

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2012

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the certified transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 24, 2012.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley, Michael Cameron, Susan Donaldson, Becky Stock; Also: Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Chris Fichtel, The Nature Conservancy; Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council; Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Brooke Howard and Jon J. Bozanich, Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Darcie Goodman Collins and Karen Hodges, League to Save Lake Tahoe; Kimberly Boyd and Teresa Crimmens, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; Megan Merenda, Sean Hill and Eaton Dunkelberger, Sierra Nevada Journeys; Renee Aldrich, Friends of Nevada Wilderness; and Jessica Thompson, Town of Truckee.

\* Committee Member arrived after roll call.

\*\* Committee Member left meeting before adjournment

**Agenda Item #1: Roll Call:** Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted.

**Agenda Item #2: Public comment:** There was no public comment at this time.

**Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #4: Fund balance report:** Tracy stated that the amount available to grant is \$1,025,807.54, which includes an \$851,000 gift from TMWA and takes into consideration that the reserve and grants already booked have been taken out. Janet indicated this available amount is for the whole year, that both this fall cycle and the spring cycle of grants have to be funded out of this amount.

**Agenda Item #5: Approve the June summary meeting minutes:** The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for June 22, 2012 was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding or for funding at reduced levels:** Janet stated that we have more money requested than there is money available. The following grant proposals were

then considered at length, after which the group then voted on each proposal and approved, declined, or took action as follows:

#106, The Nature Conservancy, Independence Lake Woody Fuels Reduction for Fire Resilience - Year 3 Supplemental Funding, \$30,000, was approved unanimously as requested. Michael Cameron recused himself and abstained from the vote. Chris Fichtel provided input and answered questions from the group.

#107, Truckee River Watershed Council, Phase 2 Coldstream Canyon Floodplain Restoration, \$196,000, was approved unanimously for the full amount. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman provided input and answered questions.

#108, Truckee River Watershed Council, Negro Canyon Restoration, \$268,720, was declined unanimously. The group indicated that we could use the Coldstream Canyon project (#107) and its monitoring data to validate the approach for stream restoration to be applied in the future. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman provided input and answered questions.

#109, League to Save Lake Tahoe, Pipe Keepers/Storm Drain Monitoring and Marking Project, \$59,950, was declined unanimously, with a statement that there's another ratepaying group or agency that ought to be shouldering this responsibility, also that there is a need for a better connection between stated outcomes and the work that would actually get done. Darcie Goodman Collins and Karen Hodges provided input and answered questions.

#110, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Work Program - Pollution & Weed Control, \$85,114. The group unanimously approved to exclude the \$16,594 cost of the Kawasaki and fund the amount of \$68,520. Brooke Howard and Jon Bozanich provided input and answered questions.

#111, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring and Treatment, \$13,225, was approved unanimously. Renee Aldrich provided input and answered questions.

#112, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Sierra Nevada Journeys' Watershed Education Initiative, \$12,690, was unanimously approved. Megan Merenda, Sean Hill and Eaton Dunkelberger provided input and answered questions.

#113, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Fellnagle (Fish Passage Improvement) Project, \$200,000, was unanimously declined, with a note that they don't have their permits, and they need a more refined and detailed proposal.

#114, Town of Truckee, Truckee Storm Water System Retrofit Project, \$250,000, was unanimously declined, with comments from the group that other funding sources should be responsible, consideration of the share of funding, with a more focused benefit and more specificity. Jessica Thompson provided input and answered questions.

#115, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Truckee River Cleanup Day 2013, \$46,450, was unanimously approved. Christi Cakiroglu provided input and answered questions.

#116, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program, \$179,455, was unanimously approved in the amount requested. Kimberly Boyd and Teresa Crimmens provided input and answered questions. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman also provided input.

**Agenda Item #7: Committee & staff comments:** Tracy offered handouts and bumper stickers from Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful.

Janet commented that TMWA had a nice appreciation picnic at Verdi, that the turnout could have been better.

Janet also mentioned that Ron put together a panel of experts to talk about invasive species, that it was a good program, although it was poorly attended.

**Agenda Item #8: Public comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #9: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on December 7, 2012.