

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2024

(Meeting via Teleconference and In-Person)

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, November 15, 2024, via teleconference and in-person.

Those Present:

Committee Members: Terri Svetich, Vice Chair; Brian Bonnenfant, Mike Brisbin, Peter Gower, Dave Stanley.

Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada; Sonia Folsom, Kara Steeland, TMWA; Jake Herzig, Council for TRF; Susan Merideth, TRF Minutes Recorder.

Members of the Public: Iris Jehle-Peppard (One Truckee River).

- + Committee member arrived after roll call ++ Committee member left meeting before adjournment
* Asterisks (*) denote non-action items

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: There was no public comment at this time.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda: Brian Bonnenfant motioned to approve the agenda for the November 15th meeting removing Item #8 from the original agenda, and Peter Gower seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approve the August 16, 2024 summary meeting minutes: Brian Bonnenfant motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for August 16, 2024 with spelling corrections. Peter Gower seconded the motion, and the Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Agenda Item #5: Review and approve proposal amendment for TRF #295 from One Truckee River:

TRF recently approved a proposal TRF #295, Watershed Coalition Building & River-Friendly Living Efforts, from One Truckee River at the August meeting. OTR recently submitted a proposed amendment to the committee for consideration that would expand and continue their partnership in the community, specifically focused on river-friendly landscape practices,

outreach and partnerships, by adding a river overlay district focus to the original project agreement. The original proposal was to work with a planner and take that material to the development community for comment and to ultimately to educate and encourage the government to change different codes and regulations for development. Initially, OTR was looking at the whole region in relation to developers, but the amendment pivots this to a river overlay district.

Since the proposal was approved, there have been new developments within the City of Reno, and Iris Jehle-Peppard from OTR was present to discuss the amendment. Late this summer, the Truckee River Revision plan was presented to and approved by the Reno City Council. Mayor Hillary Schieve wanted to know what we should be working on now, and it was recommended to focus on moving forward the service plan and establish a river overlay district. There has not been a lot of interest in a river overlay district in the past but with the recently approved plan and the recommendation to the council there is momentum to pivot this work to support the City of Reno in establishing a river overlay district.

OTR reached out to Brian McCarter, Revitalization Director with the City of Reno, who encouraged them to work with the city to build consensus within the OTR Partnership Council of what they would like to see in that work. The City of Reno also is preparing to allocate funding in the next fiscal year to start the process of a river overlay district. With these new developments, OTR is revising their Watershed Coalition Building and River-Friendly Living Efforts project to incorporate a focus on a river overlay district in addition to the efforts outlined in their original proposal, which presents an opportunity to build consensus within the partnership council. Iris envisions additional requirements and codes for development on land adjacent to the Truckee River, including a buffer where developers can no longer build all the way to the waterline. The current master plan includes a recreation corridor but lacks regulations and enforcement to do much in terms of protection.

Terri asked about the timeline for the river overlay district designation and implementation and whether it is realistic that the City of Reno will be ready to move forward soon. Iris reported that the start date is planned for July 2025, with initial funding allocated to seek a consultant.

In terms of expanding community partnerships, Terri suggested that OTR discuss the river overlay with the Stormwater Permit Coordinating Committee, since this could be beneficial for stormwater management and bring in the City of Sparks as well. Peter asked about reaching out to Scott Carey, AICP for the City of Sparks and member of the American Planning Association, for an opportunity to engage with Sparks, to which Iris suggested adding a stipulation to the amendment to engage with the City of Sparks.

Brain motion to approve the amendment to TRF #295, with the caveat that OTR reach out to Scott Carey with the City of Sparks. Peter Gower seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by the Committee.

Agenda Item #6: Review completed projects:

TRF#262 Truckee Donner Land Trust: Caltrout Truckee River Access & Bank Stabilization Project (Mike Brisbin):

Mike reported that the Truckee Donner Land Trust met and exceeded their stated goals but not all stated goals were met. He visited the site between Farad and Truckee and is satisfied with additional erosion control added between the stairs and parking lot.

Agenda Item #7: One Truckee River Partnership Council discussion re: adding TRF representative:

One Truckee River Partnership Council invited the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee to have a representative on the council. This is an advisory committee that works to build consensus within the council, who then supports initiatives moving forward. Iris Jehle-Peppard from OTR reviewed the background and purpose of the council, highlighting the pivotal relationship between TRF and OTR as well as the organizations currently represented on the council. Sonia Folsom from TMWA discussed the potential benefit from TRF serving on the council in terms of sharing information, needs and accomplishments of organizations with direct involvement in the Truckee River.

While this is more of an information-based council, the committee noted there may be concern regarding such representation from groups who submit proposals to the TRF for funding alongside OTR. However, TRF committee members could attend meetings without being on the council, and since there is value to attending quarterly meetings, a volunteer from TRF could be present without being appointed to the council.

Peter Gower recommended having a TMWA staff on the council serve as a liaison between the OTRPC and TRF and to notify the TRF of relevant meetings. A volunteer from the TRF committee will be required to have prior approval from the advisors at-large to speak on behalf of TRF at these meetings, and TRF representatives would need to make clear they are serving on behalf of themselves and not speak on behalf of TRF unless authorized to do so.

Peter Gower motioned to not add a TRF representative to the Truckee River Partnership Council at this time. Mike Brisbin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The committee thanked OTRPC for the invitation.

Agenda Item #8: Review and approve 2025 calendar:

A proposed meeting calendar for 2025 was presented to TRF Advisory Committee for approval. Brian Bonnenfant motioned and Mike Brisbin seconded the motion to accept the 2025 meeting calendar as presented with a correction to the November 21st task to Review/Approve 2026 calendar. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Agenda Item #9: Committee and staff comments:

Terri would like a summary of the current projects, and Lauren will generate a list of each advisor with current project assignments to distribute to the committee.

Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: February 21, 2025 at 8:30am: Dave Stanley motioned for the next meeting to be held February 21, 2025 at 8:30am. Bonnenfant seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the committee.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment: *none*

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.