

**Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting
Lyon County, Nevada**

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day, Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 3:36 p.m. in the LYON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, 27 S. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NV 89447.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Via Zoom: Vice Chair Wes Henderson, Comm. Scott Keller and Comm. Tammy Hendrix.

Via Phone: Chairman David Hockaday

Absent: Comm. Jacobson

Staff Present: County Manager Andrew Haskin and District Attorney Steve Rye.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

Comm. Henderson asked for public comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

4. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Comm. Keller moved to adopt the agenda as written.

Comm. Hendrix seconded.

Comm. Henderson asked for public comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Motion passed 4-0.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.a. For Possible Action: Direct the County Manger to take emergency protection measures to reinforce the banks of the Walker River on private property to protect the life, health and safety of residents pursuant to Emergency Power under NRS Chapter 414 and Lyon County Code Title 3. Chapter 3 and the Lyon County Emergency Operations Plan and the declaration of emergency declared for flooding on May 18, 2023.

County Manager Andrew Haskin stated this is in response to the situation on the Walker River with the higher flows. There is a section of the river between Bridge Street and Goldfield Avenue that have low spots in the banks and are about 1ft. away from over topping. The river is currently flowing at 2400 cfs. Yesterday the river forecast center downgraded peak flow to 3900 cfs which is 1500 cfs more than where we are currently at. It is anticipated to peak late next week or the following week. The County would like

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to take some emergency actions to shore up the banks on private property. The County has spoken to the property owners who are hesitant due to liability issues and don't want to take it on themselves. The County has legal authority under emergency powers, the emergency declaration and NRS to go in and do this because it is a life safety issue. If the banks were to breach it would flood Yerington significantly. Steps need to be taken to prevent this. NRS 414.10 is an immunity clause. Mr. Haskin has talked to David Peri at Peri and Son's and they have agreed to provide labor and materials. They would likely start work tomorrow, Sunday May 21, 2023.

Steve Rye stated County Manager Andrew Haskin and Emergency Operations Manager Taylor Allison have met with the Irrigation District and residents and others to evaluate alternatives to mitigate the threat to Yerington. Beside the property owners there is the hospital, assisted living facility, County operations, irrigation, sewer treatment plant, wells and water system that could all be threatened. The best mitigation measures are to try to mitigate flooding in the City of Yerington to maintain critical resources and infrastructure and protect the largest number of lives and property by taking these measures. With the levels where they are, the work needs to be done now because if it does breach it's very difficult to do that work. It wasn't possible to wait until next week to schedule this meeting. Everyone is working at a fast pace to get it done before there are any problems. This is all done under emergency powers of the County and fits within the Declaration the Board made on May 18, 2023.

Bert Brian, General Manager for WRID reported that based on current forecasts they will start seeing peaks in the upper valley such as Bridgeport and Antelope Valley on Sunday. There is usually a two day lead time for water to get to Yerington. Flows are near 2400cfs. They do see areas close to breach. WRID staff are working with Peri and Son's and the County to get started Sunday and wrap up in a day or two before excess flows get to the Snyder Lane area. Potentially, Bridge Street and Goldfield Avenue act as a dyke and would impact the community to the West and as the water continues north to the low spots around the City Water Treatment Facility and airport. If they can mitigate and keep water in the channel we should be in a much better position than we are now.

District Attorney Steve Rye stated that this could affect property owners downstream but WRID and County Manager Andrew Haskin have weighed these issues and they would not be significant.

County Manager Andrew Haskin stated a large concern is the waste water treatment plant and protecting it. Even houses not affected by flood water would be affected if the waste water treatment plant was affected. Flows are expected to last for five to seven weeks. There could potentially be a situation where people don't have water or sewer for a few months and this would affect County employees and jail operations. The County might have to look at relocating if that were to happen. Life, health and safety is the most important concern but making sure critical infrastructure is protected is also very important.

Comm. Henderson asked for public comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Comm. Keller moved to adopt the agenda as written.

Comm. Hendrix seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

6. Public Participation

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Comm. Henderson asked for public comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

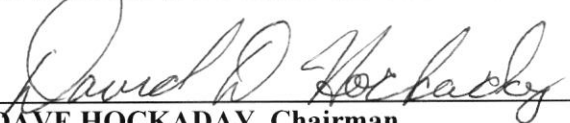
7. Closed Session

There was no closed session

8. Adjourn

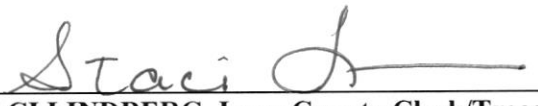
Comm. Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:52p.m.

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



DAVE HOCKADAY, Chairman

ATTEST



STACI LINDBERG, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer