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March 2023

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March 2023

- 03/02 SNRW Executive Board Meeting, 3 p.m.
Republican HQ., Gardnerville
- 03/2-4 NvFRW Spring Meetings
- NO MONTHLY MEETING Instead please attend:**
- 03/11 SNRW St. Pat's Fundraiser Dinner, CVI,
Minden (reservations required)
- 03/12 Spring forward Daylight Savings Time 2 a.m.
- 03/17 St. Patrick's Day

April 2023

- 04/06 SNRW Executive Board Meeting, 3 p.m.
Republican HQ., Gardnerville
- 04/06 Passover Begins
- 04/07 Good Friday
- 04/09 Easter Sunday
- 04/12 SNRW General Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 04/17 Legislative Day, State Capital

May 2023

- 05/4 SNRW Executive Board Meeting, 3 p.m.
Republican HQ., Gardnerville
- 05/10 SNRW General Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 05/20 Save the Date Surprise Event (pg. 6)
- 05/29 Memorial Day

Douglas County Republican
Women (DCRW)
Meets at 11 a.m. on the First
Wednesday of the Month
at Valley Christian Fellowship,
Minden

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President's Message

Dare I talk about snow, or does everyone have the “snow fatigue” or “cabin fever”? After years of less than sufficient winters, our Sierra snowpack is anticipated to reach record highs—possibly tripling (or quadrupling) the snowpack of an average year. We have all been bemoaning the pain and time it takes for snow removal at our residences and businesses, however thinking in the big picture—it was about time we had a good winter.

Sierra snowpack is utilized for domestic and agriculture water use throughout both Nevada and California. The history of the water rights in the state of Nevada is quite complex. As a state that relies on infrastructure to carry and deliver water throughout the state—the regional and multi-state governance and history of how water rights were acquired and how they are used is sometimes dizzying, and in constant negotiation.

In speaking at the recent Nevada Water Resources Association Conference, Nevada State Senator Pete Goicoechea (R) representing District 19 which covers almost the entirety of Eastern Nevada, said that 2023 “is going to be the session of water bills.” Goicoechea is the sponsor of quite a few water bills that speak to the governance of groundwater and water resource management plans, reclamation, and board governance. What sets this legislative session apart from past years is the introduction of bill draft requests (BDRs) come from legislators and committees, and were not driven by the Nevada Division of Water Resources, who has seemed to take a backseat.

For years, Southern Nevada has grappled with building and sustaining development in Las Vegas and other burgeoning areas with the designated Colorado River water rights that exist to fill reservoirs such as Lake Mead. Even with many years of climate patterns and the replenishment of the reservoirs served by the draining of feeder waterways, meteorologists and experts say these reservoirs may never get back to full capacity. Areas all over the state of California suffer the same shortages, such as the

disappearing Hetch Hetchy which supplies water to the almost 3 million residents in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Since 2006, in the the following years were wet winter years: 2011, 2017, and 2019. Although the future weather is a guess, climatologists predict the pattern of drought and dry spells for periods of time with heavy snowfall years intermittently.

For us in Northern Nevada, we have similar and dissimilar issues with our water storage capacity and dependence upon unpredictable snowfall. A massive asset we have is our topography which is home to a portion of Lake Tahoe and the Truckee, Carson and Walker Rivers. This geographic advantage would mean little without the historical negotiation and protection of water rights to these sources.

Without writing a novel on the topic, there are varying negotiated contractual agreements between mainly public, and some private agencies that now control water management in our area: The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board, and the Truckee River Operating Agreement and the Bureau of Reclamation Truckee and Carson River Basins SECURE Water Act. Many of these adjudications have been ongoing since the early history of the region.

In the 1850s, the US government encouraged the expansion and development of land in the Western United States. Private entrepreneurs invested in building dams to fuel the flume system that floated logs harvested in Tahoe to booming Virginia City where mining was thriving and lumber was a critical resource in high demand. Notable figures who helped shape water use in Northern Nevada were Alexis von Schmidt, who in 1850 invested in the construction of a dam on the Truckee River just south of Tahoe City with a monumental plan to build a “grand aqueduct,” siphoning water to feed the needs of growing San



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President's Message *(continued)*

Francisco. Ultimately, his plans became contentious and with little political will, his idea literally dried up.

In 1890, Francis G. Newlands promoted the use of the upper waterways to develop and hold water in multiple reservoirs in order to provide electricity and irrigation for development of cities and agricultural areas, including the creation of the Lahontan Reservoir. Newlands became a State Senator and was an integral player in the 1902 Newlands Reclamation Act, which granted authority to the Secretary of the Interior to sell public lands to fund irrigation projects. According to Newlands, Tahoe afforded the "cheapest reservoir space in the West."

