

Monday, August 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Chuck Giordano, Commissioners Garley Amos Jr., Dan Cassinelli, Tom Fransway and Mike Bell, Deputy District Attorney Angie Elquist, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

**DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 28, 2010 AND**

**JULY 12, 2010:** The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

*To approve minutes of June 28, 2010.*

The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

*To approve minutes of July 12, 2010.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Giordano asked for public comments. None were offered.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items were presented under the consent agenda by Administrator Deist for the Board's review/action:

1. Approval of Chairman's signature on the 5310 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agreement for the Senior Transportation Program: A copy of the proposed agreement was provided for the Board's review. Administrator Deist noted that the agreement is similar to prior years and had been reviewed by legal counsel. *Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.*
2. Approval of requests for adjustments to the Humboldt County Real Property Tax Roll: Requests 10-11-01 through 10-11-15 were provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the Commission approve the adjustments as recommended by the Assessor and Treasurer.*
3. Approval of an amended Resolution placing on the November General Election an Advisory Question regarding local revenues as proposed by the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO): A copy of the amended resolution which now includes the arguments for and against was provided to the Board for review. *Recommendation: That the Commission adopt the attached resolution.*
4. Community Development Block Grant Notice of grant award, County Certification Letter for the Futures Scenario/Strategic Planning Project: A copy of the Community Development Block Grant Notice of Grant Award and the County Certification Letter for the Futures Scenario/Strategic Planning Improvements Project were provided to the Board for review at the meeting. *Recommendation: That the Commission approve the documents as submitted and authorize the*

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*Chairman to sign them.*

5. Request for review/modification of landfill assessment: A copy of the request for Bidauretta was provided for the Board's review. *Recommendation: That the adjustment be approved as recommended by the Landfill Committee.*

The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

*To approve the Consent Agenda as presented by staff.*

*(Resolution No. 08-02-10)*

**SOLID WASTE MATTERS:** Administrator Deist stated that he had nothing on this item.

**PUBLIC LANDS PLANNING MATTERS & FORMULATION OF COUNTY POSITION ON BLM, FOREST SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSED**

**ACTIONS:** Administrator Deist stated that he and Commissioner Amos had attended a meeting regarding the BLM's Resource Management Plan and there will be a presentation of the plan at the Commission's August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Administrator Deist informed the Board that appraisals on the Professional Building and on the house behind the Court House on Melarkey Street had been received so the property owners will be contacted and an attempt will be made to reach an agreement that can be brought before the Commission at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Administrator Deist reported on an excursion he had went on with Jim Jeffress into the Blue Lakes area regarding the Wilderness Study Areas. Upcoming meetings and dates of importance were discussed.

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**THEY SERVE ON:** Commissioner Bell discussed Humboldt Development Authority and Scenario Planning. Commissioner Cassinelli discussed a recent WCVA meeting. Commissioner Amos discussed a Humboldt River Basin Water Authority meeting he had attended. Commissioner Fransway requested that an item be placed on the agenda for a report from him regarding activities at the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference; he continued discussing a meeting he had attended of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands including concern that had been expressed regarding action taken by El Paso Gas related to the Ruby Pipeline and an agreement which they have entered with Western Watershed Project; he noted that a meeting was planned for August 12<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City regarding the issue but asked that a special meeting of the County Commission be called for August 9<sup>th</sup> to pass a resolution opposing the agreement so the resolution could be presented at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting; he noted that had invited

representatives of El Paso Gas to the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission to discuss the issue. Discussion occurred between the Commissioners regarding holding a special meeting and inviting El Paso Gas to send representatives to that meeting to discuss the issue. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CLAIMS FOR EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY FUNDS:** The following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

*To approve the claims for expenditure list.*

**COMPTROLLER/AUDITOR'S OFFICE:**

**ADOPTION OF THE DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY ANNUAL UPDATE:** A copy of the proposed Debt Management Policy Annual Update was provided to the Board for review. Administrator Deist explained that this is an annual requirement but noted that currently Humboldt County has no debt. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

*To approve the resolution adopting the July 1, 2010 update to the Debt Management Policy.*

*(Resolution 08-02-10a)*

**ADOPTION OF THE 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** A copy of the five year Capital Improvement Plan was provided to the Board for review. Administrator Deist reviewed the annual requirement including the addition of items for the Road Department. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

*To adopt the five year capital improvement plan as presented.*

*(Resolution No. 08-02-10b)*

**REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR A WAIVER OF THE ATTRITION POLICY FOR A VACANCY IN THE PATROL DIVISION FOR A NORTH RESIDENT DEPUTY:** Sheriff Ed Kilgore appeared before the Board. Sheriff Kilgore explained that the Deputy assigned to McDermitt had resigned and spoke in support of the request to fill the position. Commissioner Fransway stated that the County Commission would consider the waiver if the applicant hired is someone who would live in McDermitt. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

*To grant the request to waive the attrition policy for the Sheriff for a resident deputy in*

*McDermitt contingent on that deputy living in McDermitt.*

**REQUEST FROM THE PUEBLO FIRE DISTRICT FOR ASSISTANCE IN PAYING FOR THE PHYSICAL REQUIRED UNDER LEGISLATION APPROVED IN THE 2009 SESSION OF THE**

**NEVADA LEGISLATURE:** Provided to the Board was a copy of a letter of request from the Pueblo Fire District Board asking for the County's assistance in covering the cost for five fire department volunteers physicals which totaled \$1,970.00; the Board noted that they had the money budgeted to cover the cost however they were planning to construct a building to house the fire truck on the south end of the fire district as the truck is currently parked outside and would like to save the monies for that project. Administrator Deist reviewed the request for the Board. Commissioners Bell, Cassinelli and Amos supported the request. Commissioner Fransway commented that he would support helping this year due to the capital project but he would ask that the District put it in the budget for next year. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

*To approve the payment of \$1,970.00 to the Pueblo Fire District.*

Chairman Giordano noted that discussion had occurred previously about going to the Legislature to get something done to help the rural districts on this requirement; he asked that an item be agendaized pretty soon to discuss this issue with Assemblyman Goicoechea.

**ADOPTION OF UPDATE TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES:** A copy of the updated policies were provided to the Board for review. Administrator Deist discussed the updates noting that some are at the request for the auditors and some are at the direction of POOL/PACT. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

*To adopt the updates to the Humboldt County Personnel Policies of 2010.*

**REQUEST FROM NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE (NDOW) FOR SUPPORT OF THE CHIMNEY RESERVOIR FISHERY MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACTION INCLUDING DRAINING OF THE RESERVOIR:** *(No legal counsel present for this portion of the meeting)* A copy of a letter from Cody Byrne Fisheries Biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife detailing the request (see attached) and a copy of an e-mail from Brad Schultz, Cooperative Extension Agent supporting the request were provided to the Board for review. Cody Byrne addressed the Board regarding the request discussing the current status at Chimney Reservoir, the South Fork of the Little Humboldt and the North Fork of the Little Humboldt including the situation with the carp. Mr. Byrne spoke in support of the proposal and explained the inspection process and the time frame for the process and the treatment of the noxious weeds in the area which will be accomplished in conjunction with the draining of Chimney. Gary Bengochea of Nevada First Corporation spoke in support of the plan but noted concerns regarding the amount of the release of water and the timing. Mr. Byrne responded to the questions. Richard Brock the Farm Manager for Nevada First Corporation commented on the stock water issues. Audience member Craig Carver asked

questions regarding the reason for this action. Mr. Byrne responded. Audience member Jim French commented on the historical perspective for this action and stated his support. Chairman Giordano commented on his concern that the noxious weeds in the area be hit hard. Larry Hollinshead of Nevada Carp spoke in support of the proposal. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

*That due to the extenuating circumstances that exist right now and due to the probable benefits to the fishery and the control of noxious weeds upstream that the County support the Chimney Reservoir Fishery Management Improvement Action including draining the reservoir as described contingent upon NDOW working with all the stakeholders to receive the ultimate benefit of downstream use.*

Mr. Byrne noted that Steve Del Soldato of the Nevada Division of Water Resources had requested a letter from the Commissioners authorizing him to release the water from Chimney Reservoir.

