

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2014

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the certified transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:15 a.m., Friday, August 22, 2014.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron; Jerry Purdy; Bill Bradley; Sue Donaldson; Candice Elder; Susan Lynn; Also: Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: John Enloe, P.E., and Sonia Folsom, both from Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Mickey Hazelwood, The Nature Conservancy; Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council; Lynell Garfield-Qualls, City of Reno; Christi Cakiroglu and Jaime Souza, both from Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Kimberly Boyd, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; Marion Wittmann, UNR; Vance Russell, National Forest Foundation; Glen Daily, City of Reno Public Works; Nic Nelson, Great Basin Institute; Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill, both with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Mike Rowan, Friends of Nevada Wilderness; Jesse Patterson, Keep Tahoe Blue; and Bret Tyler, Washoe-Storey Conservation District.

* 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: Jerry Purdy provided public comment regarding milfoil and later in the meeting passed out pictures.

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

Agenda Item #4: Fund balance report: Tracy stated that TMWA made an \$800,000 gift in August, making the current amount available to spend \$831,694.86.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the June summary meeting minutes: The June 6, 2014, Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) was unanimously approved. Sue Donaldson abstained from voting because she wasn't at the June meeting.

Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding or for funding at reduced levels: The following grant

proposals were considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected, or action taken as follows:

#143, Washoe-Storey Conservation District, Tenaya Creek - Wetland Restoration and Enhancement; Weed Abatement; Flood Attenuation; Education; Training, \$100,000, was unanimously rejected because it didn't quite fit with the mission of protection of Truckee River water quality. Bret Tyler provided input.

#144, City of Reno, Reducing Non-Point Source Pollution to the Highland Canal, \$329,000, was unanimously approved for the amount requested. Ron Penrose provided input and answered questions, indicating that TMWA is providing the design effort, and City of Reno would manage the construction. Glen Daily provided input and answered questions.

#145, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Sierra Nevada Journeys' Watershed Education Initiative, \$23,900, was unanimously approved for the amount requested. Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill provided input and answered questions.

#146, Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway, Graffiti and trash removal along Truckee River, \$4,660, was unanimously approved for the amount requested (from the revised budget provided). Tom Swan presided over this proposal item. Janet Phillips provided input and answered questions; she abstained from voting.

147, The Nature Conservancy, Optimizing Restoration Investments in the Truckee Watershed, \$58,075. The proposer offered to reduce the amount to \$50,000. This proposal was unanimously approved for the reduced amount of \$50,000. Mickey Hazelwood provided input and answered questions. As this proposal is coordinating with proposal #148, Lisa Wallace also provided input and answered questions. Lynell Garfield-Qualls also provided input regarding an entire hydrologic unit prioritization process that TNC and its partners will lead. Michael Cameron abstained from discussion and voting.

#148, Truckee River Watershed Council, Donner Basin Watershed Assessment, \$75,000. The proposer offered to remove the staff costs and reduce the amount to \$70,000. This proposal was unanimously approved for the reduced amount of \$70,000. Lisa Wallace provided input and answered questions. As this proposal is coordinated with proposal #147, Mickey Hazelwood also provided input.

#149, League to Save Lake Tahoe, Eyes on the Lake Truckee River Watershed Volunteer Invasive Species Monitoring, \$18,000, was unanimously approved for the amount requested. Jesse Patterson provided input and answered questions.

#150, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Truckee River Native and Non-native Aquatic Plant and Trash survey, \$57,895.60. The proposer offered to remove staff costs and reduce the amount to \$49,000. This proposal was unanimously approved for the reduced amount

of \$49,000, including that the final product will include recommendations for action. Kim Boyd provided input and answered questions. Nic Nelson provided input and answered questions regarding Great Basin Institute's proposal to supplement TRCD's work. Marion Wittman provided input regarding her research.

#151, City of Reno, Virginia Lake Water Quality Improvement Project Monitoring and Public Education, \$18,820, was unanimously approved for the amount requested. Lynell Garfield-Qualls provided input and answered questions.

#152, National Forest Foundation, Alder Creek Trail Watershed Rehabilitation Project, \$230,000, was unanimously rejected, with the suggestion that in the future, having permits in hand and a smaller number requested would gather more support. Vance Russell provided input and answered questions.

#153, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring and Treatment #3, \$15,807, was approved 7-1 (Jerry Purdy opposed), and it would be contingent upon the National Forest Foundation funding. Mike Rowan provided input and answered questions.

#154, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Watershed Youth Education, Invasive Weed Pull & River Cleanup 2015, \$57,050, was unanimously approved in the reduced amount of \$46,000, which reflects cutting out the video. Christi Cakiroglu and Jaime Souza provided input and answered questions. As this proposal is related to proposal #145, Eaton Dunkelberger also provided input. Lynell Garfield-Qualls added a comment regarding City of Reno's educational efforts.

#155, Great Basin Institute, Nevada Conservation Corps Truckee River Eurasian Watermilfoil Removal, \$19,022.51, was unanimously rejected, with an invitation to come back later, after further coordination with TRCD, evaluation and working out details. Nic Nelson provided input and answered questions. As this proposal is supplemental to proposal #141 that was approved in the spring, Kim Boyd also provided input.

The above approved projects were assigned to the following Committee members to oversee: Ron, #144; Sue, #145, #153 and #154; Bill, #146 and #151; Jerry, #148; Candice, #147; Susan, #149; and Tom, #150.

Agenda Item #7: Committee & staff comments: Jerry commented regarding a picture in the newspaper today about federal funding secured for boat inspections. Janet added that there was also a big article in the Reno News and Review on that subject.

Ron indicated that he will be retiring at the end of this year, after which TMWA will be represented by possibly John Enloe or Sonia Folsom. Janet added that Ron would be a good future candidate for this Committee.

Tracy stated that the next meeting is December 5th.

Janet commented that the cloud seeding project gets \$200,000 a year directly from the TMWA Board, which caused an immediate reduction in our funding, if anyone wants to express concern about that to the TMWA Board.

Michael clarified that we're going to discuss the scope of the RFP at the next meeting. Janet added that we'll also discuss whether we want to consider a special RFP for specific milfoil.

Ron mentioned a new Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful program called the Adopt the River, and TMWA is going to be participating in that. He also mentioned another thing that is in the works right now is that Nevada Land Trust is looking to develop a Truckee River corridor management plan. He also talked about how the State of California is collecting, through voter registration fees, for watercraft inspection and decontamination.

Susan brought up the issue of bringing uncovered loads to the dump, so a lot of stuff ends up in the river, and that we need to start working with the waste management group on this issue.

Jerry talked about how the attractiveness of the water changes along the river.

Agenda Item #8: Public comment: Lynell Garfield-Qualls commented that she self-published a children's book last year called "Loralei the Mayfly and The Secret Life of Streams," which turns a creative story into a field guide and sets the stage for stewardship and water protection. She added that this book will represent Nevada at the National Book Festival this year. The group clapped and congratulated her.

Agenda Item #9: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. No action was taken.