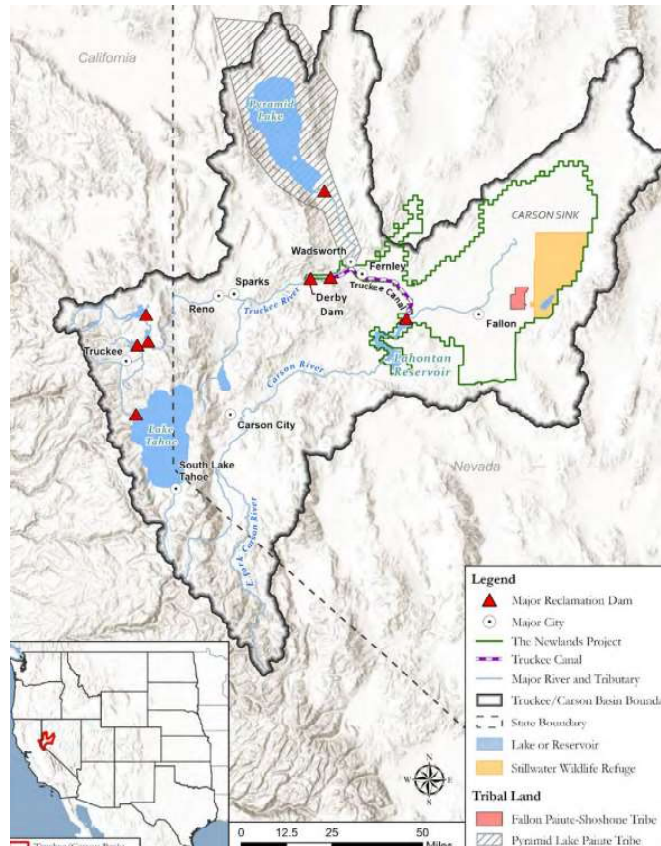
An unintended consequence was the draining of Pyramid lake which fell by 67 ft. and the complete depletion of Lake Winnemucca, contradicting the promise from the state that diversion of the water would address the needs of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Kooyooe Tukadua). After the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, The Paiute Tribe was able to stabilize water levels, although not nearly enough to preserve the native cui-ui fish or provide for the Lahontan Cutthroat trout.

Today, Nevada still has debates and negotiations regarding water and storage as our landscape changes through unreliable replenishment of our water sources, and the evolving needs of infrastructure and resources that the inhabitants require. Many stakeholders are involved including conservationists, public agencies, Native American Tribes, private

property owners, local, state, and federal entities and legislators.

As the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session progresses, we will see many iterations, and possible elimination of the BDR's that relate to water.

—Natalie Yanish
SNRW Club President



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Legislative Day

SAVE THE DATE

Monday April 17, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Governor Joe Lombardo

On April 17, we will have a chance to meet
face-to-face with our State Senators
and Assembly Members

This is an opportunity to discuss the bills
of the 82nd Legislative Session.

Yolanda Knaak, NvFRW Legislative Chair
Schedule will be sent out next week.

Nevada Legislature Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV

For the Latest From the
82nd Legislative Session

SEE MICHAEL MC DONALD'S WEBSITE POSTS



Say NO to the Dems'
Polling Places in Jails Bill!



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SAVE THE DATE
MAY 20, 2023

*A Brand New Fun
Social for SNRW
Members & Guests*



Sierra Nevada Republican Women

DICHOTOMY BETWEEN THE PARTIES

By Mary Lou Gervie



It is a well-known fact that the Democrat Party's history is drenched in racism. It was the Democrats who founded the Klu Klux Klan and wrote the Jim Crow Laws. Even the national delegate to the Democrats 1860 Democrat Convention was the founder of the Klu Klux Klan. When you mention these facts to Democrats tend to disregard them today and just say that the Democrat Party evolved, and these racist ideas are far behind them. But if you look at the Democrat platform today, it is closely aligned with the far left's view on race. During the COVID epidemic, the Biden administration openly stated it wanted to assist "business owners of color" before helping anyone else. They seem to be deeply entrenched in Critical Race Theory which separates people by race, gender, and sexuality.

Republicans, on the other hand, believe in following the Declaration of Independence, which holds that "all men are created equal" and their Creator endows them with certain unalienable Rights: Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Budget Update

The SNRW membership voted to approve the 2023 budget at the general meeting in February. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sue Jeffrey, CCRW Treasurer
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Sierra Nevada Republican Women General Membership Meeting

Minutes for Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Membership meeting held at COD Casino

The meeting was called to order at 11:54 by Sondra Condrón, Immediate Past President. Sondra explained that President Natalie Yanish and 1st VP Leslie Lawson were both out of town on business. Sondra would fill in for Natalie and 2nd VP of Membership Chair Jacie Peters would fill in for Leslie.