**ELIZABETH ASHBY AND KAREN JOHNSON FROM THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FEMA GRANT APPLICATION FOR A TRI-COUNTY (HUMBOLDT, PERSHING, LANDER) LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:**

Copies of the Local Mitigation Plan Review Crosswalk, an outline of the hazard mitigation planning process, a outline of funding impacted by the plan and a brochure entitled Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program in Nevada were provided to the Board for review. Elizabeth Ashby, Karen Johnson and Sheriff Ed Kilgore appeared before the Board. Ms Ashby addressed the Board regarding the potential for grant funding and the uses for those funds. Ms. Johnson discussed the other Counties that are involved in the program. Sheriff Kilgore offered support of the proposal. Discussion occurred regarding the match being provided by in-kind actions. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

*That Humboldt County will participate in the Tri-County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

*(Deputy District Attorney Elquist returned to the meeting at 11:26 a.m.)*

**ROAD MATTERS:** Road Superintendent Ben Garrett appeared before the Board.

**APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AND HUMBOLDT COUNTY:** A copy of the proposed agreement was provided to the Board for review. Superintendent Garrett appeared before the Board and reviewed the current agreement as to the Little Owyhee Road, Greeley Crossing and Soldier Meadows Road and explained what will occur with this amendment with the BLM maintaining Soldier Meadows Road every

year and the County maintaining Little Owyhee every year. Based on an inquiry from the Chairman Deputy District Attorney Elquist confirmed that she had reviewed the document and it was fine. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

*To approve the amendment to the Cooperative Road Maintenance Agreement between Humboldt County and BLM.*

**DISCUSSION OF FENCING ON SHELTON LANE ALONG PROPERTY OWNED BY FRED**

**MILLER:** Superintendent Garrett reviewed a map prepared by Desert Mountain Surveying of the existing right-of-ways on the road. Commissioner Cassinelli stated that he had wanted this on the agenda as something needed to be done; he suggested that the fence just go on the County's right-of-way but noted he did not know what would be done where the road goes into Leland Miller's property to leave enough room so he can get into his road; he noted issues with the Miller Loop but stated that in his mind this is just about keeping the cows from drifting onto Shelton Lane and going into the Marvel's property; he questioned if the Commission was in agreement with that or if they just did not want to do it at all. Superintendent Garrett discussed two issues on the Leland Miller end of the road. Discussion occurred regarding the issue with the turn into Leland Miller's property with regards to the proposed fence line. Leland Miller appeared before the Board to discuss the issues with the turns. Discussion occurred regarding moving the road to follow the County's right-of-way, the location of the fence, the possibility of moving a portion of Leland Miller's fence to allow for the turn, the County grading the road into Leland Miller's property and what the effect would be if the abandonment order is no good. Administrator Deist suggested that he could work with Deputy District Attorney Elquist on getting the legal issues straightened out. Discussion regarding the issue of the turn continued. Commissioner Fransway asked if Fred Miller would grant an easement to the County to help shorten the turn. Fred Miller appeared before the Board to discuss issues with the turn and to view the map. Commissioner Cassinelli asked Fred Miller if the turn that is currently on his property could stay as is or if he wanted the County to take it out and move it down to the tip of his property. Fred Miller stated that what was there could stay. Commissioner Cassinelli stated that is what he wants to do but then everything else would remain on the County, the County would not be taking that property from Fred going up to Leland's, where he has to turn into the house, the County would have to move the road to the north. Superintendent Garrett noted the road would need to be moved to the south in another area on Shelton down by the lower curve. Chairman Giordano suggested that Superintendent Garrett meet with Fred Miller at the site to show him exactly what is being proposed to see if he is in agreement and the matter be brought back to the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board concurred. Paul Miller appeared before the Board to question his access to his

