter** stated that comments should be received on the box culvert standardized drawings from the Bureau within several days. He also stated that with the 2012 RO&M review there will be a larger need for the use of engineering firms moving forward. **Director deBraga** informed that the pipe budget has gone over due to the Fernley stockwater pipeline work. He would like to request the Truckee Canal Safety Commission pay for this in the amount of \$27,451.00. **Director Stix** stated that he believes that another formal request need not be made as this was a blanket request to the Commission at the start of the Truckee Canal Rehabilitation Project. Helen-Marie has also been approved to make a transfer from the Truckee Canal Safety Commission account back to the District account in the amounts already approved. This approval will be updated prior to the transfer being made. The rock, sand and gravel budget is over budget. Much of this material was used on the Gino Borges Hazen project. There was also an issue brought up in the audit with the TCID meter readings and the UAMPS. TCID may be missing some revenue in connection with those readings. This will be addressed at the February meeting.

Director Bob Oakden thanked Lester and Eric for all the effort they have put into learning the budget process and language with the help of Helen-Marie. He sees a great improvement since he has become a member of the Board.

A **motion** was made by **Director Lester deBraga** to approve the Treasurer’s Report and a transfer the amount of \$104,313.00 from the LGIP account to the general account for payment of the bills with check nos. 30912-30991, seconded by **Director Eric Olsen**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Review of District Matters with District Manager and Supervisors

- **Rusty D. Jardine, Esq., District Manager**

The Truckee Canal has been shut down. The gauge at TC-1 is completely submerged with ice. After the 2008 event, the District will take the stand in favor of not doing anything that would implicate public safety.

At the end of January, Rusty, Walter and Eric Olsen will be attending an O&M Conference in Phoenix, AZ, that is being put on by Irrigation Leader Magazine. Rusty will be speaking on a panel at the conference regarding “lessons learned” in a flood event, as the result of the District’s experience in the 2008 event. Walter and Eric will join with him with other lessons learned regarding volunteerism and the response of emergency entities to assist in this type of emergency.

The Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference is being held at the same time in Reno, Nevada. Director Bob Oakden and President Schank will be attending. They will be meeting with the Bureau's new Regional Director, David Murillo and LBAO Manager, Kenneth. Kenneth will also join Rusty on a trip to Sacramento to meet Mr. Murillo, upon his return from Phoenix.

• **Kate Rutan, Office Manager**

Kate asked that the Board members complete their annual Financial Disclosure Statements which must be completed prior to January 15, 2013. They must be completed online. Any changes can be made on last year's copy and turned in to Kate.

Kate also reported on the upcoming Tabletop Exercise. The initial planning conference was held in December, the final planning conference will be held January 23, 2013 with the actual exercise being held on February 11, 2013, both in Fernley.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydro Foreman**

Mark reported that all winter maintenance is going as scheduled at the power plants. Sandblasting has begun on the gates at the New Power Plant and accumulator bladders have been replaced. Maintenance on the Old Power Plant is nearly complete. Maintenance on the 26-Ft. Drop will begin in mid-January.

Rusty asked Mark what was involved in replacing the cables at Gilpin Spill. Mark stated that the team works from the bottom and he is trying to find a safer way to work with the cables as it is dangerous working around icing conditions. Mark will try to lower a propane heater to loosen some of that ice. **Walter** informed that Gilpin Spill has completely frozen and the gates are not able to be operated. No loss of cable has been due to icing but to over action of the gates. **Director Stix** talked about a "post flood freeze," of several years ago, and asked what was different about this one. He also asked, for safety purposes, and from an operational standpoint, if it would make sense to divert more water and spill more at Gilpin. Walter has been questioned as far as increasing diversions and then dropping the water back into the Truckee River. This would need to be discussed with the Federal Water Master and the Tribe.

The Board will be taking a tour of the Power Plants during the February Board meeting along with the Bureau.

• **Walter Winder, Deputy District Manager/O&M Foreman**

Walter reported the following water storage levels data:

Lahontan Elevation	4,128.86	Feet
Lahontan Storage	68,688	Acre Feet
Lahontan Out Flow	Frozen	CFS
Carson River Flow At Fort Churchill	2.4	CFS
Truckee River Flow At Vista	Frozen	CFS
Truckee Canal Flow At Wadsworth	Frozen	CFS
Truckee Canal At Hazen (Bango)	Frozen	CFS
Truckee River Below Derby Dam	Frozen	CFS
Spilling At Gilpin Approximately	Frozen	CFS

Walter reported that water measurement work continues in the Truckee Division on the TC6 and will begin the TC7 today. Several structures are being replaced on the reservation this year. There is cleaning going on at Carson Lake Pasture.

