

# WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Board Meeting

February 5, 2019

### DIRECTORS:

John Capurro  
Louis Damonte  
Bill Hauck  
Doug Avanzino  
Lawrence Belli  
Robert Quilici

### ABSENT:

Cory Casazza

### GUESTS:

Michael Pagni, Attorney  
George Ball, Engineer  
Shane Dyer, Dyer Engineering  
Chad Blanchard, FWM

### STAFF:

Mary Pat Eymann  
Brian Casci

## 1. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER –

President Quilici called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

## 3. APPROVE AGENDA – No changes to posted Agenda.

## 4. APPROVE DECEMBER 2018 BOARD MINUTES, CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statements as presented; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.

## 5. FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT – Chad Blanchard, FWM

*A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at [troa.net](http://troa.net). 5 days in we are already at average for the month of February. Snowpack as follows: Tahoe Basin 134% of average, Truckee 131% and Carson 136% of average. Tahoe should fill and Boca and Stampede should also fill on paper.*

## 6. DISCUSSION ON FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION(FERC) PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR A POWER PLANT AT BOCA DAM – Shane Dyer

Nothing further on FERC except that the filings continue.

Boca Safety of Dams Project – Bid on Boca Safety of Dams project came in at a total cost of 35 million of which the District is responsible for 3.8 million (15%). Final was very close to the estimated cost. The contractor is the same contractor that did Stampede and the USBR was very happy with the work done there.

Shane recommends a monthly meeting with USBR on status of project during the monthly meetings. Mr. Dyer also asked the Board if they wanted to have a presence on the site? It was decided that it was not necessary that the Bureau would be watching the project closely. Mr. Dyer is going to talk to USBR and see what the expectations are from them concerning the District.

## 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISTRICT WEBSITE(WASHOEWATER.ORG) – Staff

The District had a website designed during the Special Election for the Safety of Dams Project. The website is outdated. A bid was obtained from KPS3 who works on the CTWCD website on how much it would cost to change the WCWD site to be more like the Carson site. The ability to post agendas and meeting minutes. The bid is \$3,500 from KPS3.

There was discussion as to the necessity of the website.

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve the KPS3 proposal up to \$3,500 to update the website; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING “MONO COUNTY V. WALKER RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT; ORDER CERTIFYING A QUESTION TO THE SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA” – Michael Pagni**

The filing has been changed again to early April, Mr. Pagni will report at next meeting.

**9. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Michael Pagni**

- Legislature just started up this week and TCID contacted Mr. Pagni about a possible bill to amend 539 the chapter we are organized under. There is currently a provision in there that who can vote. If the lands are owned by a corporation or partnership the corporation or partnership can designate a person to vote but it is silent about trusts. Since a lot of TCID farms are owned in family trusts they wanted to have some changes on the language that would allow a trust to designate a beneficiary of the trust to vote. Mr. Pagni has no issues with this from a legal perspective it wouldn't harm this District at all.
- The office staff was contacted by the County regarding the yearly assessment rolls. The Board had previously voted to proceed with a Special Assessment for the purpose of the repayment of the Safety of Dams project. If the Board wants to proceed with a Special Assessment, we will have to proceed with a Resolution stating so and provide it to the Assessor's Office.

**10. DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball**

*See Engineer's Report, available at District Offices*

**11. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci**

Met with NW Construction for the Safety of Dams project, they looked at the power requirements.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**13. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Board Comments –**

Director Capurro – Went over the amount of money the District has in the various accounts. Advised the Board to think about any repairs that the Board felt should be made as the Budget will be worked on soon. Do we want to put some of the additional money into a CD account?

**Future Agenda Items –**

- 1) Safety of Dams Construction updates
- 2) Resolution for Special Assessments for Safety of Dams project

**14. ADJOURNMENT -**

- ❖ Director Damonte made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Director Avanzino; motion carried.

\*\*The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 1:30 pm.\*\*