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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
October 15, 2003- 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair	Kim Vilt
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Sec.	Rick Orr, NRCS
Supervisor Christina Gibson	Jarrold Edmunds, NRCS
Supervisor Joe Fortier	Greg Currier, Volunteer

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 September 2003 Agenda
3. Approval of August 2003 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

Supervisor Joe Fortier made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 Fortier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Rick Orr (Discussion Only)

Rick Orr stated that he had accepted the BLM position in Caliente, and would be leaving NRCS in November. He also stated that NRCS received additional funds that were obligated to five EQIP and one WHIP project in Bunkerville and Lincoln County. The total amount of funds obligated was \$165,000. Rick also announced that Jarrold accepted the District Coordinator (DC) position for the Las Vegas office, and Jim Potts is the DC for Nye County. He and Elyse will be the contacts for this area. He also stated the Area Conservation position would become available 30 days after his departure, and he is encouraging all local staff to apply. Jarrold stated the Bunker Farm conservation plan would be ready for review at the next board meeting.

8. Updates and Revisions to Nevada BMP – Supervisor Fortier (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Fortier stated he spoke with Rick Orr about Conservation Districts' role in the development of Best Management Practices (BMP). Supervisor Fortier suggested that the CDSN review the BMPs for agriculture and urban irrigation. Supervisor Currier asked about new and existing developments and if they would need to follow the BMPs as well. Supervisor Fortier confirmed everyone should follow BMPs. Supervisor Hunt asked about enforcement and how we would move forward. Supervisor Fortier stated that legal enforcement would come from building departments. Supervisor Fortier requested existing BMPs be reviewed first, and then CDSN will draft a proposal to be submitted to the Nevada Department of Agriculture and the State Conservation Commission for support. Jarrod suggested that the adoption of the State BMPs be presented as a resolution at the NvACD conference.

9. NvACD Annual Meeting Resolutions (Discussion and Possible Action Item)

CDSN will send resolution to update the BMP guide and reference back to ordinances where applicable. Supervisors Van Gorp and Fortier will draft resolution for BMP revisions and send them to Kim to send to Sandi Gotta of the NV Division of Conservation. The Board selected two voting delegates, Supervisor Van Gorp as the primary delegate and Supervisor Currier as alternate delegate. Kim stated Sandi asked for funding resolutions from Conservation Districts. Kim suggested an increase in state funding from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Kim will draft a resolution for Supervisor Currier's signature and send it to Sandi. Supervisor Fortier made a motion to send a resolution to update the State's BMP manual regarding landscape and agricultural irrigation, and a resolution requesting increased state funding, and to appoint Supervisor Van Gorp as voting delegate. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Board Meeting Location Update – Supervisor McAllister (Discussion and Possible Action)

No report was given.

11. Possible High Desert RC&D Dues Increase – Supervisor Hunt (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Hunt stated the RC&D was reviewing an option to increase annual dues to cover the cost of insurance. Supervisor Hunt also expressed concerns about a 10% fee for the RC&D changes projects, which will cover administrative services. Kim explained that because certain funders do not allow overhead, an administrative fee is charged instead. The Board was not opposed to the increase in dues. Supervisor Currier stated CDSN receives many benefits from RC&D. Supervisor Gibson supported the increase but suggested that a letter be sent to RC&D regarding alternative venues for pursuing administrative funds. Supervisor Hunt supported the dues increase and agreed RC&D should consider a better process to generate revenue.

12. Staff Report – Kim Vilt (Discussion Only)

Kim stated that Cedco is finishing the hardscapes at the Acacia Demonstration Gardens and DW Landscaping is finishing the allergy garden, streetscape and back area. The Gardens are scheduled to open in the spring. On October 25, 2003 CDSN will coordinate a tree planting at the Wetlands Park for Nevada Shade Tree week. Wilisha gave a brief report on DAQM's outreach program.

13. Supervisor's Report (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Gibson reported a PIE meeting and tour would be held on the 16th at the Clark County Heritage Museum. She stated she spoke to Sue Baker about the Clark County fair, and CDSN could participate in a community tent at the fair this year. Additionally, she stated she would be attending a partnership conference in November.

Supervisor Hunt reported he attended a CWMA meeting, and participated in a weed pull at Pitman Wash. Kim stated Elyse Benson of NRCS will chair the group.

Supervisor Fortier stated he is working with Kim on an irrigation brochure. He stated they are working on a grant for a tree irrigation study.

Supervisor Currier stated she assisted Kim and Wilisha in the hiring of David Gahr as the new SBA contractor.

14. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Currier announced Wilisha was selected to incorporate the duties of the Administrative Assistant position into her current position.

Volunteer Greg Currier stated he was proud of the way the Board handled negative situations over the past year and attributed his passion at previous Board Meetings to his feelings of commitment to the CDSN and its members.

15. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2003 at 2:30 in the CDSN Conference Room. No meeting is scheduled for November.

16. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Fortier seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Supervisor Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer