

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

2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada
March 29, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Ray Peterson
Richard Harriman
Kate Rutan

Walter Winder
Dave Overvold

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

The first to be reviewed was an email received 3/19/07 from Walt Mandeville regarding a bridge on the A15 that was damaged last water season and may be in danger of failing. The committee looked at the bridge in the field and will make some repairs to the structure to prevent it from becoming an obstruction to water delivery. A letter will be written to Mr. Mandeville telling him what TCID will do and that the crossing is not the responsibility of TCID to maintain.

Incident report from Lenny Pendergrass on 3/5/07 regarding damage to the tail light on truck #72 while burning weeds.

Damage Claim made by Kris Urquhart for \$608.14. Damage was done on 3/14/07 when a fire flared up after burning on the L-Line. The fire department was called and a fence was damaged by the fire and came within 10-15 feet of the home of Mr. Urquhart. A motion was made by Richard Harriman to authorize Dave Overvold to pay the damage claim of \$608.14 to Kris Urquhart, was seconded by Jerry Blodgett and approved by all present.

Incident report made by Brian Baley when some trees were burned while burning the N-T16. Mr. Fugundes is the property owner and filed no Damage Claim.

Reviewed incident reported by Brian Baley when a gate at Diversion Dam broke loose, fell and cracked while lowering. Mr. Pendergrass was manually lowering the gate on 3/12/07.

No Board action required.

2. **Review City of Fernley Water Treatment Plans**

Dave reviewed the plans for a crossing to be done on the TC1 for the City of Fernley's Water Treatment Plant's access road. He has been in contact with the engineering firm to request that the easement shown on their drawing be corrected to follow the lateral and that the bottom of the invert will be determined by TCID rather than matching the existing flow line of the ditch as depicted on drawing C-13.

No Board Action Required as an application has not been submitted as of the date of this meeting.

3. **Review Watson-Kelsey Controversy regarding Easement on N3 Lateral**

Mr. Kelsey was present to explain what he needed from the District in court case with Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson has fenced off an access road that Mr. Kelsey has used in the past to move his equipment across the N3 Lateral to his field. What he has asked the Committee for is a letter that confirms that the access road along the section line that borders the south side of his property has been in use since before 1971. The judge allowed Mr. Watson to put a locked gate across this roadway. Mr. Watson has also denied Mr. Kelsey access to his property by way of the easement on the N3 Lateral.

The committee visited the site in the field and decided that the letter that Mr. Kelsey has requested be put on the agenda for the next Board of Directors meeting being held April 9, 2007. They believe that Lyman should compose the letter. This is on the agenda for 2:00 pm.

4. **Review Phase 2 – Crossing on LD Drain - Alegre**

The committee reviewed an application by Darrin and Misty Alegre to put a crossing on the LD Drain.

No Board action required.

5. **Review Application for Variance of TCID Easement – Heller Development**

Ms. Ester Valladeres was present to explain what she would like from the District. She would like to reduce the set back on our easement for the piped section of TC5-3. There is no house on lot 39 now. Dave and Walter went to Fernley and looked at the site. It is their determination that the pipeline would run under a corner of the house that is planned for that lot so that house plan would not work for that lot. TCID will not change the setback for their easement. The other lot does not affect any TCID easements.

No Board action required.

6. **Review Notice of Repair - Clyburn**

On March 22nd a Notice of Repair was mailed to Ellen Clyburn regarding a ditch that crossed her property that was in need of repair and cleaning. Dave had been in contact with Mert Mickleson who had reported the problem to TCID. He has since reported that the ditch bank that had eroded to the point of causing flooding to adjacent property had been fixed.

No Board action required.

7. **Review A8 Release of Easement**

Walter explained to the committee his intentions to release the easement of the A8 due

to our inability to access the lateral for maintenance and the inefficient delivery of water that it provides. Because the ditch is private and TCID would like to improve their facilities both the affected property owners and TCID would have to share in the costs of construction. Walter will collect the needed information such as costs and elevations before submitting to the Board for approval.

No Board action required.

8. **Field Review of Traveling Screens**

The committee visited the 26 Foot Drop Power Plant to check out the operation of the new traveling screens installed to remove trash and moss. In the past the moss removal took many man hours and reduced the efficiency of power production. The screens were purchased to remove the moss without manual labor and work 24/7 which will improve power production.

Related Matters

9. **Gates on the Truckee Canal**

There has been a lot of interest lately and in the past about putting gates across our easements on the Truckee Canal and in other areas. There is a different form for gates and fences as well as an Inspection Fee of \$110.00. The process is the same for gates and fences as crossings and other changes to District Facilities. All changes must go before the O&M Committee.

The committee recommends that each gate and fence be evaluated separately but discouraged if at all possible. All gates on TCID easements must be left open during the water season. No Board action required.

10. **Review Application of Southwest Gas to Place Gas Line in Easement**

Southwest Gas submitted an application to install a gas line along Regan Place then east within the easement of the south side of the S-Line to Hwy. 95A. BC called from the BOR and questioned the wording used in the application "within the 5' PUE of the TCID right-of-way". BC does not believe that there is a 5' PUE inside the easement of the S-Line. The committee agrees with the BOR's interpretation that Southwest Gas is in error if they believe that there is a five foot public utility easement inside of the S-Lines easement. When a permit is issued TCID will clarify that with Southwest Gas.

No Board action required.

In the Field

The first stop was to check the completed project at Charlie Frey's ranch. A manhole was installed and a drain was piped. The project was complete and the area was as neat as a pin.

The committee drove by the bridge that was reported damaged by Walt Mandeville while they were in the area. Walter plans should prevent any further erosion of the area.

The third stop was to the traveling screens on the 26 Foot Drop.

The next stop was to look at an area off of Roberson where a person applied to put up a gate several years ago. Dave asked that a letter be sent to the individual denying the gate because the application has expired and he doesn't want a gate to be put there.

The committee went to Mr. Kelsey's property and had a look at the area in controversy.

Then the committee went to the N-Line area off Brush Garden to check the easement that Howard King reported had two gates. The committee asked that a letter be written to the property owner asking them to remove the unauthorized gates or make an application and follow the process. A pump was also noticed in the N-Line at the residence.

Dave wanted the committee to see the seep that is ongoing above the New Lahontan Power Plant. It has been unofficially called the Soggy Mountain Seep. The area is too wet to attempt any repairs at this time. When the area dries out the O&M crew will make a cut across the hill to redirect the water into the river below.

The last stop was the Carson Diversion Dam to see how the water was collecting after the sand removal that was done earlier. Also checked the gates to see how much they were leaking.

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Ray Peterson, Chairman

Date