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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 3, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Jodi Bechtel, Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Judy Currier, Vice Chair	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary	Kim Vilt
Supervisor Beth Hewitt	
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw	

Supervisor Bechtel called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

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 2005 Agenda

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

Business Agenda:

3. Work Plan Visioning (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Bechtel asked the board to review the 2004-2005 CDSN Work Plan. Supervisor Currier agreed that the work plan needed to be updated. Supervisor Hunt recommended that the board review the goals and objectives of the plan individually, and decide on a ranking order.

Object 1: *Obtain and Maintain Adequate Finances for District Operations*

Supervisor Hunt suggested adding an action to “pursue funds from the Public Lands Management Act.” Supervisor Currier agreed that adding a goal to pursue PLMA funding would be beneficial. Kim stated she was a ghost writer for PLMA funding and it would be advantageous for CDSN to partner with an agency to pursue PLMA funding. Staff will brainstorm on ways to pursue PLMA funding. Supervisor Hunt asked the board if there was an established overhead fee. Kim stated that CDSN does not have an established overhead, however salaries are written into the grant.

Objective 2: *Coordinate and Promote Environmental Education Programs*

Supervisor Bechtel asked the board about CDSN involvement in educational programs. Kim Vilt stated that CDSN is involved in this objective; however some specific programs have not been maintained. Kim also stated that staff discussed building conservation efforts

through community, and involvement with the county and other agencies would increase that effort. Supervisor Bechtel asked if that would be an education program. Kim stated that CDSN could assist other agencies with education and research, as well as, generate funds for educational programs. Supervisor Currier recommended that the specific labels be removed from the objective 2 and keep the “website evaluation and maintenance.” Supervisor Wardlaw suggested that CDSN research federal education funding opportunities to work with the Clark County School District. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested that Objective 2 be changed to “Promote Environmental Education,” instead of “Coordinate and Promote Environmental Education Programs.” Supervisor Bechtel agreed. Supervisor Bechtel suggested deleting “action” one under Objective A, and change it to “develop and distribute educational materials.” The board agreed to remove the remaining bullets and move “Maintain and regularly evaluate the CDSN website” to Objective 6. Supervisor Currier suggested moving Goal B under Goal A.

Objective 3: Provide for District Administrative and Operational Activities

Supervisor Bechtel recommended that Object 1 be combined with Objective 3. Supervisor Currier suggested that Goal B under Objective 3 be removed, due to it being highlighted in Objective 1 and to change Goal A under Objective 1 into a goal under Objective 3. Supervisor Bechtel agreed. Supervisor Wardlaw recommended that Goal C be changed to a bullet under Goal A under Objective 3.

Objective 4: Assist in the Development and Implementation of Conservation Plans and Programs

Supervisor Currier suggested that we summarize the “actions” under Goal A. Supervisor Bechtel stated that the first bullet be changed to “Cooperate with community partners in managing and protecting natural resources.” Kim suggested that we change Goal B to read “Support the NRCS and other federal agencies in their efforts to assist landowners with meeting their federal provisions for resource conservation.” Supervisor Wardlaw agreed. Supervisor Bechtel also suggested changing the second bullet under Goal B to “Participate in the implementation of NRCS programs.” The board agreed to delete Goal C.

Objective 5: Build, Promote, and Facilitate Partnerships among Stakeholders

Supervisor Currier recommended that specific labels be removed. Supervisor Currier and Wardlaw suggested that Goal A be changed to “Maintain and enhance public and private partnerships and assist with environmental efforts of grassroots organizations, local businesses, and general public,” which will combine Goals A and B under Objective 5.

Objective 6: Promote Conservation District Efforts through Public Outreach

Supervisor Wardlaw suggested developing a portfolio to present to agencies and the community about CDSN. Supervisor Bechtel recommended scheduling another meeting to discuss the implementation of Objective 6. Supervisor Wardlaw recommended change Objective 6 to a goal under Objective 1/3.

Supervisor Bechtel asked staff to make the changes to the plan and email it to the board for review. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested meeting again to discuss implementation of the goals and maintenance of the work plan.

4. Open Discussion and Public Comment

5. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only) – May 18th, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the CDSN office.

6. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Carrier seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer

Date