

# WASHOE COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Regular Meeting

October 5, 2021

### DIRECTORS

Cory Casazza  
John Capurro  
Bill Hauck  
Louis Damonte  
Lawrence Belli  
Kevin Quilici

### GUESTS

Michael Pagni, Attorney  
George Ball, Engineer

### PUBIC

### STAFF

Mary Pat Eymann, Dist. Manager  
Brian Casci, Damtender

### ABSENT

Doug Avanzino

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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: CHECKS WRITTEN AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes for August and September 2021, financial statements and checks written as presented; seconded by Director Damonte; motion carried.

#### 5. FEDERAL WATER MASTERS REPORT – **Brian Casci**

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

Tahoe is at 3% of capacity, Boca at 51% of capacity, Stampede at 35% of capacity, Prosser at 34% of capacity. Tahoe is 2” over the rim. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> driest 2 consecutive year period.

#### 6. NOMINATE AND ELECTION OF – BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY/TREASURER - **Michael Pagni**

- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion nominating Cory Casazza as President; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.
- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion nominating Bill Hauck as Vice President; seconded by Director Casazza; motion carried.
- ❖ Director Hauck made a motion nominating John Capurro as Secretary/Treasurer; seconded by Director Casazza; motion carried.

**7. DISCUSSION, ACTION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TROA REIMBURSEMENT UNDER TROA SECTION 7.1.2(b)(3). – Michael Pagni**

Disclosures made prior to any action or discussion:

Director Hauck - In the interest of being transparent I am an employee of Truckee Meadows Water Authority and we would participate in payment of the annual fee reimbursement to the District. The annual fee to be imposed is considered to be an expense of the administration of TROA. The formula and imposition of which was negotiated and agreed to by all TROA signatory parties. Pursuant to separate agreement TMWA has agreed to pay a portion of the Nevada share of that fee. After consulting with legal counsel, I do not believe the benefit or detriment to TMWA in this matter is any greater than any of those agreed to by all TROA signatory parties. Such that my independent judgement is not affected in the matter and would not preclude me from voting on this matter.

Attorney Pagni – Our firm represents TMWA on matters unrelated to this item. TMWA has separate council Gordon Depoali of Woodburn & Wedge that represents them so we have no conflict.

The all hands meeting with the other TROA parties was held on 9/17/21. There were very few comments on the proposed formula and the way the District had proposed its element of the reimbursement formula. Talked about moving forward with implementation this year.

The concept would be that the District would put together its bill in mid-November, once we have our audited financials, we would get the APH piece from the Water Master's Office then send a letter to the WM office with a request for an invoice for payment. The WM would then include that information in his budget that he submits to the Court as an appendix in December. The TROA parties could simply pay directly to the District if they prefer or they could pay directly to the WM as part of their TROA administration expenses and he would forward to the District when received. Probably starting in January of February of 2022. Everyone was agreeable to that process. They just asked that they be copied on the invoice the District sends the WM office in November. Just waiting for the 2021 financials to put together the final calculations then Mr. Pagni can proceed with staff to produce the invoice to the WM for payment.

**8. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SAFETY OF DAMS PROJECT – Michael Pagni**

Participated in a call in mid-September with BOR. Project costs to date are 21.5 million of that the District is responsible for 15%. BOR is in the middle of their close out activities and anticipated they will have those completed by year end. BOR will start working on amendments to the repayment contract, which will update the schedules to show the actual amount the District has to pay. The payments are estimated to begin in October of 2022.

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) PRELIMINARY PERMIT FOR A POWER PLANT AT BOCA DAM. –**

Nothing new.

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

Nothing additional.

**11. DAMTENDER REPORT – Brian Casci**

- On 9/15/21 BOR did the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the OSI and everything was in good shape.
- On September 14,15,16 NW construction was at the Dam to remove the silt vents and regraded around the toe drain.
- Furnace was serviced in the house today.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

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

**Board Comments –**

- Director Damonte asked how the Board felt about changing the meeting time back to 1:00. The Board agreed – future meetings to begin at 1:00 p.m.

**Future Agenda Items –**

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

**\*\*The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 1:00 pm.\*\***

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John Capurro, Secretary/Treasurer