

MINUTES WASHOE-STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Date: Monday June 9th, 2025

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Nevada Department of Agriculture, 405 21st St, Sparks, NV 89431

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Notice

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District (WSCD) Board considered possible action on the attached agenda items. The Board reserved the right to take items out of order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner. The Board may combine two or more items, remove items or delay discussion relating to item(s) on the agenda. Items on the agenda without a time designation may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

Contact the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Administrative & Conservation Technician for additional meeting information. Alisa Kim (562) 400-0885, alisa.wscd@gmail.com

MINUTES

The Conservation District considered and acted on the following items unless otherwise noted:

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 PM.

I. Call to Order

A. Introductions, determination of board quorum, and introduction of guests.

Present were Chair Lyndsey Langsdale, Treasurer Jim Shaffer for part of the meeting due to technical issues, Storey County Representative Kathy Canfield, Board Supervisor Darcy Phillips, and Board Supervisor Elena Larsen. Also present were Gayle Bowers, previous Chair of Washoe-Storey Conservation District and Iris Jehle-Peppard, Executive Director of One Truckee River, Marlee Jenkins, Conservation District Staff Specialist with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Alisa Kim, Conservation & Administrative Technician with Washoe-Storey Conservation District.

- B. Determination of agenda order – Agenda items may be taken out of order or deleted for lack of time.

No agenda items have been moved or deleted.

II. Public Comment* – Not for Possible Action

Public comment will be allowed at the beginning, after each item on the agenda and prior to the adjournment of every meeting. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per comment.

No public comments.

III. Steamboat Creek Issue Comment – For Possible Action

- A. Gayle Bowers, a member of the public, will present concerns about a slated development in a meadow along Steamboat Creek in Pleasant Valley. This item is in relation to the 1998 Steamboat Creek Restoration plan that Washoe-Storey Conservation District funded.

Gayle Bowers presented on the new development called Sierra Reflections is slated to be built below Little Washoe in Pleasant Valley, with many small parcels in the meadow alongside Steamboat Creek. The development would be 5,000-7,000 parcels total in a manner similar to Damonte Ranch in Reno, Nevada. Washoe-Storey Conservation District was involved with the Steamboat Creek restoration. The developers are planning to follow the minimum regulations of keeping 150 feet on each side of the creek undeveloped. The area is considered a superfund site because of many tons of methyl mercury dumped during Comstock mining. Some concerns include if any mitigation will occur for effects to the creek and banks, if the developments and thus inhabitants will be impacted by the flooding which happens in the area, and what are the implications of wildlife and habitat impacts. Further concerns include if the mercury would leach from the superfund site out of the area. The Washoe Valley community group is currently waiting for the development company to submit to the County Commissioner.

Elena Larsen made a point that Steamboat Creek is one of the navigable waters of the United States so if the development goes through, it would require mitigation. Kathy Canfield suggested talking with someone from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection about the superfund site status. Iris Jehle-Peppard is speaking as a member of the public and expressed concerns about water quality since Steamboat Creek is the largest tributary to the Truckee River, wondering about the legality and weight of the Steamboat Creek Restoration Plan in the face of the development and the stance Washoe-Storey Conservation District wants to make.

Motion #06-01: Darcy Phillips makes a motion to pursue reaching out to the Washoe County District Attorney for the legal weight of the Steamboat Creek Restoration Plan, Lyndsey Langsdale seconds. 3 ayes, 1 abstain. Motion passes.

IV. External Agency Items and Reports – Not for Possible Action

- A. **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Carson Hicks – Updates

Carson Hicks is not present.

B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Marlee Jenkins – Updates

Marlee Jenkins presents on the end of the legislative session and future updates, including no action on AB 80 which means the Soil Health Bill did not pass. Marlee Jenkins and Elena Larsen went to a field workshop doing hand meadow restoration with the Sagebrush Ecosystem Team. Marlee will be attending an invasive grasses workshop in Elko, and the southern Nevada position will hopefully be filled in the next few months.

C. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – Updates

Nevada Association of Conservation Districts is not present.

D. Nevada Department of Wildlife – Graham Mills – Updates

Graham Mills is not present.

E. Nevada Department of Agriculture – Jake Dick – Updates

Jake Dick presents on possible presence of Ventenata in Washoe Valley. For Yellow starthistle, they have surveyed in Washoe Valley and the base of Mt. Rose Highway, following up with private property owners and weed pull along the Nevada Department of Transportation right-of-way as well as work requested by Washoe County in San Rafael Park. Jake also discussed Dalmatian toadflax at Gold Hills with Kathy Canfield and falling back on biocontrol rather than eradication through spraying on a dangerous hill. Drone treatment could be possible with the help of Carson Valley Conservation District. They received a complaint about Perennial pepperweed in Hidden Valley and Hoary cress on private property for possible vector areas. City of Reno is treating Barbed goatgrass behind private property on Mayberry. They are also partnering with United States Forest Service and County of Washoe to treat Barbed goatgrass and some thistles on Peavine and near Verdi. If there are any cost-share grant opportunities for invasive species removal, Jake will let us know.

V. District Projects – For Possible Action

A. Washoe County Planning Reviews – Updates from Jim Shaffer.

Jim Shaffer is not present.

