

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

2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada

July 27, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Ray Peterson
Richard Harriman
Walter Winder

Jerry Blodgett
Kate Rutan
Dave Overvold

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

There were no damage claims this month. The following incidents were reported.

An incident of a wash-in from the A11 into the A Line was reported by Walter on 7/19/07. The A11 headworks was probably opened more to provide a larger head to user. No reportable damage, however the O&M crew had to move a lot of dirt to plug the very big hole.

An incident reported by Walter that happened 7/17/07 when John Baker reported that Kenny and Tammy Lee were getting flooded. Walter checked it out and found that water was going around and threw the closed yellow jack gate. The gate in question is not part of District facilities and private. No reportable damage.

An incident was reported by David Watkins on 7/13/07 when his truck tire dropped into a hole and damage was sustained on the right rear fender when it hit a concrete wall.

No Board action required.

2. **Review Claim made by Doug Koepke**

Mr. Doug Koepke was present and stated that his life has taken a turn for the worse since the District cleaned the Drain that borders his property. He has reported to the newspaper that he has West Nile Virus and blames the District because of the standing water that is now in the drain. The culvert on Boyer Lane is now higher than the invert of the drain so the drain water does not flow. The District has gone out to the culvert and cleaned it of weeds and debris at the request of Mr. Koepke to insure that water will flow if it gets high enough. Mr. Koepke asked the committee to fill the drain that is on his property level with the height of the culvert so that there is no more standing water. He stated that he would like a letter stating that the District will comply with his request within 10 days of the approval of the Board of Directors. The committee is concerned that there will be more requests to make drain water flow rather than sit. Dave stated that Mr. Koepke's area is different as his property is on the very beginning of a drain and not very long.

The committee recommends that the Board approve Mr. Koepke's request.

3. **Review Gate Application on Truckee Canal – Scott Dalton**

Mr. Scott Dalton and Mr. Dwight Orton were present to answer any questions that the committee may have about the gate application. Mr. Dalton stated that although the automatic gate that was installed on the West end of the Truckee Canal is very nice he does not think that his neighbors can afford that type of gate. He would like to install two manual gates about 14 feet in width as the canal bank is very narrow there. He will keep the gates open during the irrigation season and farm lock on the gate during the off season. The residents that live on the Truckee Canal in that area are very concerned about the motor traffic that uses the canal to access the BLM land. They speed and Mr. Dalton fears that one will sooner or later not be able to negotiate a jog in the narrow dirt road and end up in the canal. He has talked to the motorcyclists that use the road and they are under the impression that the canal road is a public road. No amount of talking will change their minds. Mr. Dalton believes that a gate with signs will make the point and greatly reduce the traffic.

The committee recommends that the Board approve the installation of two gates on the Truckee Canal as indicated on the attached map.

4. **Review Temporary T-13 Crossing – Shaw Engineering**

The T-13 crossing was approved for box culvert crossing at the July 7th Board meeting. However, the County had already bid the contract with a culvert crossing. The County approached Dave Overvold and asked permission to install a culvert as originally planned on a temporary basis. The request was put on the O&M Committee Agenda so that the committee could make their recommendations.

The Committee recommends the Board approve the installation of a temporary culvert instead of the box culvert approved at the last board meeting.

5. **Review Southwest Gas Easement Encroachment on Mesa Drive – Fernley Water Treatment Plant**

This was put on the Agenda for information only. The Bureau has not approved this encroachment due to issues with the Tribe protesting the treatment plant. The approval of this crossing is caught in bureaucratic red tape. This also affects the crossing that the City of Fernley applied for on Mesa Drive across the TC-1.

No Board action required.

6. **Review Extension of Permit for Southwest Gas #'s 06-022 and 06-024**

Southwest Gas asked the District for an extension of the above permits because they have not completed the projects but have plans to do so within the next year.

The committee approved the extension of the two permits till August 2008.

No Board action required.

7. **Review Release and Fill of the TC-T39 – Lumos for Fernley School District**

The Bureau has asked the District to plug the TC-T39 and then fill the depression that was a ditch. This was requested in the RO&M item number 06-3H. Q&D Construction submitted a plan recently with the installation of an 18” water main to the Fernley School District that asks for a permit to cross this ditch by boring underneath it. Walter consulted with the Construction people and they agreed to plug and fill in the takeout and fill in the ditch rather than bore under it.

Richard made a motion to recommend to the Board to approve the plugging and filling of the TC-T39 and notice the water users that are affected. It was seconded by Jerry and approved by all present.

8. **Review Proposal for Operators at Derby Spill**

The District put together a proposal and submitted it to the Bureau through Mr. Jim Lively. Walter would like to cost share on a project to replace the Operators at the Derby Spill with the District doing the labor and the Bureau paying for the materials.

No Board action required.

9. **Review Method of Charging Water at G-T4**

Dave has received a letter from Ms. Ure, legal council for Carlon Dodge, regarding this agenda item. She stated that Mr. Dodge was not ready to defend himself on this change for the G-T4 and asked that no action be taken. Dave sent a letter to Mr. Dodge and told him that the changes were going to be made to the water charging at the G-T4. After receiving the letter Mr. Dodge wanted to appeal the decision. Dave suggested he could do that before the O&M Committee.

No action was taken on this matter except to put it on the next O&M Committee Agenda.

No Board action required.

The committee meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Ray Peterson, Chairman

Date