The RO&M review for 2012 has been received and will be presented to the O&M Committee. Responses will be made by the O&M Committee to present to the Board. Those will be forwarded on the Bureau.

APPOINTMENTS

1. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Representative(s) – Wetlands Issues

Carl Lunderstadt reported that the refuge is frozen up and migration is over. In February, 2013, the Fallon USFWS office will be moving into the New River Surgical Center just down the street.

Director deBraga asked about the bid for corrals. Carl stated that they sold to Candi and Kathy (Weishaupt) for \$2,300. A package was put together many years ago to demolish the old house on the property. The house, corrals, water tower and ice house were approved to be kept as historic structures. The appraisal indicated that the corrals had value, should be offered for sale and were purchased.

3. Bureau of Reclamation – Lahontan Basin Area Office Representative(s) – General Updates

Kenneth reported that he has contacted Pete Neugebauer regarding the Carson Lake Pasture (CLP) fees that are collected by the Bureau. The lessees have until January 15, 2013 to pay their 2012 fees. **Director deBraga** stated that he has been given a list of delinquencies that reflects user fees paid to TCID. There should be no delinquent list as users are supposed to pay their fees prior to removing their cattle. Kenneth will make sure that Pete Neugebauer attends the CLP meetings to answer any questions on the part of the Bureau and its lease contract.

Kenneth thanked the District for a very productive 2012 and is looking forward to another productive year. He is looking forward to the District's new software to be completed and the use of it to for the 2012 records to be adjusted with that software.

Comments are due out from the preliminary incentive credit determination on February 9, 2013. From there, the Bureau put out comments review on January 9, 2013 from the OCAP parties. He will be meeting with the Tribe's water team soon to determine what their position is on comments for incentive credits.

The new Tribal Counsel Chairman is Elwood Lowery and the Vice Chairman is Terrance James. Rusty told Kenneth that he has written a letter to the Tribe indicating that the Board is ready at anytime to meet and get things underway. Kenneth will relay that message at this next meeting with the Tribe. They will be working on a certification to the Federal Water Master for recoupment numbers. The Bureau continues to work on the documentation for the model used for the recoupment determination, as well as the number to put forward for to the Water Master to certify this year's first payment toward the January 2012 revised judgment. It will take agreement from the Tribe to certify those numbers. Recoupment payment certification is

different from incentive credit determination credit numbers. Kenneth is in hopes that the Tribe will agree and the activity can move forward.

Kenneth asked Rusty if the District has responded to the City of Fernley's letter concerning Donner Lake water. Rusty stated that he would like to visit with the City of Fernley regarding this issue. Several councilmen have indicated that they want to work with the District to make sure that no efforts are being conducted to undermine the efforts of the District to resolve pending legal issues. The Board provided the Bureau with the Executive Summary that the City of Fernley's letter was based on, for their information.

Rusty confirmed receipt of the Bureau's response to the City of Fernley's letter regarding ground water recharge. Kenneth would like to make sure that the District and the Bureau communicate after each of the meetings as we are attempting to send the same message.

Kenneth addressed today's agenda regarding transfer of title associated with the paid-out works of the Newland's Project. He suggested that he would like to make himself available to the District to assist with this moving forward as is related to what has and has not worked in the past, cost, timeframe, etc. There are a lot of environmental compliances that are very expensive and go along with title transfer. He is quit excited about the issue and would like to share in the information with the District.

Rusty sent a letter to Kenneth with regard to the District's duty to confine or contain waters outside of District easements. He does not believe this is the duty of the District. Under contract the District is not responsible to confine waters outside the District easements. This is in connection with the Hazen area where seeps are occurring 600-ft. down slope from the Truckee Canal. These seeps have been there since the beginning of the canal. The jurats on TCID maps are now containing a full page of disclaimers belying these types of issues from developing.

Kenneth informed that there is a Hazen water user who is continuing to pursue compensation for the loss of his peach trees. He is inundating the Bureau with a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. This information has been provided. **President Schank** suggested a review of the water user's records and usage for about the last four years.

4. **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Representative(s) - General Updates**

Not in attendance.

