

**TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
O & M COMMITTEE**

2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada

April 26, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Ray Peterson  
Richard Harriman  
Kate Rutan

Jerry Blodgett  
Dave Overvold  
Walter Winder

1. **Review Accident Incident Reports and Damage Claims**

The Incident report from Mike Landry on 4/24/07 when the head from the G Line was turned down the A Line without checking the canal or notifying the next person scheduled for water. The A Line was boarded up and the water went over the bank flooding Mr. Dale Smith's stack yard. Mr. Landry was written up for 1) Not checking the ditch; 2) Sending a head of water to a drain; 3) Not notifying the water user.

Incident report from Matt Maguire on 4/11/07 regarding the loss of his calculator in the S12.

Damage Claim made by Dale Smith for \$793.80. Damage was done on 4/24/07 when the above mentioned incident reported by Mike Landry flooded his stack yard. Mr. Smith claims that the bottom 126 bales were soaked. Mr. Smith states that bales have averaged 105 lbs. that would mean a loss of 6.615 tons. They sell for \$120 per ton, this totals \$793.80. A motion was made by Richard Harriman to authorize Dave Overvold to pay the damage claim of \$793.80 to Dale Smith, was seconded by Jerry Blodgett and approved by all present.

No Board action required.

2. **Review O&M Matters with United States Fish & Wildlife Service**

Mike Goddard is present representing the USFWS and their plans to close a drain off Hunter Rd. Dave told him to fill out an application and told him about the process. Mr. Goddard then explained his plans to use a portion of the S Line as habitat for the water fowl. They have installed one gate and intend to put another at the other end of the S Line to restrict access on the easement so as not to disturb the wildlife. Access for maintenance would be permitted with permission from the USFWS as the gates would be locked and we would not have a key. Walter and Dave explained that it is the policy of District to not allow gates across easements. The S Line is still an active lateral and the ditchriders need to be able to travel the easement and should on a regular basis to keep an eye on potential problems. Also, roads that are well traveled do not have a big problem with rodent holes that cause failure in ditch banks. Mr. Goddard felt that the District did not have an easement on the S Line because the Government owns the property and therefore the easement. Dave disagreed and stated that the gates would

have to have board approval.

The committee does not recommend approval of the gates on the easement. Dave will write a letter to the BOR to get clarification about easements on Government property as well as the USFWS's plans to make a portion of the S Line a protected habitat for water fowl.

3. **Review Drain on Dale Smith Property**

Mr. Dale Smith was present to ask the committee to clean the drain that is on his property. The drain has no name and is believed to be a private drain. Mr. Smith believes that Bud Ernst had TCID put the drain in but there is no easement and it is not part of District facilities. Mr. Harriman suggested we contact Mr. Ernst to find out who dug the drain. Dave suggested that the drain be piped as the soil is such that the sides of the drain would be constantly sloughing into the drain and maintenance would be costly. Walter will do a cost estimate for the pipe and try and persuade Mr. Smith that to pipe the drain would be the best solution. Mr. Smith would also have to deed an easement to the District.

No Board action is required at this time.

4. **Wasting Water on the Perry Subdivision – Dennis Zubieta**

Mr. Zubieta was present to explain to the committee the problems he is having with three people that water in his subdivision. Mr. Zubieta has called and talked to Jerry Blodgett the Board Director that represents the Fernley area and Jerry agrees with Mr. Zubieta that the wasting of water is a serious problem and will not be tolerated. One of the subdivision members used water for 5 hours and flooding on Clover Lane as well as other properties in the subdivision. Mr. Zubieta says that communication with the individuals in the subdivision is impossible and is asking the committee to send something to the three individuals to reform their water wasting ways. Dave will send a letter to them and a copy to Mr. Zubieta.

No Board action required.

5. **Review Application for Pumping Basin on River – Mark Hyde**

Mr. Hyde has been pumping out of the river since he moved there and only recently realized that a permit to pump is required. He has talked to Walter and has plans to build a pumping basin similar to the one done by Bruce Lewis. He has obtained a permit from Joanne Luiz to pump until he can go through the process of transferring water rights. The committee stated that he will need a meter on the pump and must monitor the amount of water that is being used.

No Board action required.

6. **Review New Takeout on the T12 for the Golf Course – Steve Biddenger**

Mr. Biddenger talked to Walter about TCID installing a new takeout off the T12. The

original plan was to pump out of the drain into one of their ponds and from there they would sprinkle the golf course. The committee thought that there was some plan for the golf course to use the effluent from Churchill County's Water Treatment Plant part of which is being installed next to the golf course. Dave said that before anything can be done it must be determined if they have any water rights. They would also have to go through the process and order water when they wanted to use the takeout and install a flow meter.

No Board action required.

7. **Review Request for a Variance of Subdivision Policy – Steele/Wadsworth**

A request from Jennifer Steel for an extension of the Subdivision Policy that requires irrigated land that is subdivided be piped. Her request states that the property that has been subdivided is in production and leased to Wadsworth. It would cause a hardship to Wadsworth to install an irrigation system across his planted field. The Steele's would like an extension of one year.

The committee recommends that the board approve a motion to allow the Steele's a one year extension to the Subdivision Policy that requires subdivided property to install a piped or concrete irrigation system.

8. **Review Bridge off Miller Lane**

There is a bridge off Miller that is a crossing for the TC-4. The property is owned by Randall Miller and the bridge is in danger of falling into the TC-4 and obstructing the flow of water in the TC-4. Mr. Miller and Walter are to get together on Friday and discuss Mr. Miller's options. Walter would like to pipe the TC-4 on the portion that crosses the Miller's property and the other options are a box culvert or remove the old bridge.

No Board action required.

**Related Matters**

9. **Gates on the Truckee Canal**

There has been increased interest shown by the residents that live on the Truckee Canal to install gates. Mr. Scott Dalton brought in two applications for gates one for each end between two takouts of the Truckee Canal. They would like to prevent traffic that is using the easement to gain access to BLM land where they ride their motorcycles and quads. The committee is sympathetic to the concerns of the property owners but does not want to see gates on easements. As a solution Walter was asked to investigate the cost of an automatic gate. One that interested property owners could install at their own cost and could be operated by District employees.

The committee recommends that the Board consider the option of automatic gates on the easements for individuals wanting gates on their property.

10. **Review Hickcox Field Owned by Hammond**

Mr. Dalton Lowery removed a pipe that was plugged up with sand and debris and being used to drain a field. The blocked pipe was causing flooding into residential area of a neighbor. The committee looked at the area in question after lunch. Dave would like to see a new pipe put in that would drain the field into a drain area instead of the field next to the residence. There is still some question regarding the ownership of the drain pipe that was removed and if TCID will replace it.

No Board action required.

**In the Field**

The first stop was to check the Hickcox place and the pipe.

The committee drove by a bridge on Strasdin that is too low.

Checked out the A4 there is a weak bank on the far side and the liner needs to be replaced. When that is done a ramp flume will be put in.

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Ray Peterson, Chairman

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