

**MEETING MINUTES  
(TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)**

**TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2010**

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, October 8, 2010.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan\* \*\*, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron\*\*, Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley\*, John Mosley, Susan Donaldson, Becky Stock; Also: Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, for TMWA; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Members of the Public: Jeff Tissier, TMWA; Chris Fichtel, The Nature Conservancy; Michael Sherak, Jeanie Knowles and Jon Bozanich, Washoe County Sheriff's Office; Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Kimberly Boyd and Craig Threshie, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council; Arlen Huggins and Greg Bortolin, Desert Research Institute; and Jim Smitherman, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission and Western Regional Water Commission.

\* 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: Fund balance report:** Tracy stated that the amount available to grant is \$1,285,815.79, which is for both this fall and the upcoming spring rounds of funding.

**Agenda Item #5: Approve the August 2010 summary meeting minutes:** The August 13, 2010 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:** After first addressing agenda items #7 and #8, the following grant proposals were considered at length and approved as follows:

#76, Coldstream Canyon Floodplain Restoration Project – Truckee River Watershed Council, approved funding the 25 percent match needed by the applicant but not to exceed \$135,000. Lisa Wallace provided input, answered questions and discussed the project with the group.

#77, BMP Installation and Maintenance Training – Board of Regents-NSHE, approved the proposal as written, \$21,269. Sue Donaldson answered questions and discussed the project with the group, then left the meeting room while the group considered the proposal and voted.

#78, Independence Lake Woody Fuels Reduction for Fire Resilience - Year 3 – The Nature Conservancy, approved the amount requested, \$60,000. Chris Fichtel provided input and answered questions. Michael Cameron also provided input, then left the meeting room while the group considered the proposal and voted.

#79, Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program – Tahoe Resource Conservation District, approved the full amount requested, \$296,013, on a reimbursable basis, such that amounts not spent would eventually be relinquished back to the fund, and we're going to collaboratively seek a letter of support from TMWA to whatever agencies are identified by the applicant. Kim Boyd and Craig Threshie provided input, answered questions and discussed the project extensively with the group.

#80, Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community Work Program - Weed Control – Washoe County Sheriff's Office, approved the full amount of \$12,695.01. Jeanie Knowles, Michael Sherak and Jon Bozanich answered questions and provided input regarding the project.

#81, Cloud Seeding Project for Tahoe and Truckee Basins for WY2011 – Desert Research Institute, approved the amount of \$155,876. Jim Smitherman spoke regarding the highlights of the commission meeting, indicating that both boards are satisfied that the program is effective and that there is a promise of matching funding up to \$100,000. Further input was provided by Jeff Tissier, Arlen Huggins and Greg Bortolin.

#82, Truckee River Cleanup – Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, approved the requested amount of \$42,900, and that the applicant provide after-the-fact information about number of acres of weeds treated and number of volunteers. Christi Cakiroglu provided input, answered questions and discussed the project with the group.

**Agenda Item #7: Discussion of possible source of alternative funding for eligible California projects and recommendation for further action:** The group discussed information received from the Regional Water Quality Control Board about a settlement amount because of a lawsuit against Northstar which has left about \$700,000 available for projects that would be in the area in California where Northstar's project would impact. Lisa Wallace had input, and Tracy indicated she had forwarded a couple of Lisa's projects to them and that they will entertain coming to our December meeting.

**Agenda Item #8: Discussion of possible implementation of performance-based funding:** Janet explained that as the grants are considered, the group and the proposers should think about a phased funding payment plan or milestone progress payment approach.

**Agenda Item #9: Committee & staff comments:** Bill suggested that in future meetings, for repeating projects, that we get the budget page from the earlier proposal and ask the presenter to identify changes, decreases and increases in budgetary items. Also, the group talked about getting a standard budget format.

Becky announced tomorrow's Spooner-Marlette Lake hike to raise funds for the Nevada Land Conservancy and passed out flyers.

Janet indicated the City of Reno thinks they'll have their website tool done by the end of this year. Sue stated they're at the point of selecting individuals to use it and see what they think and what needs to be improved. Janet suggested that in future grants, the question be asked as to whether they have all their city approvals, so as to avoid delays. John added maybe we could require council approval before applying.

**Agenda Item #10: Public comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on December 3, 2010.