

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2018
MEETING OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The TRF Advisory Committee met on Friday, June 1, 2018, at Renaissance Hotel, 1 South Lake Street, Reno, NV 89501. Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Bonnefant, Bill Bradley, Michael Cameron, Susan Lynn, Don Mahin, Ron Penrose, and *Janet Phillips.

Staff Present: John Enloe, Sonia Folsom and Lauren Renda.

Public: Marlene Olsen, GoodStanding

Members Absent: Mike Brisbin and Candace Elder.

A quorum was present.

*Chair Phillips left at 2:47 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION AND TOUR OF THE TRUCKEE RIVER SYSTEM

Chair Phillips asked for public comment: There was no public comment.

John Svahn, Truckee Donner Land Trust, showed the Committee the tree thinning (35-40 acres) accomplished around Webber Lake (Project #172) in the Lacey Meadows along Hennes Pass Road. The tree thinning addressed areas of disease and density, aiding in the prevention of catastrophic wildfires.

Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC) Executive Director, explained to the Committee how the funding received enabled the TRWC to fully implement, through additional federal grants, the Truckee Meadows Restoration project (Project #200) from inception to completion. The project focused on reducing erosion and sedimentation to the main stem Truckee River, by spreading out the canal, it now supports the wetlands and meadow vegetation.

Ms. Wallace also showed the Committee the progress made on the Big Chief: F4M Restoration Culvert Outflows project (Project #189). The project, in collaboration with Tahoe City Public Utilities District and the U.S. Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, is aimed at decreasing sedimentation, from 34 culverts, entering into the Truckee River in the first four miles (F4M) below the Tahoe Dam. The project built back the flood plan, reintroduced vegetation, and built stairs at the pull-outs along highway 89 which have now become access points.

Eben Swain, Truckee River Watershed Council Program Manager, explained how the Johnson Canyon Westside Restoration-Construction Implementation project (Project #171), by improving bank and channel stabilization, will improve water quality and reduce sediment going into Donner Lake and the

Truckee River. Mr. Swain stated they have identified 15 erosions hotspots that carry sediment into Gregory Creek which feeds directly into Donner Lake and have prioritized them into three areas. Phase I construction is scheduled for August 2018 and will take approximately 4-5 weeks, where Phase II construction is scheduled for 2019. John Enloe, TMWA Director of Natural Resources & Planning, noted that sediment removal from Donner Lake has become a significant task and expense for TMWA.

No action taken.

3. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Vice Chair Lynn adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on August 17, 2018.

Sonia Folsom, Recording Secretary

**Chair Phillips was present for agenda items 1 thru 2 only.*