

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2016

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 19, 2016.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron; Mike Brisbin; Sue Donaldson; Susan Lynn; and Don Mahin; Also: Tracy Turner and Lauren Renda, both with Community Foundation; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Danielle Henderson, Truckee River Flood Management Authority; Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council; Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Alicia Reban, Nevada Land Trust; Eaton Dunkelberger, Sean Hill and Karen Senger, all with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Amy Russell and Erick Bandala, both with Desert Research Institute (both via speaker phone); John Svahn, Truckee Donner Land Trust (via speaker phone); and Michael Pook, Nevada Tahoe 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: There was no public comment at this time.

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

Agenda Item #4: Approve the June summary meeting minutes (for possible action): Sylvia confirmed that those who weren't present at the meeting should abstain from the vote. The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for June 3, 2016 was unanimously approved by fund advisors who were present at that meeting.

Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report: Tracy introduced Lauren Renda, who joined the Community Foundation's team in March as Program Associate. She then stated that, thanks to a gift from TMWA of \$850,000, we have \$1,282,251.59 available to spend, and that all obligated grants are taken out of that amount.

Agenda Item #6: Hear update on TruckeeRiverFund.org website and request for approval to pay MeshCreative invoice for \$1,110 (for possible action): Tracy reminded everyone that Milan Sperka of MeshCreative was hired back in December to redo the outdated Truckee River Fund website, that the work involved in transporting information over to the new website resulted in an overrun invoice. She added that the new website is beautiful. Sonia described the new website and how much more you can do on it and indicated that it is straightforward, easy to use and very, very well done.

Agenda Item #7: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action): The following grant proposals were considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#175, Board of Regents, NSHE obo Desert Research Institute, Modeling, Monitoring and Social Assessment of Water Quality in the Upper Truckee River Basin: An interdisciplinary assessment to identify and promote best management practices to combat nonpoint source pollution, \$72,681, was unanimously declined. The general consensus of the group is that the TMWA Board has not been enthusiastic about work in the Tahoe Basin; also that although the validity of the design study is appreciated, the return on investment for the TMWA ratepayers is remote, and it's not clear that the contaminants that would be evaluated are critical from a TMWA standpoint. Amy Russell and Erick Bandala were present via speaker phone and provided input and answered questions.

#176, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, 2017 Spring Invasive Weed Pull & Fall Truckee River Cleanup, \$60,625, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Christi Cakiroglu was present and provided input and answered questions. Lisa Wallace provided input regarding the possibility of the Truckee River cleanup west eventually meeting up with Truckee River Day in Truckee.

#177, Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC), Donner Creek Bank Stabilization Downstream of Railroad Culvert Final Design, \$92,000. This proposal was unanimously approved for the corrected amount of \$90,000. Lisa Wallace was present and provided input and answered questions.

#178, Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC), Donner Creek Concept Designs, \$40,000, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Lisa Wallace was present and provided input and answered questions.

#179, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative, \$28,446, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill were present and provided input and answered questions, and Karen Senger was also present. Alicia Reban provided input regarding how the education piece of the Nevada Land Trust proposal and this Sierra Nevada Journeys education proposal are connected, adding that Sierra Nevada Journeys has been closely involved in the education subcommittee for One Truckee River.

#180, Nevada Land Trust, One Truckee River Phase 1 Implementation: AmeriCorps Support, Watershed Survey and Watershed Education, \$98,534, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Alicia Reban was present and provided input and answered questions. Christi Cakiroglu provided additional input about this being the next step. John Enloe encouraged them to reach out to entities that already have data they're looking for.

#181, Truckee Donner Land Trust, Webber Lake Little Truckee River Headquarters Management, \$50,000, was unanimously approved for the corrected amount of \$75,000, contingent on obtaining the \$70,000 funding from Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and including a correction in number 5 of their RFP that the NiTMP will be complete in November instead of August. John Svahn appeared via speaker phone and provided input and answered questions. An updated RFP, showing the corrected amount requested as \$75,000 and showing the corrected month of November in number 5, was requested to be forwarded to Tracy.

#182, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, Rosewood and Third Creeks Invasive Weed Removal, Phase II, \$11,380, was unanimously declined. The group doesn't want to forward things to the TMWA Board that it thinks are going to be rejected based on location, and there are many other funding sources in the Tahoe Basin; also, return on investment for TMWA ratepayers is distant. Michael Pook was present and provided input and answered questions.

Agenda Item #8: Hear reports on projects completed in the last year: #133 Tahoe Resource Conservation District Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program (Mike Brisbin); #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife New Zealand mud snail and aquatic invasive species outreach for the Truckee River (Bill Bradley); #137 Nevada Land Trust Alum Creek water quality improvement (Bill Bradley); #142 Truckee River Watershed Council Truckee Wetlands Restoration Project (Candice Elder); #154 Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Invasive Weed Pull & River Cleanup 2015 (Sue Donaldson); #167 Sierra Nevada Journeys Watershed Education Initiative (Sue Donaldson); #129 Nevada Land Trust Weed Treatments & Restoration on Truckee River & Tributaries (Sue Donaldson); #157 City of Reno Truckee River Cleanup Crew (Susan Lynn); #166 City of Reno Virginia Lake (Mike Brisbin).

Regarding #133 Tahoe Resource Conservation District Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program, Mike Brisbin stated he'll have a report next time.

Regarding #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife New Zealand mud snail and aquatic invasive species outreach for the Truckee River, Bill Bradley was not present and this item was continued to a future meeting.

Regarding #137 Nevada Land Trust Alum Creek water quality improvement, Bill Bradley was not present and this item was continued to a future meeting.

Regarding #142 Truckee River Watershed Council Truckee Wetlands Restoration Project, Candice Elder was not present and this item was continued to a future meeting.

Regarding #154 Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Invasive Weed Pull & River Cleanup 2015, Sue Donaldson reported that they met or exceeded their goals, that the only issue they had was that a big group didn't show up so they didn't stencil as many storm drains as they'd hoped, and they're working on that. She added that they do a nice job of keeping us updated as the spring and fall cleanups occur.

Regarding #167 Sierra Nevada Journeys Watershed Education Initiative, Sue Donaldson reported that they met or exceeded their goals, except that they still haven't met their goal of the number of students who can define what happens when runoff enters a storm drain, but they're working on it. She complimented them on how they continue to revise and improve their program, and they do a wonderful job with their reporting.

Regarding #129 Nevada Land Trust Weed Treatments & Restoration on Truckee River & Tributaries, Sue Donaldson reported that, for the most part, they met or exceeded their goals, that only half of the sites treated in 2014 required retreatment in 2015, which could be because of the really dry conditions. The only thing they were unable to do was to bring in goats to graze weeds, and that was because they couldn't get the goats. This was a lot of bang for the buck, because they did a lot of mapping, a weed plant update and wonderful reporting.

Regarding #157 City of Reno Truckee River Cleanup Crew, Susan Lynn reported that they in part succeeded, in part did not succeed. They got a lot of work done and are continuing to work and have hired a full-time person to oversee the teams that clean the river. However, because they didn't get started until five months into the process, they did not use all of their grant funding, and that money has been returned. They've done a nice job in many areas of the river.

Regarding #166 City of Reno Virginia Lake, Mike Brisbin stated that he will have a report next time.

Agenda Item #9: Committee & staff comments: There were comments about how awesome the TMWA picnic was, that it's a really nice gesture on TMWA's part. Sonia thanked everyone for coming.

Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: December 2, 2016 (for possible action): Janet stated that our next meeting is December 2nd. Michael suggested that an agenda item be that One Truckee River give us a presentation. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): Lisa Wallace comment that they're about 70 percent completed with another watershed assessment from the Tahoe Dam to about the Town of Truckee border, and she'll

let Tracy know when it's completed in another six to nine months. She added that if we're interested, they'd be happy to do a short presentation.

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. No action was taken.