RECESS

A **motion** was made by **Director Dave Stix** to recess for a litigation session at 11:48 a.m. seconded by **Director Joe Gomes** and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration/Possible Action:

1. **Renewal of Cowboy Contract for Carson Lake Pasture – Norman Norcutt**

There was some discussion and concern that non-water right users are running livestock in the CLP. There are several of these individuals who are running under someone else's permit, as well. The Management Policy – Section D will be reviewed by the CLP committee and the policy committee then presented to the Board. The contract, which will be made part of the policy, will also be reviewed. In the past, there has been a waiting list to become a user of the CLP. This list has not been located. There needs to be an inventory receipt log of who's livestock is in the CLP, where they are located and how many of each that an individual has. This can also be used when livestock exits the CLP and money is paid for their stay.

The Board reviewed the Cowboy Contract and the responsibilities of the Pasture Manager with Norman Norcutt, current Pasture Manager.

The issue of the CLP Advisory Committee's request to the Bureau will be addressed again at the February 5, 2013 committee meeting.

A **motion** was made by **Director Dave Stix** to approve the Cowboy Contract as presented with Norman Norcutt to enforce the concerns of the Board with regard to the rules of the pasture and for those who have not paid but are running under someone else's permit, to pay their share in order to continue use the CLP seconded by **Director Bob Oakden**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

2. **RESOLUTION 2013-2 – Confirming the District General fee at \$4.00 per acre as authorized by NRS 539.480.**

TCID needs a good sufficient record of the formal actions providing for the District General.

TITLE: A Resolution confirming the levy of a District annual assessment (District General) on all lands in the District for 2013 and providing for other related matters.

The District proposes that the levy for calendar year 2013 be \$4.00 per acre on all the lands in the District for deposit in a capital improvement fund for construction, reconstruction or maintenance of the irrigation system of the District and any appurtenances necessary thereto. It also reconfirms that the Truckee Canal Safety Commission (TCSC) will continue to provide disbursement of the funds collected through the District General assessment as provided for by an earlier Resolution, except where the TCSC has previously determined uses to be made of all District General assessments.

A **motion** was made by **Director Dave Stix** to approve Resolution 2013-2 confirming the District General fee at \$4.00 per acre as authorized by NRS 539.480 as presented with \$3.00 ascribed for uses associated with the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of the Truckee Canal and \$1.00 ascribed for uses associated with the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of the Lewis Check Structure of the V-Line Canal along with seconded by **Director Bob Oakden**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Provision for Annual Report to the State Engineer as provided by NRS 539.205.**

Pursuant to the command of statute, the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (District) has a duty, (a)t least as often as once a year...(to) report to the State Engineer of the progress of the work of the District and whether or not the plan formulated under the provisions of this chapter is being successfully carried out, and whether or not in the opinion of the Board funds available will complete the proposed work.” (NRS 539.205(1)). This letter is intended to serve as our report for all such purposes; and the same is expressly intended as the product of the formal approval process, given in a public and open meeting had this day, by the Board of Directors for the District.

A **motion** was made by **Director Dave Stix** to approve the Annual Report to the State Engineer as provided for by NRS 539.205(1) as provided by the letter written by Rusty D. Jardine, District Manager seconded by **Director Joe Gomes**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Proposal for Trinity Internet Web Portal Interface Development – Phase I**

Mike Adams reported that in order to provide water users full access to their own data using a password, the District will need a web portal. This is part of Phase II of the current upgrade to the water program. Regarding security, there will be a firewall on the portal. Once information is queried and used by the water user, it is returned to the database. There is less chance of human error, as well. In order to make this work there will be an additional \$22,000 needed in the IT budget. **Director deBraga** asked what the savings would be to the District in the long run and would water cards still be sent out each month. Mike stated that the water card would not be necessary for those users who use the internet. For those who are not computer literate, a water card will still need to be produced and mailed to them. The new system will also speed up the production of the water cards and they will be received closer to the beginning of each month for those individuals. **Rusty** stated that the new program will assist in the improvement of the District’s record keeping processes. This will assist with the computation of incentive credits and many other facets of the reporting processes. The Bureau has placed the District on notice that it needs to do something different in terms of record keeping. **Rusty** asked how this integration process would advance the District’s efforts to have the best record keeping system possible. Mike stated that through the integration with the database the numbers moving back and forth will be non-corruptible. Computers rarely make mathematical errors. Accuracy and efficiency will be increased and immediate. There will be no purging of the system at the conclusion of each water season. **Director Olsen** does not believe the system will be able to pay for itself except for some staff labor in the office. The purpose is more accurate information to the Bureau and better service to our water users. The big question at this time is the budget and where will this fit. A plan needs to be in place and presented to the Board as to where this is going and when, so that the Board may plan ahead. **Rusty** believes that they should plan on \$30,000 annually to allow for completion of the entire process. Kenneth was asked if the District had had this in place previously, would we have received the incentive credits. He stated that, yes, if this had been in place in back in 2008-2010 and 2011, the District would have received incentive credits.

