

# WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Regular Meeting

June 1, 2021

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### DIRECTORS

Cory Casazza  
John Capurro  
Bill Hauck  
Louis Damonte

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### GUESTS

Michael Pagni, Attorney  
George Ball, Engineer  
Shane Dyer, Dyer Engineering

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### PUBLIC

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### ABSENT

Doug AvAnzino  
Lawrence Belli

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### STAFF

Mary Pat Eymann, Dist. Manager

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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 –**
  - ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve posted agenda; seconded by Director Hauck; motion carried.
4. **APPROVE BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 2021 MEETING: CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MAY 2021.**
  - ❖ Director Hauck made a motion to approve the minutes and financial reports as presented; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.
5. **FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT –**  
*A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at [troa.net](http://troa.net).*
6. **UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Shane Dyer**

The final clean up meeting is taking place in June and if Brian wants anything done, he should speak to USBR, Mr. Dyer was going to relay this information to Brian.

The final project costs will be out July 1, 2021. Payments estimated to be started in 2022.

The rock that fell into the piezometer they are still not sure if it is affecting things or not yet. The water is so low in Boca, they are getting a reading but not seeing a fluctuation. So, if there is an issue next year when the water comes up it may need to be replaced.

The environmental study will not be able to be closed out due to the low water situation.

**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**

Nothing new.

**8. UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON VACANCY IN DISTRICT 4 BOARD POSITION AND SOLICITATION OF INTEREST FROM POTENTIAL CANDIDATES – Michael Pagni**

There was no response from the solicitation of inquiry published in the RGJ.

Director Casazza advised that he has spoken to Kevin Quilici who would be interested in serving on the Board.

Staff was directed to contact Mr. Quilici and have him fill out the Declaration of Candidacy form, and he could come to the next meeting and possibly be appointed at that time.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON DISTRICT ENGINEERING CONSULTANT POSITION AND OPTIONS TO RENEW, MODIFY OR ELIMINATE POSITION. – Director Casazza**

The district currently has a District Engineer (George Ball) and a Consultant Engineer (Shane Dyer). Is there a need to have two engineers for this position now that the Safety of Dams project is completed?

Director Capurro felt that all contracts the district has should be reviewed.

Director Hauck felt that it does not make sense to have two engineers. It is important to have an engineer and that we need to define the scope.

Shane Dyer advised that he was hired to do the Safety of Dams project and only is serving in an on-call capacity.

Mr. Pagni advised that the engineering position is a professional service, and this does not need to go to bid. Could go RFP, should define the scope and determine going forward what the district wants of the engineer.

Director Capurro thought that a document should be put together by staff and reviewed by Director's Hauck, Capurro, and Casazza and presented at the next meeting.

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

The Legislature has ended for the year, there were none that affected irrigation districts.

Met with other TROA parties to discuss the reimbursement process. They had questions for the Water Master's spreadsheet on the formula for repayment. The Water Master will be adjusting the spreadsheet and get back to the parties. There will be a follow up meeting and the goal remains to get this completed by year end.

**11. ENGINEER REPORT – George Ball –**

*See Engineer's Report is available at District Offices.*

**12. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci (via email)**

- Alarm Company is completing the work at the valve and gate house.
- Currently working on mapping of the weed control project for this year.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

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

**Board Comments –**

- Director Capurro – advised that the ditch writer for the Orr Ditch was injured while trying to remove pallets that were left by homeless camps.

- Attorney Pagni – The City of Reno has an item on their agenda for tomorrow’s meeting where advocates for the homeless are going to complain about their efforts to clean up the river and to clean them off the river corridor. If anyone has an interest in leaving a public comment saying that you support the City’s efforts to clean it up, you may want to.

**Future Agenda Items –**

- District 4 vacancy
- Engineering RFP

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

**\*\*The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 1:30 pm.\*\***

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John Capurro, Secretary/Treasurer