

WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

October 1, 2019

DIRECTORS:

Robert Quilici
John Capurro
Lawrence Belli
Louis Damonte

ABSENT:

Doug Avanzino
Bill Hauck
Cory Casazza

GUESTS:

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

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., quorum present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
3. **APPROVE AGENDA – No changes to posted Agenda**
4. **APPROVE JUNE AND AUGUST 2019 BOARD MINUTES, CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE – AUGUST 2019.**
 - ❖ Director Damonte made a motion to approve the minutes and financials as stated; seconded by Director Capurro; 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.
October 1st is the first day of the 2020 water year. One of 7 years there was measurable snow in Tahoe. Boca is being kept high due to 1st fill requirements on the SOD construction project. Going to try to do this year if possible. Rates dropped from 500 to 400 cfs.
6. **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT ENGINEER ANNUAL CONTRACT – SCOPE OF WORK AND POSSIBLE CONTRACT REVISIONS – Director Capurro**

Directors were provided a copy of the current contract (copies available at District office).

 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve and extended the current contract for one more year with no changes to said contract; seconded by Director Damonte; motion carried.
7. **ACCEPT AND AGREE TO BARNARD VOGLER & CO. AS AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 - Staff**
 - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve Barnard Vogler and Company as the auditors for FY2018-2019; seconded by Director Damonte; motion carried.
8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR COST OF LIVING INCREASES FOR STAFF, EFFECTIVE 7/1/19 – Director Capurro**

Director Capurro advised that the current CPI is running about 1.6%.

 - ❖ Director Damonte made a motion to approve a cost of living increase of 1.6% for staff effective 7/1/19; seconded by Director Belli; motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TROA REIMBURSEMENT FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE UNDER SECTION 7.A2(b)(3). – Michael Pagni

Under TROA there is a section that provides a reimbursement to the district for operations and maintenance expenses. It is a complicated formula on what O&M expenses are eligible and what percentages of those are eligible. One of the pieces of the formula is a calculation that the Water Master has to make based on releases out of Boca. The Water Master is currently working on this formula which is based on a 10-year average under TROA, which we have not hit a 10-year point in TROA yet. The concept is to use whatever data they have to date, knowing that the running average will just accumulate until we hit that 10-year date. Parties that are obligated to pay the reimbursement (CA, NV & the US) had to work out amongst themselves a formula that each of them is responsible for. Nevada had to figure out who was going to pay its share. Discussions have been on going for about 2 years on the Nevada share portion, it is Mr. Pagni's understanding that an agreement has been reached. With that now in place it is time for the District to start implementing this. It makes the most sense to do the billing of this in the annually in the late fall for financial as well as numbers coming from the Water Master's office.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to allow the attorneys to start the process and let other TROA parties know the District will be seeking reimbursement and are working with the Water Master's Office on the calculation; seconded by Director Damonte; motion carried.

10. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer

Pictures were provided to the Board (available at District offices). The project is moving along and appears to be on schedule at this time.

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

A filing for the 6th progress report has been made. In the progress report they have hired someone who specifically does purchase power agreements to try to find someone to buy the power. The design is at 30%. A new grant has been submitted for funding. Scott Schoenfeld advised the Board that USBR has an approximate estimate of half a million dollars for just its review of the project.

12. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Michael Pagni

- Nothing additional to report

13. DISTRICT ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball

See Engineer's Report (available at District Offices)

14. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci

- The blower that takes fresh air into the emergency gate chamber stopped working RDC is coming to check it out.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Comments – none

Future Agenda Items – nothing

17. ADJOURNMENT -

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

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