

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

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., Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan\*\*, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron\*\*, Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley\*, Mike Brisbin, John Mosley, Susan Donaldson, Trish Kuehl; Also: Sylvia Harrison, Esq.\*, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; Members of the Public: Marlene Olsen, Olsen & Associates; Terri Svetich, City of Reno; and Arlen Huggins, DRI.

\* Arrived after roll call.

\*\* Left meeting before adjournment

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

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of the agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #3: Public comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #4: Approval of the June 2009 summary meeting minutes:** A motion passed unanimously to approve the June 5, 2009 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary).

**Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report:** Tracy reported that for the August statement, the fund balance is \$204,107.49, which includes a refund from the City of Reno, but does not reflect TMWA's last annual gift to the fund of around \$800,000. The group discussed the necessity of maintaining the \$75,000 reserve amount to cover three years of operations and administration of remaining grants. Also discussed was the fact that there will be a spending cycle this fall; a list of possible applications was given as a result of Tracy's previous question to past applicants about whether they think they will be applying then.

**Agenda Item #6: Review and possible approval of a solicited proposal for funding for cloud seeding:** Arlen Huggins from DRI answered many questions from the group regarding the parameters they use, state budget cuts, storm periods, meteorological issues, a sustainable program, and scientific experiments, indirect costs, etc. A motion to approve the proposal for the ground-based seeding only, with the overhead reduced to 25 percent from the 59% in the proposal, for a total of \$165,151, passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7: Discussion and possible recommendations for projects about preventing quagga mussels from entering other upstream reservoirs:** Ron stated that it might be worth doing some type of inquiry or solicitation from some entity to do something regarding this issue for the fall round of RFPs. After a lengthy discussion by the group regarding various ideas about how and at which reservoirs to control the mussels, along with the possibility of soliciting a proposal possibly for next summer, it was decided more information is needed about the scope of the problem, how much the solution costs, and whether the mussels already exist in the various reservoirs. Janet and Sue agreed to make some phone calls to the Truckee River Watershed Council, to the Tahoe Resource Conservation District, and to Sudeep to get more information. Tracy and Tom will receive and compile a list of questions from the group to be answered.

**Agenda Item #8: Update on draft of Watershed master plan:** Ron stated that he is about a third into this report. He stated that he would like to set up a working group, then invite members of that group to participate in getting feedback from the local Stormwater Permit Coordinating Group chaired by Terri Svetich and have them review the document as it progresses, which will result in a better document and base line from which to work. He also said probably a full draft would be ready later on in the fall. A motion to encourage Ron to seek the input of all involved county and city and regional agencies in the development of the watershed master plan passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #9: Committee & staff comments:** Jerry requested an agenda item to talk about the Eurasian milfoil that's growing in the Truckee River. Sue mentioned that there is a second plant that's creating problems, curly leaf pond weed. She described how the plants spread and how they're currently being removed, and about how dried and frozen conditions generally kill them. There was also discussion about doing something in the spring and about who would administer a milfoil control program. Janet said she would call the water master regarding stopping the fire hose water diversion at the dam every time Tahoe goes below the rim. Sue said she will contact Lars, an expert from UC Davis, to see what he thinks. This item will be on the next agenda.

A motion that overhead costs on grant proposals be capped at 25 percent passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #10: Public comment:** Marlene stated that TMWA is predicting they will not have to use drought reserves this winter.

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in Session on October 9, 2009.