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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  
September 15, 2004

#### Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair  
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair  
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary  
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw  
Supervisor Christina Gibson  
Supervisor Elise McAllister

Wilisha Daniels  
Gretchen Huie  
Jarrod Edmunds, NRCS

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.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 September 2004 Agenda
3. Approval of August 2004 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

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

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - (Discussion/Action Item)

Jarrod reported that NRCS worked with the District to submit a weeds grant to NRCS. Supervisor Currier stated that CDSN submitted two grants for weed removal and water quality/quantity. Jarrod also stated that NRCS and the UNR Cooperative Extension will share a booth at this year's Farm Festival. The theme of the booth will be composting and worm farming. Approximately 10,000 students are expected to participate in the festival. He also reported that NRCS will take over operation of the EQIP program.

8. NvACD Conference, Gardnerville, NV, October 2004 (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw moved to send Supervisors Hunt and Gibson to the conference. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Nevada Weed Management Association 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Discussion/Action Item)  
Supervisor Wardlaw moved to send Supervisor Hunt and Gretchen to the conference. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Environmental Awareness Packet (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson reported on the possibility of CDSN producing a comprehensive Environmental Awareness Packet. She suggested combing all of CDSN's publications into a binder to give to governmental agencies and to the public upon request. The binder will include information on air, water, species, conservation and environmental topics. She also suggested selling the packet to cover printing cost. Supervisor Hunt suggested marketing the packet to the media. Supervisor Currier agreed that it would be beneficial to combine all of CDSN's documents into one format. Supervisor Wardlaw also supported the packet. He suggested using the document as part of a comprehensive plan for various governmental entities. He also stated that CDSN could possibly work with the *Regional Planning Coalition* on their *Open Space Plan* to include the publications as part of the Plan. Supervisor Gibson stated the packet would be a part of a long-term planning process. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested changing the name of the *Environmental Awareness Packet* to a *Conservation Plan*. Supervisor Currier suggested that staff work with the seasonal intern to begin formatting the publications into one document. Supervisor Wardlaw moved to authorize Supervisor Gibson to work with staff to continue to develop the Plan, into a comprehensive format and product for publication and distribution to our customers. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. Election Logistics (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier reported that Supervisors Wardlaw and Fortier seats are up for election. She stated that the elections will be held during the second week of November. Supervisor Currier stated that the board will finalize the election logistics at October's board meeting. Supervisor Hunt moved to hold the election and board meeting at the County building during the second week of November. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. Staff Report – (Discussion/Action Item)

Wilisha gave a brief report on the status of the student outreach program, and the poster contest. She also passed around the layout for the 2005 Conservation Calendar. She reported that three candidates will be interviewed on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the Conservation Technician position. Gretchen reported she met with Luccasi Galati Architects about the strawbale project. She also stated that she will accept the centennial grant on October 6<sup>th</sup> from the City of Las Vegas. She reported that she is working on a grant for CWMA to partner with the local chapter of the Girl Scouts on a weed education project.

13. Supervisor's Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor McAllister reported she is working with the principal at Moapa High School on the strawbale project. She also distributed design drawings for the project to the board.

Supervisor Hunt reported he will attend the MSHCP and RC&D meetings this week. He also reported he will sit on the panel of interviewers for the Conservation Technician position.

Supervisor Wardlaw reported the RPC, RTC and DAQEM have completed a *Land Use Forecast* for the Valley through the year 2035. The assessment will be used for the *Transportation Improvement Plan* and the *State Implementation Plan* for air quality. He also reported that Clark County is in the process of completing a Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Gibson reported that the DCP is preparing to introduce a mass media campaign focusing on the *Respect, Protect and Enjoy* message. She also reported that the Mojave Max campaign has launched, and she is working with the school district to schedule assemblies. Supervisor Gibson also stated the Southern Nevada Environmental Task Force will hold a meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Health District. The topic of the meeting will be “Environmental Law Enforcement on Public Land.”

Supervisor Currier passed around the NvACD drawing tickets. She also reported that she ordered the ADG dedication plaque. The ADG grand opening is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Supervisor Currier also asked members to contact her if they are interested in speaking at the Garden’s grand opening.

14. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)\*

Supervisor McAllister stated that the Overton Wildlife Management Area is in the process of building an interpretive center, and will host a series of workshops on education. She also stated that the Battleship Wash clean-up project is still in progress, and the BLM have scheduled several Eagle Scout projects to work on re-vegetating the area.

15. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2004 at the CDSN office.

16. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

The board will discuss the election logistics in further detail at the October meeting. Supervisor Hunt requested to add the Acacia Park Dedication to the agenda.

17. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.