

CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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A special meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee was scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Randy Pahl
Vice Chairperson Paul Pugsley
Member Bradley Kosch
Member Ernie Rink

STAFF: Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER (12:25:38) - Chairperson Pahl called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (12:25:39) - Roll was called; a quorum was present. Members Greytak, McCubbin & Sheck were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENIZED ITEMS (12:25:53) - None.

1. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (12:26:01) - **Member Rink moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting. Vice Chairperson Pugsley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

2. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** (12:26:16) - None.

3. **AGENDA ITEMS:**

3-A. **PRESENTATION ONLY ON INVASIVE AQUATIC INVERTEBRATE SPECIES WHICH COULD POSE A THREAT TO THE CARSON RIVER** (*Vern Krahn/Ted Thayer, TRPA*) (12:26:21) - Chairperson Pahl introduced the item and Mr. Krahn gave background information and reviewed the staff report which is incorporated into the record. He introduced Ted Thayer, TRPA Program Manager of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS); and Dr. Sudeep Chandra, Assistant Professor of Limnology and Conservation Ecology at the University of Nevada Reno.

(12:29:13) Dr. Chandra advised of the ecology of area invasive species and presented a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is incorporated into the record. He explained the definition, types of species, costs and existing local issues. He discussed species of concern approaching the region, the invasion process and management strategies to minimize risk.

(12:56:02) Ted Thayer noted that the strength of their program lies in a multi-agency approach. He presented a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is incorporated into the record. He discussed the AIS Plan, their goals, and prevention measures. He emphasized the importance of protecting Lake Tahoe noting

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the likelihood of the Carson River becoming infected should Lake Tahoe become infected. Chairperson Pahl and Member Kosch thanked Dr. Chandra and Mr. Thayer for their presentations. Dr. Chandra advised that he and Mr. Thayer are willing to lend their expertise in creating an AIS plan noting access to funding from the Federal AIS Task Force. Chairperson Pahl agreed that it has to be a watershed effort and suggested coordinating with the Carson River Coalition. Ed James, Carson Water Subconservancy District advised of a June meeting that will focus on this issue and suggested reviewing access points as well. Mr. Krahn commented on the role of the Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) and the fisheries perspective, agreeing that it has to be a regional approach. He expressed appreciation for the presentations.

Chairperson Pahl called for public comment. In response to a question by Margie Evans, Dr. Chandra acknowledged that some species are moved by fishermen noting that education is imperative for the fishing community. Mr. Thayer added that California Fish & Game has guidelines on how to decontaminate fishing equipment. Jim Lawrence, Nevada Division of State Lands thanked the CRAC for taking on the issue. In response to a question, Mr. Thayer replied that the Truckee Meadows Water Authority has provided funding to establish an inspection program for area reservoirs. Dr. Chandra added that a monitoring program has also been established. In response to another question, Mr. Thayer replied that outreach materials have been developed and they are willing to share them with anyone in the region. In response to another question, Dr. Chandra noted the importance of ensuring that monitoring programs are in place for outlying types of AIS. He added that the Truckee River Water Shed monitoring program focuses on quagga and zebra mussels and explained their monitoring methods. He stressed that “we really should be monitoring for everything...” In response to another question, Dr. Chandra replied that a plankton/quagga monitoring program will be started at Lahontan and noted the importance of establishing boat inspection programs as well. In response to another question, Mr. Thayer explained the partnerships with Lake Tahoe private marinas which are subject to the same inspection requirements. Chairperson Pahl reiterated his thanks for the presentations.

3-B. ACTION REGARDING COMBINING THE CARSON RIVER SNAPSHOT DAY WITH THE CARSON RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S WORK AND EDUCATION DAY (AKA RIVERFEST 2010) TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010 (*Randy Pahl/Dan Greytak*) (1:30:42) - Chairperson Pahl introduced and gave background information on the item. Mr. Krahn added that the Chamber of Commerce is willing to work with them on the event. Chairperson Pahl noted other opportunities that can be developed. In response to a question, Ms. Evans explained the Snapshot Day team leader training program and acknowledged that team leaders will educate the volunteers on Snapshot Day. Vice Chairperson Pugsley expressed concern about conflict among the groups but opined that incorporating Snapshot Day with Riverfest is a wonderful opportunity. Ms. Evans explained the idea of offering a range of activities due to the possibility of a big turnout of volunteers. Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion. In response to a question, **Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to pursue combining other things that may be occurring in October and trying to bring them into a one day event. It’s a laudable goal. Member Kosch seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Mr. Krahn commented that it’s easier to provide manpower for one big event than for multiple events. In response to a question, he replied that the Chamber’s monthly program has been cut in half because of staffing limitations noting cleanups in April, May, June and October.

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4. NON-ACTION ITEMS REPORTS ONLY:

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (1:41:40) - None.

STATUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF:

4-A. UPDATE ON APPLICANTS BEING SOUGHT FOR A COMMITTEE MEMBER TO REPRESENT WILDLIFE ISSUES (1:41:49) - Mr. Krahn advised that Member Greytak's position is expiring but believes he will reapply. He explained the application process for the audience.

4-B. UPDATE ON THE MORGAN MILL ROAD RIVER ACCESS AREA'S RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND THE CARSON RIVER CANYON WHITE WATER RAFT TRIP SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2010 (1:43:18) - Mr. Krahn advised of the ribbon cutting ceremony on May 22 and noted that the facility is open for public access.

4-C. UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR WELLS #25 (NORTH) AND #41 (SOUTH) AT RIVERVIEW PARK (1:44:07) - Mr. Krahn reported that the north well is being outfitted with a new pipeline extending from Hells Bells Road to the water treatment plant. He noted that the south well is being re-drilled.

4-D. UPDATE ON THE BLACKHAWK 120KV POWERLINE ALIGNMENT (1:44:53) - Mr. Krahn advised that this project is in preliminary planning phases and will be re-agendized at the appropriate time.

Mr. Krahn advised that the City will be entering into an agreement to purchase the Jarrard property and hopes to close within 45 days. He added that SNPLMA funds were awarded for the purchase of the Bently property.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS () -

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1:46:55) - Chairperson Pahl entertained a motion for adjournment. Vice Chairperson Pugsley moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m. Member Rink seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the March 31, 2010 Carson River Advisory Committee meeting are so approved this 17th day of May, 2010.

RANDY PAHL, Chair