

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Seventy-fourth Session
April 18, 2007**

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Dean A. Rhoads at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, in Room 2144 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike McGinness, Vice Chair
Senator Mark E. Amodei
Senator Joseph J. Heck
Senator Michael A. Schneider
Senator Maggie Carlton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bob Coffin (excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan E. Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst
Randy Stephenson, Committee Counsel
Shirley Parks, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Edwin D. James, Carson Water Subconservancy District

CHAIR RHOADS:

Today, we will hear an overview of the Carson Water Subconservancy District by Edwin James.

EDWIN D. JAMES (Carson Water Subconservancy District):

I have Eugenia Azad with me today. She is from the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD). We have a PowerPoint presentation without

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the power. We are here to give you an understanding of who the subconservancy is and what we do. The CWSD was established in 1959. Legislation was enacted in 1989, chapter 621 *Statutes of Nevada* 1989, that changed the role of the CWSD.

We began by looking at the resources on the Carson River. Our goal was to find an integrated process for watershed planning. I will give you an overview of the presentation ([Exhibit C](#)). We do represent all the entities and counties on the watershed. The areas represented are: Douglas County, Lyon County, Carson City, Churchill County and Alpine County, California. The CWSD has a very small staff. We endeavor to maximize resources. There are limited funds. There are many challenges, such as water supply, habitat and water quality, floodplain areas with loss of agricultural lands and flood control. Area groups are working together to resolve these issues. We try to work together with the various concerns of the member entities. We are all one watershed and what happens upstream or downstream, we know, will affect our neighbors.

CHAIR RHOADS:

There being no other business, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources is adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Shirley Parks/Olivia Lodato
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chair

DATE: _____