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## MINUTES

### Conservation District of Southern Nevada Monthly Board Meeting

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Office – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. Bldg A-400  
February 18, 2004

#### Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Sec.	Ron Smolinski, DAQM
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw	
Supervisor Christina Gibson	

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM.

#### OPEN MEETING

**Consent Agenda:** Consent Agenda items are considered by the CDSN Board to be routine and may be acted upon in one motion. However, the Board may discuss any consent item individually if requested when the Consent Agenda is considered for approval. (Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt requested that the date be corrected on the Agenda. February's agenda was approved, but January minutes were held for approval at the next board meeting.

1. Compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law
2. Approval of February's Agenda
3. Approval of December 2003 and January 2004 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

Supervisor Currier removed item #3 from consent agenda. Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve items 1, 2, 4 and 5. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion & Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Jarrod Edmunds (Discussion Only)  
No report. NRCS staff was absent.

8. Cooperative Weed Management Area (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Hunt asked if the District Attorney approved CDSN signing the MOU. Supervisor Currier stated that the DA approved the MOU. Wilisha will talk to Elyse Benson about the MOU and submit it to Supervisor Currier for her signature. Supervisor Hunt also asked about the status of the grant for the Weed Coordinator position. Supervisor Currier stated that there was no report on the grant at this time.

#### 9. Staff Report – Wilisha Daniels (Discussion Only)

Wilisha distributed copies of the Annual Report, the Soils brochure and KNPR Almanac to the Board. She also gave a brief report on the Casuarina Tree that was thought to be a possible weed concern in the Valley. Wilisha also stated that staff was brainstorming about grant ideas to submit for the EPA Region 9 grant and the State Lands grant. Wilisha mentioned partnering with CCSD to do composting demonstration with the students. Supervisor Hunt asked if we have spoken to RC&D about composting projects with students and suggested we talk to Teri Knight about her current composting project. Wilisha also mentioned the idea of developing a community garden/composting site. Supervisor Currier suggested Acacia Demonstration Gardens as a possible site. Supervisor Wardlaw also suggested developing informational materials on how to create a community garden. Supervisor Gibson stated we should contact local community stations and other agencies for more information and to generate interest. Wilisha also presented the idea of CDSN creating a 2005 Calendar to the Board. Supervisor Currier recommended developing a page calendar. Supervisor Gibson suggested researching the distribution of the calendar first and then generate advertisements. Supervisor Gibson also suggested targeting certain conservation program each month.

#### 10. Supervisor's Report (Discussion)

Supervisor Gibson introduced Ron Smolinski of the Clark County Department of Air Quality Management. She also announced that Comp Planning and the Air Quality Department will merge in the near future to create an overall environmental department. She also reported that the Mojave Max Emergence contest and [mojavemax.com](http://mojavemax.com) kicked off this month. Supervisor Gibson commented on the Annual Report and asked for copies to distribute to County staff. Supervisor Gibson also inquired about other CDSN publications printed this year. Supervisor Currier stated the only pending publication is the Air Quality Guide CDSN is working on with DAQM. Ron Smolinski also commented that he will present an Outreach and Education Plan to DAQM upper management for approval of the continuation of outreach efforts and publications.

Supervisor Wardlaw reported on the Clark County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Advisory Committee Report. Clark County Board of County Commissioners approved the document and it will be forwarded to the federal land management.

Supervisor Hunt reported he took pictures of Acacia Park and attended EQUIP meeting with NRCS staff. He also attended the RC&D meeting this month. He informed the Board that RC&D dues will be due soon, and requested that it be added to March's agenda.

Supervisor Van Gorp reported that he and Supervisor Fortier are still pursuing acreage to conduct the tree study. He stated they have offers from the County and North Las Vegas. Supervisor Currier suggested the NDF grant as a possible funding resource for the study.

Supervisor Currier reported there is a Commission meeting scheduled for next Wednesday in Carson City. She also stated she will work on a cover letter to send with the annual report.

#### 11. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)

Ron Smolinski stated that DAQM will be interested in buying an ad in the prospective CDSN calendar. He also suggested using Las Vegas Demographics to assist in distributing the calendar. Supervisor Gibson also stated that the Desert Conservation Program might also be interested in funding the calendar as well.

#### 12. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

Next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in the CDSN Conference Room.

#### 13. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Supervisor Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer