

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 4, 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, June 4, 2010.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron, Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley\*, Mike Brisbin, Becky Stock; Also: Megan Starich, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, for TMWA; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; Members of the Public: Marlene Olsen, Olsen & Associates Public Relations; Chris Fichtel, The Nature Conservancy; and Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council.

\* 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 today is \$396,139.37 and that the market was favorable.

**Agenda Item #5: Approve the April 2010 summary meeting minutes:** The April 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #6: Consider grant proposals to Truckee River Fund:** Michael Cameron recused himself from voting on, and left the room during the discussion of, #74, Independence Lake Woody Fuels Reduction for Fire Resilience. Chris Fichtel was present to provide information and answer questions. After a lengthy discussion, which included the possibility of adding funds to this current proposal to treat additional acreage to minimize chances of a wildfire versus considering another proposal in the spring, the grant was unanimously approved as written for \$50,000. John Mosley was assigned to be the reporting official on this project.

Regarding #75, Truckee Wetlands Restoration Project--Phase 2, Beth Christman was present to provide information and answer questions. After discussion, which included the question of possible redevelopment and the need for some kind of permanent protection easement from the landowners, so that our work is going to be ongoing and sustainable, the group asked for more information in this regard. This proposal will be agendaized for the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #7: Update on Watershed Master Plan:** Ron described that the purpose of the master plan is to capture in one very concise document something that can be used to help provide focus to the group's evaluation of watershed projects, using readily available information and expertise from other groups. He indicated that the goal is to provide a draft by September 1st and a final by the end of the year.

**Agenda Item #8: Discussion regarding final itinerary for summer 2010 field trip:** Janet presented the itinerary for the field trip on June 18th. The group discussed who is going and who else could be invited.

**Agenda Item #9: Discussion regarding community perception about projects funded by Truckee River Fund grants:** Michael commented on the group evaluating its body of work and having clear objectives, that it seems like the report Ron is putting together will be helpful, and maybe we should wait for that. Ron mentioned several high-profile projects that are quite good, including the Hawken fire restoration, Pioneer Ditch diversion, River Oaks at Verdi, Independence Lake fuel reduction, the quagga mussel effort at Lake Tahoe, and that the focus has been getting after projects that provide real direct water quality and watershed benefit to the Truckee River. Marlene said it might be helpful to have a separate report to the Board for the Truckee River Fund, that she would look into that. There was discussion about the timing of the status report to the Board, what we're getting as far as news coverage, and possible website enhancements that Marlene will look into.

**Agenda Item #10: Project Reports:** Regarding #67, Cloud Seeding Project for Tahoe and Truckee Basins for WY2010, Becky reviewed phase one, setting up for the cloud seeding, and phase two, the actual cloud seeding, indicating that there were 57 separate seeding events that took place, almost twice the 30 estimated. She reported that in the final phase, DRI will provide estimates of the seeding benefits, that they do have funds remaining for that purpose.

Regarding #53, Aleck Streambank Restoration Improvements to streambank adjacent to agricultural lands, Michael stated that he will report on that at the next meeting.

Regarding #49, Crane Ditch Cleanup Demonstration Project--Curti Ranch LID & PCSC, Jerry reported that it keeps getting extended by the City of Reno, that Suzy Johnson's going to be meeting next week with the City of Reno to sign off on their end of the project. He suggested sending a letter to the City of Reno to ask them to expedite meeting with Suzy's people. Bill volunteered to follow up.

Regarding #25, Bioavailability of dissolved organic nitrogen originating from natural sources and wastewater in effluent in the Truckee River, Mike reported that the project is completed, that they accomplished what they set out to accomplish, and it confirms what other independent studies have shown.

The group discussed the timing and reasons for interim and final reports. It was decided that if a project is having a problem, the committee member assigned to that project will bring it to the attention of Janet or Tracy. The executive committee will then decide at its meeting whether a project report needs to be put on the agenda.

**Agenda Item #11: Committee & staff comments:** Ron mentioned that Corinne Cassell is planning the annual barbeque picnic for the fund advisors on Friday, August 13th.

Jerry complimented Tracy on the great job she is doing. Everyone agreed.

**Agenda Item #12: Public comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #13: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on August 13, 2010.