

WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular

November 3, 2020

Via ZOOM

DIRECTORS:

John Capurro
Cory Casazza
Bill Hauck

GUESTS:

Michael Pagni, Attorney
George Ball, Engineer
Dave Wathen, FWM Office
Shane Dyer, Dyer Engineering

ABSENT:

Robert Quilici
Lawrence Belli
Doug Avanzino
Louis Damonte

STAFF:

Mary Pat Eymann
Brian Casci

1. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER –**
Vice-President Casazza called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., NO quorum present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
3. **APPROVE AGENDA – No quorum present**
4. **APPROVE BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2020 MEETING, SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2020, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND OCTOBER 6, 2020 MEETINGS; CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JUNE 2020 – OCTOBER 2020.**
No quorum present, no action taken
5. **FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT – Dave Wathen**
A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net.

The River intently dropped over the weekend. Floriston rate target went from 450 to 350 but on top of that 3 parties in TROA have scheduled holdbacks. US holding back for the New Lands Project, Reno, Sparks, Washoe County holding back for their water rights and TMWA to establish credit water.
6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer**
From the Project Planning Team Meeting (PMT): planning an inundation study on a dyke breach, risk reduction verification should be started in April 2021 this could be completed in September 2021(the District cannot be billed until after this study is completed). Estimated that the cost of the project is just over 20 million.
7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR A POWER PLANT AT BOCA DAM. – Shane Dyer**
No new news
8. **DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TROA REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SECTION 7.A.2(b)(3) – Michael Pagni**
Still waiting to get a quorum to proceed.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STAFF COST OF LIVING INCREASES AND MERIT INCREASES EFFECTIVE 7/1/20 WITH REGARD TO THE COVID 19 SITUATION – Cory Casazza

Director Casazza stated that he felt that employees should receive raises. The merit increases had been approved September of 2018 “automatic merit increases of 2% would be given on hire date anniversaries”. Traditionally Cost of Living raises have been voted on by the Board in August based on what the County is doing.

The Board members present agreed to proceed with the merit increases as stated in the September 2018 minutes and to bring back the issue of the cost of living increases for the full Board to vote on.

10. ACCEPT AND AGREE TO BARNARD VOGLER & CO. AS AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

No quorum present, no action taken

11. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Michael Pagni

Update on the “Friends of the Court” brief on the Mineral County v. Lyon County case which sought the ability to apply the Public Trust Doctrine to reallocate appropriated water rights. Decision came out from the Supreme Court of Nevada and they followed the reasoning in the brief the District filed. They concluded that water rights the prior appropriation doctrine and the public trust doctrine are complimentary to each other. And that you CAN NOT reallocate previously appropriated water rights under that Public Trust Doctrine. Good outcome for folks with water rights. This will now go back to the 9th Circuit. Good precedent for Nevada.

12. ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball

See Engineer’s Report.

13. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci

Met with Par Electric they are still pulling fiber optic lines for the motion sensors. Once this is complete phone lines and alarm system will be functioning.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

15. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board Comments – None

Future Agenda Items – #8; #9; #10

16. ADJOURNMENT - meeting adjourned with no quorum present

****The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 1:30 pm.****