

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the
TRUCKEE-CARSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Special Session
February 28, 2007
1:30p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District, in the Counties of Churchill and Lyon, State of Nevada, met in special session at the offices of the District, 2666 Harrigan Road, Fallon, Nevada on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

President, Ernest C. Schank called the meeting to order at 1:43p.m. in compliance with NRS Chapter 241. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum:

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| Present: | Ernest C. Schank | President |
| | Richard Harriman | Vice-President |
| | Ray Peterson | Secretary |
| | Jerry Blodgett | Director |
| | Larry Miller | Director |
| | Lester deBraga | Director |
| Others Present: | Dave Overvold | Project Manager |
| | Lyman McConnell | Legal Counsel |

Bureau of Reclamation – Presentation For RMP (Resource Management Plan)

Attending for the Bureau of Reclamation were:

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| Elizabeth Rieke | Area Manager |
| Jim Lively | Engineer |
| Carol Grenier | Acting Fallon Field Office Manager |
| Kenneth Parr | Acting Deputy Area Manager |
| Terry Edwards | Repayment Specialist |

Terry Edwards presented the RMP to the Board. She provided each of the Board members with a copy of her power point presentation and reviewed each of the following steps in the RMP:

- Identification of issues, opportunities, and constraints;
- Development of planning criteria;
- Inventory data and information collection;
- Analysis of resources and management framework;
- Formulation of alternatives;
- Evaluation of alternatives;
- Selection of preferred alternative(s);
- Preparation of a final RMP and NEPA document;
- Implementation and monitoring of RMP

This is the first RMP presented by the Bureau and will result in Bureau standard operating procedure. The purpose of an RMP is to identify where you want to be in the future and how to go about getting there. The plan will be able to be re-evaluated when needed within a 10-year planning period. The plan will lead to certain management actions, changes in or new partnerships. It will affect land, land management, water, recreation visual, natural and cultural

resources. There will also be a monitoring program so that it will be obvious when certain goals have been met. There is public involvement evidenced by both federal and state agency meetings with the public.

Terry has chosen to do a planning process prior to doing NEPA because the Bureau wants to make sure they understand what the issues are and how to plan for those things without getting NEPA involved at this point in the process. Once a planning process has been done and alternatives developed then the NEPA process would be done. The difference between the RMP and NEPA process is that the RMP is looking at all the resources and is the preferred alternative and NEPA is looking at the impact to those resources and the impacts of different alternatives. The RMP is a planning document and NEPA is a public disclosure process. Terry also explained that the RMP has only to do with lands have nothing to do with facility management.

As far as a timeline, Terry Edwards indicated, that she would like to see alternatives to the RMP developed before the end of the year and then next year evaluate those alternatives and begin the NEPA.

Kenneth Parr has agreed to provide the Board with samples of other project's RMPs for comparison. The first step will be to identify lands involved in the study and a Geographical Information System (GIS) map will be produced. It was decided that Dave Overvold would be the District's point of contact with the Bureau.

Management Meeting and Review of Carson Lake Pasture Grazing Agreement

These agenda items will be discussed consecutively. The first item Betsy Rieke reviewed with the group was the Carson Lake Pasture grazing agreement. Betsy indicated that all revenues in Subsection I go straight to the Sacramento Bureau office. She stressed that any revenues from the use of TCID property for grazing purposes goes to Sacramento.

Dave Overvold, Project Manager, recommended that the District sign the current contract that has been proposed to TCID. Lyman McConnell, Legal Counsel, suggested that the credits or revenue be in accordance with the agreement currently in effect. He recommended not signing the agreement until this issue is made clear.

Betsy recommended that a letter be written to Kirk in the Bureau of Reclamation's Sacramento office by Dave Overvold expressing the urgency of grazing and the completion of a grazing contract to the area. Dave agreed.

Jamie Mills, NWPA, came up with an idea of putting together a cattlemen's association that would then lease the land from the Bureau for one lump sum with that sum going to Subsection I and the cattlemen's association using the remainder of the funds for operations.

Kenneth Parr told the Board that the Bureau had sent the proposed lease to them for comments and that they should present any they may have. Director Lester deBraga suggested that the Board take legal counsel's advice and wait to sign the contract. The Board will take under further review.

Betsy then spoke about the water measurement program. Dave has proposed a conservation plan to the Bureau. Their goal is to try to build a program with what the District provides them to make the proposal more workable. There are a few aspects that she believes will not work

and has identified those items. Jim Lively will be discussing the modifications to the water measurement program that was last presented, as well as, a water level control program.

Betsy recognized that that District has had several concerns. What would happen with the program with respect to opening up the O&M Contract? Would the measurement program require that the O&M Contract be opened and giving the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe an opportunity to intervene? These had been two concerns of Betsy's and she does not now believe that the contract will need to be opened in order carry out any of the programs proposed. The Bureau will have to consult with the tribe on the conservation plan, which has been done.

The Bureau will then independently decide what will be done taking into consideration their recommendations.

Betsy wanted to recognize what the District has accomplished since the year 2000. The District has met the efficiency target that is under the OCAP every single year. They see the measurement devices and the OCAP efficiency targets as two separate ways of trying to get the project to be efficient and it is very important to the Bureau to recognize what the District has done. It comes up routinely in conversations because it is an achievement that many did not believe the District was capable of making.

