

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2016

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the certified transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 26, 2016.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Mike Brisbin; Sue Donaldson***; Candice Elder*; Susan Lynn; Also: Tracy Turner, with Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both from TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Eric Petterson, Tahoe National Forest; Richie Bednarski and Nora Kaufmann, both with Friends of Nevada Wilderness; Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill, both with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Jeff Mann, City of Reno Parks; Erin Casey, Truckee River Watershed Council; Alexis Ollar and Nikki Riley, both with Mountain Area Preservation; John Svahn, with Truckee Donner Land Trust; Amy Berry and Diana Dorman, both with Tahoe Fund.

* Committee member arrived after roll call

** Committee member left meeting before adjournment

*** Committee member was on the phone

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: There was no public comment at this time.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda (for possible action): The agenda was unanimously approved (Sue Donaldson was on the phone and did not vote on this item).

Agenda Item #4: Review Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure for possible revision, including quorum requirements and requirements for participation in voting (for possible action): Governing Rule number 4, which includes the sentence "Members participating telephonically may not vote on action items," was reviewed, and Sylvia gave some background information. The committee unanimously approved to remove the word "not" from that sentence in the rule. Janet noted that Sue, who is participating today telephonically, can now vote.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the December and January summary meeting minutes (for possible action): Both the December 4, 2015 and January 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) were unanimously approved, with no corrections or comments.

Agenda Item #6: Fund balance report: Tracy stated that the current amount available to award is \$548,182.76.

Agenda Item #7: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action): The following grant proposals were considered at length and voted on by the committee and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#167, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative, \$33,041, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill were present and provided input and answered questions.

#168, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring and Treatment #4, \$21,002, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Richie Bednarski and Nora Kaufmann were present and provided input and answered questions.

#169, City of Reno, Truckee River Cleanup Crew - Year 2, \$47,787, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Jeff Mann was present and provided input and answered questions.

#170, Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, Trout Creek Pocket Park & Restoration Initiative, \$25,000, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Alexis Ollar and Nikki Riley were present and provided input and answered questions.

#171, Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC), Johnson Canyon Westside Restoration-Construction Implementation, \$67,000, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Erin Casey was present and provided input and answered questions. Tracy requested a revised budget that takes the construction and breaks it out, so that we can see the annual expenditures.

#172, Truckee Donner Land Trust, Webber Lake Little Truckee River Headwaters Timber Management, \$75,000, was unanimously declined this cycle, but the proposer is asked to come back. The committee would like to wait until it receives the findings of a prioritization study it funded before deciding to fund this type of a project (project #147, The Nature Conservancy, Optimizing Restoration Investments in the Truckee Watershed). John Svahn was present by telephone and provided input and answered questions.

#173, Tahoe Fund on behalf of the Lake Tahoe Outreach Committee, Take Care - Truckee River, \$9,354, was unanimously approved for the full amount requested. Amy Berry and Diana Dorman were present by telephone and provided input and answered questions. There was discussion of possibly extending the "Take Care" message campaign downstream to Reno in the future, since the development work is already done.

#174, USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest, Truckee Ranger District, Prosser WUI Fuels Reduction Project, \$270,000, was unanimously declined this cycle, but the proposer is asked to come back. The committee would like to wait until it receives the findings of a prioritization study it funded before deciding to fund this type of a project (project #147, The Nature Conservancy, Optimizing Restoration Investments in the Truckee Watershed). Eric Petterson was present and provided input and answered questions.

Agenda Item #8: Hear reports on projects completed in the last year: #133 Tahoe Resource Conservation District Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program (Mike Brisbin); #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife New Zealand mud snail and aquatic invasive species outreach for the Truckee River (Bill Bradley); #136 Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community work program pollution and weed control (John Enloe); #137 Nevada Land Trust Alum Creek water quality improvement (Bill Bradley); #139 Town of Truckee watercraft inspection program (Michael Cameron); #145 and #158 Sierra Nevada Journeys watershed education initiative (Sue Donaldson); #153 Friends of Nevada Wilderness Mt. Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring/Treatment (Sue Donaldson):

Regarding #133 Tahoe Resource Conservation District Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program (Mike Brisbin), Mike indicated that he's still unclear as to the original proposal versus what the modified proposal was, so that he knows what he's supposed to be checking them on.

Regarding #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife New Zealand mud snail and aquatic invasive species outreach for the Truckee River (Bill Bradley), Bill was not present today.

Regarding #136 Washoe County Sheriff's Office Community work program pollution and weed control (John Enloe), Tracy stated that John reported that the activities specified in the proposal were partially completed, that the weed control project was delayed and the Sheriff's Office deobligated that part of the funds, that they met or exceeded expectations in terms of success, and that they met and exceeded their stated goals.

Regarding #137 Nevada Land Trust Alum Creek water quality improvement (Bill Bradley), Bill was not present today.

Regarding #139 Town of Truckee watercraft inspection program (Michael Cameron), Michael was not present today.

Regarding #145 Sierra Nevada Journeys watershed education initiative (Sue Donaldson), Tracy stated that Sue had reported that they completed their activities, met expectations, and then met some goals.

Regarding #153 Friends of Nevada Wilderness Mt. Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring/Treatment (Sue Donaldson), Tracy read the report that Sue had sent in, which stated that Sue was satisfied, they completed the activity specified in the proposal, and they had met expectations and stated goals.

Regarding #158 Sierra Nevada Journeys watershed education initiative (Sue Donaldson), Tracy stated that Sue had reported that they exceeded all expectations on this project, that they did a good job focusing on increasing students' abilities to specify ways to project water quality.

Agenda Item #9: Next meeting: June 3, 2016 (for possible action): Janet stated that our next meeting is June 3rd. Suggestions were made to have the Truckee River Watershed Council present their Donner watershed report and The Nature Conservancy present their preliminary watershed report at that meeting. Also on the agenda will be a discussion about whether the 25% match requirement is the total project or whether it's the amount that's being asked for from the Truckee River Fund, together with project update reports. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #10: Public comment: John Enloe commented that TMWA finally received a Union Pacific Railroad permit for the Highland work. He also commented that TMWA received a special use permit to build a water treatment plant off Thomas and Whites Creek.

Sylvia commented that since we are going to be allowing our telephonic participants to participate in voting, we may be able to advance the timeframe for posing questions and getting answers and request that answers to questions be submitted electronically, possibly using Dropbox.

Sonia commented that it's the 15th anniversary of TMWA's inception, and she'll be putting a flyer together shortly for the annual picnic, which is going to be a big one because a few employees will be retiring.

Janet commented that for anybody wanting to be educated about the Truckee River, they could go on the Nevada Water Resources tour, which is May 5th and 6th, that's led by her.

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m. No action was taken.