

## MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

### TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 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., February 27, 2009.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan\*, Vice Chairman; Susan Lynn, Michael Cameron, Jerry Purdy, Mike Brisbin\*, Bill Bradley\*, John Mosley; Also: Sylvia Harrison, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; Members of the Public: Mark Foree, TMWA; Jeff Tissier, TMWA; and Mickey Hazelwood, The Nature Conservancy.

\* Left before the adjournment of the meeting.

**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 noted the new report is a simple spreadsheet, showing the fund balance as of January 1, 2009 was \$1,417,561.44, expenses to date \$3,879.01, listing the approved grants, and an amount remaining in the fund of \$165,817.43, also including a refresher of the grants approved in the fall RFP and which ones have been paid.

**Agenda Item #5: Approval of the January 2009 summary meeting minutes:** A motion passed unanimously to approve the January 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary).

**Agenda Item #6: Presentation by TMWA CFO Jeff Tissier regarding financial outlook for TMWA and discussion of possible Advisory Committee recommendation to TMWA board as to River Fund funding levels for next fiscal year:** Jeff Tissier spoke to the group in regards to TMWA's financial forecast, including that although a TMWA rate increase is probably inevitable, it should be kept as small as possible; that decreasing operating costs is important in keeping TMWA's financial worthiness strong; that TMWA staff has cut as much as they feel they can to meet this objective, including examples like eliminating 7 staff positions and management offering a wage cut (each of which save about \$500,000/year); and that in its present draft form, the 5-year TMWA budget (to be discussed at the April 15 meeting) includes full funding for the Truckee River Fund (about \$1 million/year). Mark Foree added that he expected more discussion on whether to fund

fully would happen in the May meeting of TMWA. In response to comments by Jerry regarding looking at developer impact fees before raising fees on citizens, Jeff stated that those fees were looked at and raised last February and that they do review those every year. At Sylvia's request, Jeff gave an overview of the revenue sources for TMWA. There was discussion amongst the group and Jeff and Mark regarding the quagga mussel and clam problem. There was discussion by the group about its responsibility to advocate for what we are doing. Ron suggested giving higher consideration to projects with a benefit cost analysis. The group unanimously passed a motion to accept the report presented by the TMWA staff.

**Agenda Item #7: Discussion regarding possible priorities and evaluation criteria for specific types of projects for future RFPs and funding decisions:** The group discussed at length the reasons for going through the process of reviewing and changing the RFP, possibly giving preference to projects that are ready to be implemented or projects with a valid benefit cost analysis. There was much discussion about studies, criteria and prioritizing. It was agreed that the criteria be consolidated, eliminating redundancy. The group discussed many possible changes, including categories: A) improved stabilization and decrease erosion; B) structural controls and low impact development; C) removing sources of pollution; D) control or remove invasive aquatic species; E) clean up the rivers; and F) other projects that meet the selection criteria. A motion passed unanimously to have Tracy prepare a draft proposal to go over at the next meeting, on April 3rd, with any comments being provided to Tracy.

**Agenda Item #8: Consider waiving contingency for project #63 Independence Lake -Forest and Wildfire Management Project:** A motion passed unanimously to move this item up prior to #7 above. Mickey Hazelwood spoke to the group about a temporary freeze on funding sources due to the economic crisis in California, that they are exploring possibilities with NV Energy on how to still close this deal on time, and they would like to see a waiver of the contingency to close on ownership by a certain date, that the funds be released, so they can begin work, in light of an analysis by a professional forester regarding a high chance of catastrophic fire and consequent soil erosion. After discussion by the group, a motion was made to remove the contingency and that Nature Conservancy provide a letter of authorization from NV Energy that this work move forward. The motion passed unanimously. Michael abstained from voting.

**Agenda Item #9: Review 2009 calendar, confirm meeting dates, and schedule of possible field trips:** A motion to defer this item to the next meeting passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #10: Committee & staff comments:** There were none.

**Agenda Item #11: Public comment:** There was none.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in Session on April 3, 2009.