Today is recognized as the first conversation about the Bureau's revised alternative proposal, not as something that needs to receive a response today. They do believe, however, that it is something that needs to be moved forward on quickly since the deadline in the O&M Contract has not been met for revision of the conservation plan, with the Bureau taking responsibility, as well.

Mr. Jim Lively then presented his report on the conservation plan. The plan started out with what was existing in the field, the two concept papers and comments made to TSC and then to put these all together to formulate a plan that works. The letters were exchange for the alternative plan in May of 2000. In 2001, ITRC began their review of the plan and had some measurement structures that did not meet the criteria of the plan or considered good by ITRC. In 2002 through 2006 they started issuing recommendations resulting in a plan that looked nothing like the one that was originally agreed. He then began looking at where to go from there. Both papers asked for measurements at heads and laterals. Definitions of laterals were so vague that there could have been as many as 215 laterals, which is way out of proportion.

The District has been averaging about six structures installed and there is approximately five years remaining on the June 2012 deadline. This will end with about 30 structures installed.

What is actually achieved with these numbers? One designated number, per lateral, is the target including what is actually existing in the field. For example, L1 has more than 30 devises in the field beginning with that one designated number. He then looked at which were the most important laterals delivering approximately 750 acre feet or more, ending up with a number of 28 new measuring devices which is well within the designated number of 30 structures. The Bureau has looked at some of the 2005 conservation report to see how they could help. Jim indicated that he would design the 28 installations with TCID doing the actual construction. Jim stated that the Bureau will not be doing any charging off the devices but the data will be turned over to Dave Overvold or whoever he designates and the measurement devices will be available for whatever is needed. The concept was to use the conservation

fund exactly the way it is currently being used ahead of the curve at which time it could be used for other purposes with the concept of changing the structure number from zero to 28.

Reclamation will pay for TSC to develop TCID the water level control plan with input from the Bureau. The alternative was designed to continue using the structures that are still in place and keep things going.

Betsy voiced that the Bureau was looking for something that they could design, construct, operate and maintain in a joint fashion with the District so that they do not have to do all the design and construction and operations, but that the Bureau would be a participant bringing money to the table. The details on who would be responsible for doing what is something that needs to be worked out with TCID.

Dave and Jim agreed that the data collection is what takes much of the time. They have agreed to meet and review Dave's list of approximately 16 priority structures that have already been engineered. Betsy would also like to see Dave and Jim determine whether there are problems with the existing measuring devices.

When TCID's contract obligation to the Bureau is filled, the Bureau will step back with their portion of the contract obligation having been fulfilled with TCID.

Director Larry Miller voiced that he was on board with the Bureau's proposed plan stating that there would be less structures that the District would need to maintain.

Betsy believes that it is the Bureau's determination as to when the contract obligation has been met. The time frame should be of deliberate speed.

Sally Vance will be in contact with the Board to schedule the next Management Meeting.

Awarding of Vaccine Bid – Carson Lake Pasture

After review of the recommendation made by the pasture superintendent, Norman Norcutt, the Board made the following motion.

A **motion** was made by Director Richard Harriman to accept the vaccine bid presented by WALCO seconded by Director Lester deBraga and unanimously approved.

Review Water Supply and Moisture Conditions

Dave reported the following.

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| • Snow Pack after latest forecast: | Up to 60% from the previous 37% |
| • Mid Month Forecast: | 45,000 |
| • March 1, 2007 Forecast: | 65,000-70,000 |
| • March Diversions: | Eligible for full diversion |
| • March Target: | 242,300 |
| • April Diversions: | Anticipate no diversion because the District will be over their target. |

There are 1,800 acre feet which have not been paid back in incentive credit.

A **motion** was made by Director Lester deBraga to take the first water orders Monday, March 12, 2007 with the first day of delivery of water being on Thursday, March 15, 2007 seconded by Director Richard Harriman and unanimously approved.

Dave informed the Board that the wicket gates have not yet been received for installation at the 26' Drop. The hydro team has ready for installation but the gates have not yet arrived. He indicated that Kelly Cecil, Hydro Foreman was willing to make the drive to Boise and back picking up the wicket gates, if necessary.

Review/Approve Public Notice for Fernley Property Lease

A draft public notice was presented to the Board for approval to be put in to the newspaper to receive proposals. Updates were made to the notice and a motion made.

A **motion** was made by Director Richard Harriman to approve management to put the public notice in the newspaper and publish requirements on the TCID website for the Fernley property, seconded by Director Larry Miller and unanimously approved.

Personnel Matters

A **motion** was made by Director Don Travis to approve the merit increase seconded by Director Richard Harriman and unanimously approved.

Open Discussion

Dave discussed the February 27th O&M review of Lahontan Dam with the Board. The following recommendations were made:

Recommendations for improvements at Lahontan Dam:

1. Repair the de-lamination of the apron upstream of the ogee crest. There is a 10'x15' area that is separating.
2. Load test and get the crane certified that lowers people down into the towers.
3. Install Clearance signs at all power lines that are crossed.
4. Repair the flash boards per memorandum provided by the Bureau.

Meeting Adjourned

A **motion** was made by Director Richard Harriman to adjourn the meeting at 3:42p.m. seconded by Director Jerry Blodgett and unanimously approved.

Ernest C. Schank, President

Ray Peterson, Secretary

Date