President Schank stated that the Board will expect a proposal from management as to where the money will come from within the budget before moving forward.

Kenneth Parr suggested that TCID apply for a grant from the Secure Water Act Grant Program for some funding.

5. **Engagement Letter for Audit Services – Kafoury Armstrong**

Laurel Jackson, Kafoury Armstrong Shareholder and Mary Cain, Senior Accountant gave a brief explanation of the letter as it relates to the District.

• **Approval/Denial of Annual Audit Report of 2011-2012 by Kafoury Armstrong**

This year with regards to payroll, the capital assets questions from last year were not an issue this year. There were eight audit adjustments made to the report. The compensated absence policies will be re-visited by the Board and make sure they are reflective of what the District's intent is and then that management follows those policies.

A **motion** was made by **Director Eric Olsen** to accept the Annual Audit Report of 2011-2012 by Kafoury Armstrong seconded by **Director Lester deBraga**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. **RESOLUTION 2013-3 – Seeking Transfer of Title Associated with the Paid-Out Works of the Newlands Project and Authorization to Direct Correspondence Relating to such Transfer to Local, State and Federal Officials Seeking Support for such a Transfer and Funding Assistance Relating to the same**

This item will be tabled until a later date.

7. **Letter to Assemblyman Tom Grady encouraging submission of bill draft request providing revisions to Chapter 539 (Irrigation Districts) of the Nevada Revised Statutes**

The Board reviewed a letter written by Rusty to Assemblyman Tom Grady to consider bill drafts addressing concerns in regulating the planning process to include a review by the District when the District's structures and facilities are going to be implicated in the planning process. He recommends receiving the power in this connection the same that would be dealt with regularly by a planning commission. He also ask for them to take, as discussed in other contexts, a look at Chapter 41, governing liability and governmental immunity and property that are subject to the enforcement of judgment. Also attached is a provision about raising the District's ability to incur debt up to a higher level. Should any Board member have questions, please address those with Rusty.

A **motion** was made by **Director Bob Oakden** authorizing Rusty Jardine to send the letter to Assemblyman Tom Grady and Member of the Nevada Senate, James Settlemyer, seconded by **Director Dave Stix**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

RECESS

A **motion** was made by **Director Dave Stix** to go into recess at 11:50 a.m. seconded by **Director Joe Gomes**, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Consideration/Possible Action: Director’s Compensation

Ernest C. Schank	120.00
Dave Stix	274.00
Bob Oakden	120.00
Lester deBraga	110.00
Eric Olsen	110.00
Joe Gomes	0.00
Wade Workman	80.00

A **motion** was made by **Director Eric Olsen** to approve payment of the Directors Compensation for the month of December, 2012 seconded by **Director Wade Workman**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Prior Meeting(s) Minutes

A **motion** was made by **Director Lester deBraga** to approve the minutes for December 7, 2012 seconded by **Director Bob Oakden**, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. O&M Committee Recommendations

Bob Oakden, Acting Committee Chair Reported

USFWS was represented by Nancy Hoffman. Nancy asked about Schaufner Drain and when it would be ready to conduct test runs of water from the treatment plant to the refuge using the new structure in the D Line constructed for that purpose. Walter stated that the drain should be ready in 60 days or by the end of February.

