

# WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Regular

December 1, 2020

Via ZOOM

### DIRECTORS:

John Capurro  
Cory Casazza  
Bill Hauck  
Lawrence Belli  
Doug Avanzino

### GUESTS:

Michael Pagni, Attorney  
George Ball, Engineer  
Chad Blanchard, FWM  
Dave Wathen, FWM Office  
Scott Schoenfeld, USBR

### ABSENT:

Robert Quilici  
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., quorum present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**
3. **APPROVE AGENDA – No changes to posted agenda**
4. **APPROVE BOARD MINUTES FOR JUNE 2, 2020 MEETING, SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2020, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 2020 MEETING AND NOVEMBER 3, 2020 MEETINGS; CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JUNE 2020 – OCTOBER 2020.**
  - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve minutes and financial statements as submitted; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.
5. **FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT – Chad Blanchard**

*A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at [troa.net](http://troa.net).*

Tahoe dropping consistently. Holding back some water for water quality for Washoe County and some Newlands Project water hold back. Decent storage in Tahoe to get thru one more year.
6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer**

Mr. Dyer was not present at the meeting. Mr. Ball advised that the project has been completed with the walk thru having taken place.
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**

Scott Schoenfeld, USBR advised that the Tribe is still requesting grand money but have not received anything yet.
8. **DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TROA REIMBURSEMENT UNDER SECTION 7.A.2(b)(3) – Michael Pagni**

Under TROA the District can receive reimbursement and can impose a fee for its cost of operation and maintenance of the dam. This is an administrative expense under TROA, with a fairly complicated

formula on how the reimbursement occurs. Most of the elements of the formula are just from the annual operating budgets and expenses (a 5-year average of expenses). One multiplier that applies in the formula is what is called the “average proportionate of flow (apf)”. That percentage is on a 10-year running average of discharges from Boca that are comprised of credit water releases and Stampede project water. That number is calculated by Federal Water Master’s Office (FWM). The FWM has been working for some trying to calculate this figure. It is complicated to figure out what elements go into the credit water formula and how to calculate it. A spread sheet has been formulated and there are some elements that may still be under discussion once other TROA parties see it but Mr. Pagni has reviewed and is comfortable with it. It is currently around 29% or so but is changing constantly. The next step is to take the FWM spread sheet and method of calculating this component of the reimbursement formula to the other TROA parties with the goal of commencing reimbursements to the District.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion for Mr. Pagni to engage the other TROA parties in the discussions to reimburse the District; seconded by Director Belli; motion carried.

**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**

Merit have been given; this item is to discuss the cost-of-living increases.

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve a 2% cost of living increase to employees; seconded by Director Avanzino; motion carried.

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

*A copy of the audit was presented to the Board and is available at District offices.*

Director Capurro has reviewed the audit and sees no problems. There was mention of the amount of funds in a single institution exceeding the \$250,000 FDIC secured funds. There was discussion as to how to split up the monies into different institutions. Staff will check into the LGIP to see if the District qualifies to make deposits there and report back to the Board.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the audit as presented; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.

**11. ACCEPT AND AGREE TO BARNARD VOGLER & CO. AS AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 – Director Capurro**

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve Barnard Vogler as the auditors for FY2910-2020; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.

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

Nothing additional to report

**13. ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball**

See Engineer’s Report.

**14. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci**

Parts came in to hook up the phone lines to the radial gate house and the valve house, once that is in place Burgarello will be contacted to set up.

**15. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

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

**Board Comments –**

- Director Hauck – grant has been awarded to Steamboat Ditch and Orr is seeking with NRCS to work on the ditches.

**Future Agenda Items –**

- provide input on LGIP and distribution of excess funds.

**17. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business Director Capurro made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

**\*\*The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 1:30 pm.\*\***

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John Capurro, Secretary/Treasurer