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Conservation District of Southern Nevada Monthly Board Meeting

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Office – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. Bldg A-400
May 19, 2004

Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair	Jarrod Edmunds, NRCS
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair	Elyse Benson, NRCS
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Sec.	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor Elise McAllister	
Alt. Supervisor Jodi Bechtel	

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 2:30 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)

1. Compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law
2. Approval of May Agenda
3. Approval of April Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to approve consent agenda. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion & Action Item)

Alt. Supervisor Bechtel 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)
Jarrod Edmunds reported NRCS had two contracts approved for EQIP funding this year. The contracts are with Leavitt and the Moapa Band of Paiutes. Jarrod explained that NRCS has a 50 percent cost share contract with Leavitt to install a drainage pipeline near Bunkerville. Supervisor Currier asked if they will monitor or sample water for the project. Jarrod responded that they will not sample the water, but will test the soils instead. He also mentioned they will help to develop a pest management plan with Leavitt as well. Supervisor Currier asked if the Regional Flood Control District had any restrictions on the project connecting to their pipeline. Jarrod stated that there were no restrictions on the project. Jarrod also stated that the Reno field office was closed on May 15th.

8. Conservation Plan for EQIP Program – Elyse Benson (Discussion and Action)

Elyse Benson stated that she and Calvin Meyers developed a MOU to work with the Paiutes on Weed Control. The Paiutes will do a project on weed control on two fields. Elyse reported the Paiutes received an EPA grant to remove Tamarisk and Russian Knapweed. The brush removal will take place the first year of the project and clean up for the next two years of the contract. Supervisor Currier asked what the cost share of the project was. Elyse responded that different practices have different rates and they would receive 90 percent cost share. Supervisor Hunt asked if there were any plans for auditing the progress of the weed control. Elyse stated they will audit the plan and conduct record keeping procedures. Supervisor Wardlaw recommended that Elyse use the County Assessor's parcel database as a way to track data on weeds. He also stated he would serve as the contact and assistant for the use of the database. Elyse mentioned that the CWMA is also setting up a protocol for tracking weeds as well. Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to sign the two plans. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Work Plan and Budget FY 2004 – 2005 (Discussion Only)

Item nine was held until next meeting.

10. Unincorporated CC Meeting Update (Discussion Only)

Elise McAllister reported that she will give us an update on this item at the next meeting.

11. Aqua 'Loc Review (Discussion and Possible Action Item)

No Report.

12. Staff Report – Wilisha Daniels (Discussion Only)

Wilisha gave a brief report on the spring DAQM dust campaign, and the Student Outreach poster contest. She also reported that CDSN sponsored one student for Range Camp this year. Wilisha distributed the new spring newsletter to the board. Gretchen reported that she submitted the straw bale grant to the EPA and we received the grant from NDEP for the compost bins. She also stated she submitted the City of Las Vegas Centennial Grant. Gretchen stated she gave a presentation in Reno on the Wetlands Recreation Trails last week. She reported she is also coordinating a volunteer project to plant cacti at the Acacia Demonstration Gardens.

13. Supervisor's Report (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Van Gorp reported Stantec will work with the City of Henderson to finish work at ADG. He also stated the City of Henderson will host a dedication in the fall.

Alt. Supervisor Bechtel reported the South County Water Quality Plan will be open for public review on June 15, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. She also stated that the Comprehensive Planning, Environmental and Air Quality Departments will merge on July 1st.

Supervisor Hunt reported that he attended the MSHCP and RC&D meetings, and he will also take pictures of ADG this month.

Supervisor McAllister reported that Heather Diamond was sponsored by CDSN for Range Camp this year. She also stated she was working with Gretchen on the straw bale project at Moapa High School.

Supervisor Wardlaw reported that he is actively working with the Growth Management Task Force and the Regional Planning Coalition.

Supervisor Currier reported that the State Conservation Commission meeting will be held on June 17th in Carson City. She also passed around a copy of the letter she sent to the City of North Las Vegas requesting funding. Supervisor Currier also stated that elections are November and a few seats will become available for interested members.

14. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)

Supervisor McAllister commented that at the Moapa Valley Town Board Meeting developers expressed interest in 11,000 acres of BLM disposable land, half of which will be developed on the remaining will be left as open space.

15. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 2:30 p.m. in CDSN's conference room.

16. Agenda Items (Discussion Only)

Next meeting the board will approve the 2004-2005 Work Plan and Budget and confirm a date for the meeting in Moapa.

17. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor McAllister made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Supervisor Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer