

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2021

(Meeting via Zoom and teleconference)

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, November 19, 2021, via Zoom and teleconference.

Those Present: Committee Members: Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Don Mahin; Mike Brisbin; Bill Bradley; and Terri Svetich*. Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA. Members of the Public: Theresa Jones with City of Reno; Iris Jehle-Peppard with One Truckee River; and Lisa Wallace with Truckee River Watershed Council.

* Committee member arrived after roll call

** Committee member left meeting before adjournment

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: A quorum was noted after Terri Svetich was able to join the meeting after having computer problems.

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 August summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for August 20, 2021 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Hear presentation from Theresa Jones on Truckee Meadows Stormwater Permit Coordinating Committee (SWPCC) activities: Theresa Jones presented a slide show regarding the Stormwater Committee, which included her information as the coordinator, a description of the Stormwater Committee and what it does, including touching on the 7 program elements that they implement administratively, plus watershed management as it applies to water quality. She reviewed the new logo, trends analysis, watershed management and protection plan and watershed assessments for tributaries to the Truckee River, Chalk Creek and its 319 funding. She talked about their partnerships with

OTR to provide HOAs training, with Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation and the dog waste bags, with KTMB regarding stenciling, and with TMWA to create an informational pamphlet to insert into their water bills. She went over various programs and management plans and added that their website is tmstormwater.com. She answered Committee questions.

Agenda Item #6: Hear presentation from One Truckee River on priorities and progress: Iris Jehle-Peppard gave a slide show presentation regarding OTR and its mission to ensure a healthy and thriving river connected to its community, a nonprofit that coordinates a coalition of public and private partners who work together to strive for that mission. She described the makeup of OTR and how it was founded with Truckee River Fund fund support and how it completed the OTR management plan, and described its focus areas, stating that OTR seeks to coordinate existing agency efforts and documents to implement its plan rather than create a new agency. She also summarized what was accomplished after the plan and work were approved by all three jurisdictions. She discussed a few of the 9 prioritized action items, including public restrooms along the river, focusing on a way to track success of the plan that evolved into the new Truckee River dashboard under Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, and the development and implementation of a coordinated vegetation management plan along the river. She closed by saying that OTR strives to be a circuit to support the implementation of the management plan and that if they always collaborate with their partners, many regional agencies, and work on what they prioritize that comes directly from the management plan, they are within the spirit and mission of OTR. She answered Committee questions.

Agenda Item #7: Hear presentation from Truckee River Watershed Council on priorities and progress: Lisa Wallace first noted that there's a thread between her presentation and Theresa's and Iris's presentations, an element of comprehensiveness in the amount of work to address water quality and working with a wide number of partners, which needs to be reinforced through financing. She thanked the Truckee River Fund for its vision and passion for over a decade and highlighted how much the Truckee River Fund has supported headwaters protection, which has allowed them to leverage that with additional funding that helped achieve TMDL sediment load reduction and more qualitative impact in water supply protection and ecofunction system, which directly has benefit to water supply and water quality, adding that the Nevada portion of the Truckee River is the receiving water from the California portion of the Truckee River. She reviewed the strategies for addressing impairment of the headwaters, including restoration and a lift in ecosystem function and addressing root causes from historic land uses, protecting what's functioning now, and engagement with the theme that no one organization can address water quality and water supply, that it really does take a collaboration. She briefly went over what's coming up, including launching an increase in supporting forest health, conservation, and then continuing work in the 89 South corridor, all of which are headwaters protection that has a direct connect here in Nevada. She described the forest health assessment development and facilitation by TRWC. Work is already underway on many projects, and the assessment can amplify that work. She answered Committee questions.

Agenda Item #8: Review completed projects

- a. **#192 Truckee River Watershed Council:** Truckee River Tributaries Sediment Reduction Project \$65,000 (Mike). Mike Brisbin reviewed the goal of the outcomes and what they actually did. He reported that they did what they said they were going to do, but that it was a little confusing in that they didn't line up the results with the measured outcomes that they were going to use, and the final report didn't specify the decommissioning work they did.
- b. **#209 Truckee River Watershed Council:** Restoration Projects: Donner Creek & Dry Creek Meadows, \$92,000 (Bill). Bill Bradley reported that Dry Creek was the area that was restored and that due to the drought they weren't sure how the restoration was going to perform, but that Lisa indicated it outperformed their expectations. The planning is now going on for Donner Creek, and because of the good results with Dry Creek, the Council, its stakeholders, and its partners are anxious to get that underway. And he expects that we'll be seeing another funding request.
- c. **#240 Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space:** Truckee River Parks and Open Space Weed Management and Revegetation, \$45,000 (Michael). Lauren Renda stated that Michael Cameron had submitted his report, which indicated he marked it as completed and exceeded activities for the proposal, that they met expectations as far as deeming the project a success, and that they met their stated goals in their original proposal. He had an added note that additional work was completed compared to what was proposed in the original proposal because of additional public grant funds that were able to be raised.
- d. **#241 Truckee River Watershed Council:** Restoration: Coldstream Canyon and Bear Creek, \$86,500 (Mike). Mike Brisbin reported that it looks like they did the work that they said they were going to do, and maybe more, but that, again, it's confusing as the metrics that they said they were going to do didn't really match up with what they did. He said that it's his fault for not staying on top of the quarterly reports and doing his homework early where he could have gone back to them and said he didn't understand it.
- e. **#244 Washoe County:** Encampment Clean-up and Unsheltered Individual Data Collection, \$179,932 (Brian). Brian Bonnenfant reported that they did return \$56,000 and change that they did not spend, and that they had another \$100,000 from other sources. They did what they said they were going to do. They collected names from river camp persons. So about 250 people are on that, in that database, that they're tracking now. It's sort of that Built for Zero where now they can start tracking these individuals on services and where they're going and how they're doing. The cleanup went very well. They collected 8,881 trash bags through this process. Also, they picked up 430 pounds of material out of the sharps containers

along the river over the year. And then there's the river steward program, with Grant Denton going around and enlisting some of these camp residents into that program, kind of lifting them out and providing them with hope and a job and an income. They have success stories in their final report of people getting out of the river and getting a job and being approved. So it's all good work.

- f. **#245 Sierra Nevada Journeys:** Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor, \$31,035 (Michael). Lauren Renda stated that Michael Cameron had submitted a report and that he marked that they concluded their activities specified in the proposal, they met expectations, so deeming their project a success, met their stated goals. And he noted that classes were held virtually due to COVID.
- g. **#249 Great Basin Outdoor School:** Lower Truckee Snapshot Day, Spring & Summer Day Camp Watershed Education Initiative, \$15,925.36 (Jim). Lauren Renda stated that she doesn't have a report for this one, and we can add it to the next agenda.

Agenda Item #9: Review and approve 2022 calendar (for possible action): The 2022 calendar was approved.

Agenda Item #10: Discussion and possible updates to Spring 2022 RFP (for possible action): Lauren Renda stated that there should be around \$160,000 available for spring RFP, that we'll keep it the same unless there's any recommendations on the scope of the RFP; otherwise, it will go out probably January with a close date of early February. There was discussion regarding the TMWA Board meeting that Janet Phillips, Terri Svetich, Lauren Renda, Sonia Folsom and Jim Smitherman attended. Feedback was provided as to the Board being supportive of our recommendation, and that Member Brekhus wasn't there but that her sentiments don't carry throughout the rest of the Board. The RFP for spring was approved.

Agenda Item #11: Committee and staff comments: None.

Agenda Item #12: Next meeting: February 18, 2022 at 8:30am (for possible action): The next meeting, set for Friday, February 18, 2022, at 8:30am, was approved.

Agenda Item #13: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting was adjourned at 9:53am. No action was taken.