

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Session Committee Meeting  
September 21, 2023**

The Committee Members of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Committee 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 **Thursday, September 21, 2023** at 9:00 a.m.

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Present:	David Stix, Jr.	Chairman
	Robert Oakden	Vice-Chairman
	Joseph Gomes	Committee Member
	Ben Shawcroft	General Manager/Committee Member
	Cody Biggs	Const. & Maint. Mgr/Committee Member
	Kelly Herwick	District Water Master/Committee Member
Others Present:	Helen-Marie Morrow	Finance Manager
	Ariel Tomb	Clerical Assistant

Teleconference/Zoom Guests	Representing
None	

In-Person Guests	Representing
Robert Owen	Bureau of Reclamation
Leanna Hale	Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe
David Serrahn	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**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Stix.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Member Biggs.
3. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**  
**A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Oakden to approve the September 21, 2023 O&M Committee Meeting Agenda, seconded by Committee Member Gomes, request for comment, and the motion was unanimously approved.**
4. **Public Comment**  
No public comment.

5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

No miscellaneous correspondence.

6. **General Manager & Staff Reports**

• **Ben Shawcroft, General Manager**

Shawcroft had no report.

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

Biggs reported his crew is working in the Truckee Division to prepare for their season. While the Canal is off, he is completing an RO&M at Painted Rock which consists of a liner repair. In the Carson Division, he has crews working on trouble calls as they come in.

• **Mark Solinski, Hydroelectric Manager**

Solinski was not present to report.

• **Kelly Herwick, District Water Master**

Herwick arrived after staff reports were completed.

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

Adams was not present to report.

7. **Damage Claims Submitted**

• **23-001 Deanna Buff**

*Damage Claim in the amount of \$55,000.00 for damage caused by a tree falling on their home and property.*

This discussion was tabled as no information has been received from the insurance company.

• **23-003 Benjamin Tejada**

*Damage Claim in the amount of \$11,180.00 for flood damage to his property at 4411 Bourbon Street, Fallon, Nevada.*

This discussion was tabled as the claimant was not present to answer questions.

• **23-004 David Serrahn**

*Damage Claim in the amount of \$1,500.80 as compensation for water charged to his serial number during water year 2022 that was not received.*

David Serrahn provided an overview of his claim to the Committee; he submitted three (3) adjustment requests during water year 2022. His reason for submitting adjustment requests was that the CFS charged was more than his ditch could carry without overtopping. One request was approved, the other two (2) were denied. Mr. Serrahn's argument is that each request was exactly the same and it is illogical to grant one but not the others. He also

argues that because he was shorted water, he had to purchase additional water to irrigate his field. That is the basis of his request for compensation.

District Water Master Herwick commented on the adjustment process last season. Mr. Serrahn's subdivision takeout is directly below a meter, and as his property is in a subdivision the time charged is for the subdivision as a whole. Mr. Serrahn argued that the meter was incorrect as the amount of water charged would overtop the ditch.

The Committee has no history of granting financial compensation for denied adjustment requests in the past and is concerned that granting one now could set a precedent.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to deny Damage Claim 23-004, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

Mr. Serrahn informed the Committee that he was going to take some time to consider whether or not he intended to appeal the Committee's decision. He will be in contact within the week to communicate his decision.

8. **Incidents & Accidents**  
No incidents or accidents reported.
9. **New Applications Received**  
No new applications received.
10. **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Representative(s)**  
Bethany Chagnon, Deputy Project Leader – Stillwater Wildlife Refuge, reported their crew is working on a major roadwork project.
11. **Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Representative(s)**  
Leanna Hale, Land and Water Director, reported that there is a section on the R11 that needs the weeds cleared out. Water orders are starting to slow down.
12. **Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) Representative(s)**  
No representative was present to report.
13. **Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Representative(s)**  
No representative was present to report.
14. **Bureau of Reclamation Representative(s)**  
Robert Owen, Bureau of Reclamation, reported that his office is dealing with post flood operations. The 3-year RO&M Inspection is scheduled for February 2024. The Tribe's S7-3 Lateral Project is being finalized.
15. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of O&M Committee Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023 conducted at the District office, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon Nevada.

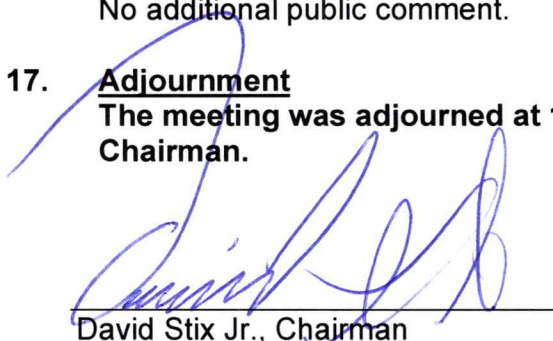
**A motion was made by Committee Member Gomes to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Oakden, request for comment and the motion was unanimously approved.**

**16. Additional Period of Public Comment**

No additional public comment.

**17. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. subject to the call of the Committee Chairman.**



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David Stix Jr., Chairman

10/19/2023  
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