<p>1. <u>Review Accident/Incident Reports and Damage Claims</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Board Action Required.</p> <p>Board Action Required. The committee feels that because of the extent of Gino’s request the Board of Directors need to approve any further</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Mackie did not attend. The District received a claim for almost \$4 million dollars from Mr. Mackie, last month. He is claiming the loss of his peach tree orchard because he did not receive any water during the water season. The committee questions the claim because he didn’t order any water during the water season. • Gino Borges was present to answer questions of the committee regarding his request that the seeps that are causing damage to his property be repaired by the District. The water that is coming from the Truckee canal is ponding in various
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<p>work requested by Gino Borges or at the very least be informed about his request. After looking at the property in the field the committee felt that it would be best to monitor the place till spring but at the same time to be ready to act if necessary. Gino is not willing to pay anything to pipe the ditch as he feels it is not his responsibility but the District's to allow him to get back the use of his basement.</p>	<p>locations on Gino's farm. The District has installed French drains to allow the water to drain off his property. This has greatly reduced the water that was accumulating in his stack yard. He is asking that a private ditch be piped as it is collecting ground water. When he irrigates the ground water fills the cellar in a house that is next to the ditch. He believes that it is the responsibility of the District to make his farm operational as it is the water seeping from the Truckee Canal that is the source of his problems. Walter reported that the District has already spent \$26,000 in materials, labor and equipment to move the water off his property. There is still more water present, more than the District has experienced before. Gino would like to see all the extra water moved off his property. He stated that it would be much easier and less expensive to work with him rather than resorting to legal remedies.</p>
<p>2. <u>Review Conservation Work Orders Balance Sheets for November 2012</u></p> <p>No Board Action Required.</p>	<p>The committee reviewed the Conservation Work Orders report for the month of November. It was reported that out of the annual budget of \$28,0117, \$50,954 has been expended, or 18.19% of the budget has been used, leaving a balance of \$229,163.</p>
<p>3. <u>Public Relations Committee to Consider Corn World in Mobile Museum - Marshall Brown</u></p> <p>Public Relations Committee Agenda was combined with O&M Committee please refer to minutes of Public Relations Committee for this item.</p>	<p>Marshall Brown was present to obtain the endorsement of the committee to combine Corn World and the Mobile Museum. Walter explained how the museum is used currently and that it would be beneficial to the District to have the museum out as much as possible. With the inclusion of Corn World in the trailer it would put the museum out and about as much as Mr. Brown wants. Mr. Brown is passionate about educating Nevada youth about agriculture. His Corn World is very interactive and by placing it in the museum the Newlands Project becomes part of Corn World. Ernie expressed concern that there may not be enough room in the museum for both Corn World and the story of the Newlands Project. Mr. Brown has a current CDL and can drive the museum anywhere. Walter felt that it was good that a drive would not be needed to move the museum but there is still the issue of a truck to pull it. The District does not have a spare truck. Davy stated that Stix Ranch does have a spare truck that could be available.</p> <p>Mr. Brown was told that the museum needs tires and an estimate was obtained for about \$2,400 and the paint needed would cost about \$1,300.</p> <p>Rusty felt that there should be a signed agreement between the District and Marshall Brown. Ernie stated that grant money may be available from the Nevada Ag Foundation.</p>

<p>4. <u>Review Variance on Consolidation of Water Delivery Policy – Ernie Schank</u></p> <p>Board Action Required - A <u>motion</u> was made by Bob Oakden to recommend to the Board the approval of the variance that Ernie Schank is requesting to the Consolidation of Water Policy. Walter Winder seconded the motion. There was no public comment when requested and the motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Board Action Taken: A <u>motion</u> was made by Director Bob Oakden to approve the variance to the requested by Ernie Schank to the Consolidation of Water Policy for .3 acres for Donald Schank seconded by Lester deBraga, board requested public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.</p>	<p>Ernie Schank was present to explain the reason he was requesting a variance to the new Farm Unit Policy now called the Consolidation of Water Delivery Policy. There is a small pieces of property about .3 acres, owned by Ernie’s brother Donald, that is irrigated when Ernie irrigates his field because the small piece is a small corner of a check in the large field owned by Ernie. It would be inefficient to irrigate the small piece owned by another person separately from the large field.</p>
<p>5. <u>Review Plan to move R2 Lateral & Easement – Scott Nygren</u></p> <p>No Board Action Taken.</p>	<p>Scott Nygren was present to explain to the committee what he wanted to do. He is working with NRCS to level his fields and at the same time combine them into one big field to be most efficient. However, the R2 cuts across one corner of his property and separates the fields. NRCS felt that if he could include the relocation of the R2 to the border of the field, in his plan that would make one large field possible. NRCS recommended that he seek the permission of TCID to proceed. However, the committee pointed out that the facilities and easements were not owned by the District but the United States, so he would have to submit an application to Reclamation to move the R2.</p>
<p>6. <u>Review Gate replacement on the Truckee Canal</u></p> <p>No Board Action Required – Walter Winder motioned to replace the manual gates, in a variance to District policy, on the Truckee Canal. Joe Gomes seconded the motion. There was public comment when requested and the motion was unanimously approved. Rod Windle requested that more signs be put on the easements to let people know that use of the O&M roads is only by authorized personnel. Roy asked who owns what and specifically Westerlund Road. He stated that the easements in Fernley are a mess.</p>	<p>Walter asked that the committee make a recommendation to the Board to replace the gates that were removed as part of the conduit construction project. These are the gates that were permitted to restrict access by the public to the O&M roads along the Truckee Canal. Ernie stated, not as a member of the committee, that if the District does replace the gates on the Truckee Canal it should be noted that it would be as a variance to the policy that the District is not responsible for the replacement of private structures placed on or in the easements of Project facilities.</p>