B. Storey County Projects – Updates from Kathy Canfield.

Kathy Canfield presents on mercury testing in residential yards with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

C. Reno Food Systems Back 40 Project – Updates on project planning and funding opportunities.

Lyndsey Langsdale presents on working on the plan for the National Association of Conservation Districts Urban & Community Grant Initiative, which is still currently paused.

D. Nevada Division of Forestry Education & Outreach Grant – Update on grant process.

Alisa Kim and Marlee Jenkins presented on trying to submit the grant but not being able to use 0's as the SAM number as per suggested by the Nevada Division of Forestry. The grant was finalized and hopefully the Nevada Division of Forestry will either provide feedback for future

grant cycles or Washoe-Storey Conservation District will receive their SAM number before the funding evaluation process is completed.

VI. District Supervisor Reports – Not for Possible Action

No District Supervisor Reports.

VII. Internal District Issues – For Possible Action (unless otherwise noted)

A. Review, Amendment, and Approval of Minutes from previous meeting, conducted 5/12/25.

Kathy Canfield wanted to amend the minutes to state IV. B. to “Drainage master plan”

Motion #06-02: Lyndsey Langdale makes a motion to pass the minutes from 5/12/25 with amendments, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

B. Financial Reports – Treasurer Jim Shaffer – Balances, financial reports, and delegation of funds from Washoe and Storey Counties and the State of Nevada.

Treasurer Jim Shaffer is not present. Marlee Jenkins made a point to start online banking to have live statements as needed.

Motion #06-03: Lyndsey Langdale makes a motion to pay Alisa Kim \$287.80 for 12 hours and 34 miles of reimbursement at \$0.70 per mile, Darcy Phillips seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

1. Update on purchasing tabling resources

Alisa Kim gave an updated on purchased tabling resources, which will be all shipped to Home Depot by Thursday June 12 and then will be moved to the shed in Lockwood.

C. POOL/PACT Update and dues – Insurance coverage through the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and Public Agency Compensation Trust (PACT) renewal. The renewal is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 for \$1,000.

Marlee Jenkins presented on renewal of POOL and PACT, with the possibility that we may have to reach out for the cost of PACT renewal either through Dolan & Edwards or the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts treasurer.

Motion #06-04: Darcy Phillips makes a motion to pay the POOL renewal of \$1,000, Darcy Phillips seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

D. SAM registration updates (for discussion only) – The District is currently working to apply for a SAM.gov registration number, to be eligible to receive federal grant funding. Staff will provide updates on the application process.

Alisa Kim presented on the current status of applying for a SAM.gov registration number. Currently, the tax-exempt letter through the state of Nevada has been updated, and we are waiting on confirmation from the Nevada Secretary of State and the Internal Revenue Service for a change of address.

E. General Correspondence Updates

1. **Review and delegate tasks** to be completed by the next meeting.

All tasks have been delegated.

- F. **Outreach** – Washoe-Storey Conservation District is seeking one new member to join the board of supervisors (elected volunteers).

Marlee Jenkins presents on Brian Beffort with Washoe County sharing the open member position to others that are interested in joining.

VIII. District Staff Reports – Not For Possible Action (unless otherwise noted) –

Alisa Kim – Updates

- A. Washoe Valley private property owner weed abatement assistance request

Alisa Kim presents on a private property owner reaching out to get assistance on identifying and removing noxious weeds on their property. The board suggested connecting them to Jake Dick with Nevada Department of Agriculture and Marlee Jenkins stated if Washoe-Storey Conservation District was interested in doing cost-share opportunities for weed abatement, that is a possibility for funding they can pursue as it's been a service they've provided in the past.

IX. Public Comments – Not for Possible Action

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No public comments.

X. Next Scheduled Washoe Storey Conservation District Board Meeting – For Possible Action

Typically the second Monday of each month, July 14, 2025, at 3:30pm.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned on 5:24 PM.

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify our office by writing to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Administrative & Conservation Technician Alisa Kim by email at alisa.wscd@gmail.com or calling (562) 400-0885 no later than two (2) working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Virtual Access

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Date	Time In	Time Out	Hours Worked	Task	Date Submitted	Total
6/4	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	1	Post agenda, finalize minutes, send out email		
				Get forms ready to mail, activate new card and purchase from Home Depot, submit State of Secretary change of address		
6/4	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	2	June 9th public meeting		
6/9	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	2	Go over to dos from meeting, send emails		
6/10	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	0.5	Pick up tabling items from Home Depot, drop off in Lockwood		
6/12	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1.5	Mileage from UNR to Home Depot then Lockwood and back	37 miles	
6/12				Emails		
6/12	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	0.5	Check emails, request agenda items, work on lonos contact change and payment, move files		
7/2	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	2	Drive to Tom Cooke Trail to scout goatgrass stage		
7/3	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	1.5	Mileage from UNR to Tom Cooke Trail and back	24 miles	
7/3				Put together draft agenda		
7/7	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	0.5	Edit June minutes, edit agenda, reach out for status updates on SAM documents, reach out to District Attorney's office		
7/8	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	1.5	Finalize agenda, send out	7/9	
7/9	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	0.5			
				Hours	13.5	\$297.00
				Mileage	61	\$42.70
				Total		\$339.70