

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2015

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 21, 2015.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron; Jerry Purdy; Bill Bradley; Mike Brisbin; Sue Donaldson; Candice Elder; Susan Lynn; Also: Tracy Turner and Shawn Vogel, both with Community Foundation; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both from TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Brenda Gilbert, Truckee River Watershed Council; Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill, both with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Glen B. Daily, P.E., City of Reno Public Works; Domi Fellers, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District; Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Brent Farr, Farr West Engineering (via speaker phone); Kerri Lanza and Theresa Jones, both with the City of Reno; and Kimberly Boyd, Tahoe Resource Conservation District.

- * Committee member arrived after roll call
- ** Committee member left meeting before adjournment
- *** Committee member was on the phone and did not vote

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

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: Jerry Purdy had a comment regarding the possibility of some way to coordinate with the city to get the sewer plant updated. Janet indicated that we have other concerns about spending all of the money on the proposals at hand and that Jerry's theme would go well in that discussion at the beginning of agenda item 6.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda (for possible action): The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Fund balance report: Tracy stated that the current amount available to spend is \$958,312.50, which reflects a gift of \$850,000 from TMWA in August, which is a \$50,000 increase from 2014. Janet thanked TMWA for the money. Tracy stated that the amount available also reflects two grantees that returned some funding that was unused: project #135, Nevada Department of Wildlife, \$38,000; and project #150, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, \$49,000.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the June summary meeting minutes (for possible action):
The June 5, 2015, Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) 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 need to think about what we may want to reserve for six months from now. Jerry restated his public comment earlier regarding teaming up with someone and updating the TMWRF facility in Sparks. Susan stated that maybe this group can find some projects that may assist in drought response, or the sewage treatment plant. Sylvia provided input regarding TMWRF being heavily regulated. The following grant proposals were then considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#158, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative, \$28,484, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Eaton Dunkelberger was present and provided input and answered questions, and Sean Hill was also present.

#159, National Forest Foundation, Alder Creek Trail Watershed Restoration Project, \$100,000, was unanimously declined. The group felt that there would be a relatively small result for the amount requested. Tracy indicated the representative was unable to attend today but did provide written answers to the advance written questions.

#160, Truckee River Watershed Council, Johnson Canyon Westside Restoration, 92,000. The proposer indicated that \$25,000, which would be \$5,000 for the fact checking assessment and \$20,000 for design, permitting and preproject monitoring, could be done during the 2016 year, and the \$60,000 for construction and \$7,000 for project management, reporting and outreach wouldn't happen at this time. This proposal was unanimously approved for the reduced amount of \$25,000, contingent upon receipt of a revised budget and scope of work. Brenda Gilbert was present and provided input and answered questions.

#161, TRI General Improvement District, Preliminary Design Report & Engineering – TMWRF Effluent Pipeline to TRI Center, \$150,000, was unanimously declined. The group felt that other ratepayer base should pay for this. Brent Farr appeared via speaker phone and provided input and answered questions. Candice Elder abstained from the discussion and voting because Farr West Engineering is her employer.

#162, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, Rosewood & Third Creeks Invasive Weed Removal, \$7,350, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Domi Fellers was present and provided input and answered questions.

#163, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Truckee River Watershed AIS Prevention & Control, \$132,338.60. The proposer reduced the ask to \$112,000, which reflected \$78,400 for the control portion and \$33,600 for the prevention portion of the proposal. This proposal was then unanimously approved for the reduced amount of \$112,000, contingent upon receipt of a revised budget. Kim Boyd was present and provided input and answered questions.

#164, City of Reno, Cemetery Drain Water Quality, Erosion Control/Drainage, \$77,500, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Theresa Jones and Kerri Lanza were present and provided input and answered questions.

#165, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Truckee River Cleanup/Invasive weeds 2016, \$48,325, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Christi Cakiroglu was present and provided input and answered questions.

#166, City of Reno, Virginia Lake Water Quality Improvements, \$200,000. The reduced amount of \$100,000 was unanimously approved, contingent upon receipt of a revised budget showing sources of additional money that will be brought in to complete the project. Kerri Lanza said that they're going to build the project in full, adding that they would just accept that funding and be grateful for the contribution. Glen Daily, Kerri Lanza and Theresa Jones were present and provided input and answered questions.

Agenda Item #7: Discuss how Truckee River Fund can help facilitate a fire restoration quorum (potential convening role?) (for possible action): The group discussed how this item is an outgrowth from some of the things that Lynda Nelson, Nevada Land Trust, discussed in her presentation at our last meeting regarding the effectiveness of fire restoration project #99, including helicopters transporting weeds, urban interface, and the fact that there is no cohesive coordination after a fire. The group discussed ways to bring together the leads who will be responding in the future, agencies that might be able to coordinate that effort, and for someone here to speak to Lynda about possibly putting together an approach to this and to request funding from us, if need be. Tracy added that we have the ability to do an out-of-cycle request for proposal. The group agreed that a good starting point, since we want to help but don't quite know what that means, is for someone to make a few phone calls and gather information; Sue agreed to take on that task. This item will be carried over to the next meeting and will include a presentation on possible coordination of emergency fire response, specifically as it relates to the Truckee River watershed and our mission. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #8: Project Reports: #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife - returned funds: \$36,018.08: Tracy stated that this item was already covered under the fund balance report.

Agenda Item #9: Committee & staff comments: Janet suggested that for the next meeting, we talk more about local erosion issues, that maybe some way we could help that, and, also, about are we on track with our stated goals. Susan added she would like to see an agenda item, regarding the drought, about how to approach homeowners associations regarding getting rid of some of their landscape requirements, and also some of the city's landscape requirements, such as mowing strips and park strips along the streets. Tom mentioned removing grass. Jerry commented about how there is no mandatory water rationing and that it can take decades to restore a reservoir. John Enloe stated that he

supports drought-related proposals next funding cycle, and perhaps beyond just drought, water supply, reliability, sustainability type of proposals, perhaps expand the definition of drought. Tracy commented that she heard from Ron Penrose and that he has come out of retirement and is working part-time with Tri Sage Consulting. Jerry commented that he'd like to maybe get somebody to talk about, during a fire response, trying to keep the roadways free of fire for aesthetic purposes after the fire.

Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: December 4, 2015 (for possible action): Janet stated that our next meeting is December 4th, and she wrote down a bunch of things to put on the agenda. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. No action was taken.