<p>7. <u>Review Suction Lines off Truckee Canal</u></p> <p>No Board Action Required</p>	<p>Walter stated that Reclamation has approved a design for the installation and replacement of suction lines on the embankment of the Truckee Canal for pumps. He stated that it would cost about \$250 per pipe to replace the pipes that were taken out. Ernie felt that there should be a policy regarding pumps off canals. There are questions that need to be answered such as: Who is going to maintain the meter, which is going to pay for the installation of the pipe and meter. The meters could be paid for under conservation. Maybe there could be some kind of cost sharing that could be added to the O&M fees in easy installments. This has been added to the Agenda of the Policy Committee.</p>
<p>8. <u>Review Plan to Pipe Harmon "1" Extension Drain – Frank Soares</u></p> <p>No Board Action Required</p>	<p>Frank Soares was present to discuss his issue with the drain known as the Harmon "1" Extension Drain. He has been working with NRCS to pipe the drain, but NRCS has run out of money. Walter pointed out that the maintenance on the drain to clean it would pay for the District to pipe it in a short amount of time. He believes that the District should support drain piping projects and help Mr. Soares anyway we can.</p>
<p>9. <u>Other Matters that May Arise</u></p> <p>Board Action Required - Joe Gomes <u>motioned</u> to recommend to the Board to approve shutting down the Truckee Canal for one week in February to plug rodent holes. Bob Oakden <u>seconded</u> the motion and it was approved by all. There was no public comment when solicited.</p>	<p>Walter asked the committee to shut down the Truckee Canal for about a week to conduct rodent hole maintenance. He would like to shut down on a Friday and put people in the canal on Monday to mark and fill the holes. The water would be turned back on that week when the holes were filled.</p>
<p><u>Related Matters</u></p> <p>Davy asked about the Jackson Ranch property. Pete stated that Reclamation has approved the release of the easement back in 2005. There had been a hearing and the District approved the release of the easement as well even though Richard Jackson had sent a letter protesting the release. Davy asked how a person can get water to their water righted property. Pete stated that the water right owner would have to be negotiated with the property owner that the abandoned ditch resides on. He thought that it was owned by a bank.</p> <p>Rusty read a letter from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe announcing the results of their elections.</p> <p><u>In the Field</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee went into the field to view the issues regarding the Gino Borges's damage claim. The committee walked Gino's property and noticed that there was water flowing, like a creek from the direction of the Truckee Canal. The French drain is working as there is no more standing water in the area of the stack yard. There was water standing in a ditch that Gino would like piped so that he can irrigate without filling his cellar. He claims there are health issues because of the mold and a hazard because there is power in the cellar and electricity and water do not mix. He has to pump out the cellar when he irrigates. 	

- **Carson Lake Pasture**
Paula will locate the old TCID CPL Application Agreements for the committee to review. A meeting will be held regarding policy and presented to the Policy Committee.
- **Policy Committee**
A meeting will be held prior to the February, 2013 Board meeting.
- **Public Relations Committee**
Rusty has requested money from the Ag Foundation in order to renovate the mobile museum in the amount of \$4,000. He will report back to the Board.
- **Truckee Canal Safety Commission**
A meeting will be requested with an action item on the agenda regarding the stock line connectors. A tour may also be set up so the commission can see what the District has done with the rehabilitation project.

ADJOURN

A **motion** was made by **Director Dave Stix** to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. seconded by **Director Bob Oakden**, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ernie Schank, President

Bob Oakden, Secretary

February 7, 2013
Date