Charlene Close lead the members in Prayer. Douglas County Assessor Trent Tholen lead the members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sondra welcomed dignitaries in attendance: Douglas County Assessor Trent Tholen, Assemblyman for District 39 Ken Gray, Douglas County Commissioner Mark Gardner, Schoolboard Member Katherine Dickerson, Douglas County Central Committee Jim Mckalip

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jacie Peters introduced the guest speaker, Douglas County Manager Patrick Cates, who presented handouts to the audience showing designs for the update of a new Judicial Building on Buckeye Road, Minden. The current overcrowded Jail and Judicial Building near Carson Valley Inn was built in 1980. Douglas County population has increased significantly, and recent NV State legislation passed and makes it necessary to update the current judicial Center, Patrick proposed buying land and building a new building that would serve the future of Douglas County better. Fifty-seven acres of land has been purchased off Buckeye

Road for the new Judicial Center and other county projects. The land purchase has already been paid, and the Douglas County Master planning estimates \$31 million to complete the Judicial Center over the next 2-4 years. After the Judicial Center is complete, the current Jail will be renovated. Patrick Case is an expert in Management and administration, having over 22 years of experience with the State of Nevada. Prior to coming to Douglas County, Patrick was appointed by Governor Brian Sandoval as the Director of the Nevada Department of Administration in March 2015. He grew up in Washoe County and graduated from the University of Reno. He is married to Bonnie and they have three daughters and are guardians of two nieces.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Program Chair: 1st VP Leslie Lawson's report was presented by Jacie Peters. The April 12 speaker will be Congressman Mark Amodei, representing the 2nd Congressional District. Membership: 2nd VP Jacie Peters reported 65 Regular members and 37 Associate members paid to date. Jacie welcomed one guest, Judy Farrell, and announced that we do have a quorum of members in attendance to vote on motions. Jacie, as past Treasurer, explained her method to come up with estimated expenses and income, and the 2023 Budget bottom line income estimate is \$16,550. Estimated 2023 expenses are \$15,400.

Treasurer: Secretary Sue Jefferies reported the checkbook is reconciled to date. Motions to approve: Presiding Past President Sondra Condrón called for a motion and vote to approve the current financial report. The Financial report was approved. Sondra moved to approve the 2023 Budget by voting, and it was approved. Sondra moved to approve the January 11 SNRW General meeting minutes, and the minutes were approved. Committee Report: Gerri Grego, Chair of the 2023 St. Patty's Dinner and Auction fundraiser, showed the flyer available on the SNRW website and in the Rumbler Newsletter to invite guests to attend March 11 St Paddy's Dinner/Auction held at the Carson Valley Inn, Minden. Volunteers are needed to help set up raffle tables. Silent Raffle items and donated gift certificates are needed! Gerri put a flyer in the February Rumbler newsletter with 'theme' basket ideas you could donate. The Club already has two amazing Auction items! Tickets are available to give to people who pay you, and then you will turn in all reservations by March 3 to Gerri Grego.

The tickets are not necessary for entry because the guest list will have names listed. Attendance is limited to 180 people, so help us fill seats for the ONLY fundraiser of the year.

Announcements:

Rumbler Newsletter deadline is February 24. No March meeting due to St. Paddy's Dinner/Auction on March 11.

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FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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Jim McKalip announced that the Douglas
County Central Committee LINCOLN-REGAN
DINNER/Auction is February 19 at Carson Valley
Inn, dinner/auction/guest speakers, a
comedian, lots of fun. For details visit
www.douglasop.org

SNRW Meeting adjourned at 12:50PM

Jann Fargnoli, Recording Secretary

To Be, or Not to Be? Twice a year clock changing



The Senate unanimously passed the so-called Sun-
shine Protection Act, and President Biden signed it,
making the option to keep daylight savings time perma-
nent year-round in the United States. So far, nineteen
states have already adopted it and will not return to
standard time this November 9th with the rest of us.
Nevada is not one of those 19 states, and we will re-
main setting our clocks back in the fall as we have since
1966 (for now).

People have complained for years about going back
to standard time and it getting dark too early. However,
we are all aware that the amount of daylight hours
depends on our latitude, how the Earth orbits the sun,
and the tilting of its axis—not legislation. After the
autumnal equinox, the fact remains that the hours of
daylight begin to shorten until the spring equinox. No
matter of clock, adjusting can change that despite how
much we may love our "sunshine."

With a limited amount of sunlight in the winter,
either some people have to get up in the dark (including
kids waiting for school buses) or some have to drive
home in the dark. Who is it going to be?

People have argued the pros and cons of time
changes for years. The interruption in our circadian
rhythms, jet lag symptoms, health issues, and increased
traffic accidents have been cited when the clocks
change. Many health experts state that permanent DST
can be detrimental. Some even say if we do anything, it
should be to stay on standard time year-round. So, it is
surprising that the bill passed virtually without opposi-
tion.

—Editor

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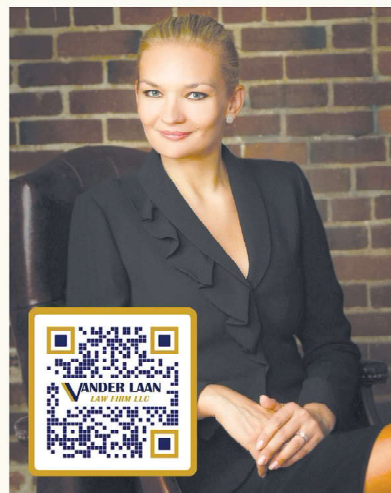
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