right-of-way; he discussed actions taken by the Commission in 1973. Discussion occurred regarding the abandonment of Miller Loop. Paul Miller questioned if it was a legal abandonment as it was not properly notified. Administrator Deist noted that when the survey was done there was no record of any right-of-way being granted by anybody. Commissioner Cassinelli questioned if the County even had a right-of-way to abandon. Superintendent Garrett stated that the County had a road through prescriptive right that was maintained by the County. Paul Miller questioned if the County abandoned the road how would he access his property as there would be no legal right-of-way. Superintendent Garrett noted that was a different issue than the fence. Paul Miller agreed. Chairman Giordano stated it was a legitimate issue and should be placed on an agenda for discussion. Discussion occurred regarding the issues with the road resulting from what occurred in 1973, the purchase of the property by Fred Miller and the abandonment done in 2001. Paul Miller stated the fencing should be placed along the three sides. Discussion occurred regarding the right-of-way on Shelton Lane and the abandonment in 2001. Chairman Giordano stated he wanted this matter researched and brought back at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting or as soon as possible. Chairman Giordano further suggested that Superintendent Garrett meet with Paul Miller at the site to discuss the issue. Commissioner Cassinelli stated he would like to be present at both the meeting with Fred Miller and with Paul Miller and the Road Superintendent. Chairman Giordano stated he wanted the meetings to occur including the meeting with County legal counsel and that the matter try and be brought back at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS:** Superintendent Garrett updated the Board on the Jungo Road Project; discussion ensued regarding the time frame and the costs. Superintendent Garrett discussed the dust palliative treatment done to Hershell Road; discussion occurred regarding the product. Superintendent Garrett discussed the grading that had occurred in County.

**MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS:** Commissioner Fransway stated that he had received a complaint regarding the cattle guard and a blow out on Sand Pass Road. Discussion occurred regarding the road.

**POSSIBLE AWARD OF BID ON PREVIOUS BOOK MOBILE TRUCK OR TRAILER:** Administrator Deist stated that no bids had been received so the items would go to auction at a later date.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Giordano asked for public comments. None were offered.

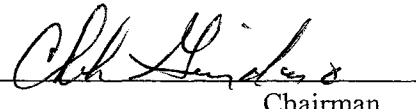
**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Giordano adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

ATTESTED:



Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairman

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: COMMISSIONERS**  
**FROM: ADMINISTRATOR**  
**DATE: July 27, 2010**  
**SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA**

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**ACTION:** Approval of the consent agenda is requested pursuant to the following staff recommendations:

1. Approval of Chairman's signature on the 5310 3<sup>rd</sup> party agreement for the Senior Transportation Program: Attached is the agreement. It is similar to prior years and has been reviewed by Legal.

*Recommendation: That the Commission authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*

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*Recommendation: That the Commission adopt the attached resolution.*

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*Recommendation: That the Commission approve the documents as submitted and*



authorize the Chairman to sign them.

5. Request for review/modification of landfill assessment: Attached is the request for your review.

Recommendation: That the adjustment be approved as recommended by the Landfill Committee.

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**FROM: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE: July 27, 2010**

**SUBJECT: OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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**OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Property Appraisals: We have received the appraisals on the Professional Building and on the house behind the Court House on Melarkey Street. We will be contacting the owners and attempting to reach agreement we can bring to you at your August 16, 2010 meeting.
2. Pine Forest Field Trip: I will be going with Jim Jeffress on the 29<sup>th</sup> and will report back to you at this meeting.
3. BLM Resource Management Plan: Commissioner Amos and I attended a meeting on the RMP on July 15, 2010. The team lead will be making a presentation to the Commission on August 16, 2010.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. August 4, 2010 Management Team
2. August 16, 2010 Commission



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July 15, 2010

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RE: Chimney Reservoir Fishery Management Improvement Actions

Mr. Deist and Humboldt County Commissioners:

Chimney Reservoir is located on the Little Humboldt River; the North Fork Little Humboldt River and the South Fork Little Humboldt River both flow into Chimney Reservoir. The reservoir was built in 1974 to provide storage for irrigation uses downstream. When full, Chimney Reservoir covers 2,150 surface acres and stores 35,000 acre-feet with an average depth of 16 feet and a maximum depth of 55 feet.

The fishery at Chimney Reservoir is currently managed by the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) as a general warmwater fishery. Chimney Reservoir offers one of the few warmwater fisheries in Humboldt County. Walleye, white crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout, Sacramento blackfish and carp are present in the reservoir. Commercial fishing operations target the prolific carp population in Chimney Reservoir. In the early 1990's trout were stocked but the fishery did not established. Both forks of the Little Humboldt River support trout populations; some of these fish may move downstream into Chimney Reservoir. Low water conditions and a large carp population have created very turbid (muddy) water conditions in the reservoir which have limited the success of the fishery.

Currently, the water level in Chimney Reservoir is very low. There is approximately 1,600 acre-feet stored in Chimney Reservoir which is only 4.5% of capacity. The South Fork Little Humboldt River is no longer flowing and is a dry channel for 1.5 miles above the reservoir where stagnant pools extend upstream. The North Fork Little Humboldt River is flowing at less than 5 cfs. These low water conditions have confined the fish populations to the main body of water in Chimney Reservoir, the North Fork Little Humboldt River, and the remaining pools on the South Fork Little Humboldt River.

The persistent low water levels at Chimney Reservoir have presented us with a wonderful opportunity to drain the reservoir and improve the fishery. Angler use and satisfaction is very low at Chimney Reservoir compared to other Humboldt County fisheries. Draining the water stored in Chimney Reservoir would concentrate the sport fish species which would be transplanted to other nearby warmwater fisheries, and then expose the remaining carp. The large shallow sand and silt shoreline areas are favored by the abundant carp in the reservoir which use the flats to forage. By removing the large carp population, the water quality may improve because the constant tailing action by the carp will no longer stir up the sand and silt substrates.

Carp are also found in the Little Humboldt River system upstream of Chimney Reservoir. To be completely successful in eradicating carp from the river and reservoir system, a chemical rotenone treatment will be completed on the South Fork Little Humboldt and the North Fork Little Humboldt.

Sport fish species found in Chimney Reservoir will be captured using netting and electroshocking techniques. These fish will be transplanted to Willow Creek Reservoir, Rye Patch Reservoir, and other nearby warmwater fisheries. Once carp are eradicated from Chimney Reservoir, the sport fish once transplanted can be used as a source stock of fish to rebuild the fishery.

The following table is an estimate of the angler use and success at Chimney Reservoir from 2000 through 2009. The data presented in Table 1 is based on the Angler Questionnaires that NDOW randomly mails to 10% of the fishing license holders.

Table 1 Chimney Reservoir Angler Questionnaire 2000-2009

Year	Anglers	Days	Fish	Fish/Day	Fish/Angler	Days/Angler
2000	453	1,252	1,897	1.52	4.19	2.76
2001	362	667	222	0.33	0.61	1.84
2002	224	1,023	132	0.13	0.59	4.57
2003	204	744	1,064	1.43	5.22	3.65
2004	306	759	486	0.64	1.59	2.48
2005	345	686	1,750	2.55	5.07	1.99
2006	148	209	31	0.15	0.21	1.41
2007	302	943	368	0.39	1.22	3.12
2008	38	113	12	0.11	0.32	2.97
2009	134	909	1,209	1.34	9.02	6.72
<b>Average</b>	251	730	717	0.86	2.80	3.15

There was an increase in the amount of angling effort and success during 2009. The increase in angling success could be attributed to the increase in angler effort and the extremely low water levels which have concentrated the fish populations.

Chimney Reservoir has been stocked intermittently since 2000 with warmwater fish species. Many of the fish species in the reservoir are currently self-sustaining. Since 2000, only walleye fry, which are approximately 0.5 inches at the time of stocking, have been stocked. The stocking history at Chimney Reservoir for the previous ten years is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 Chimney Reservoir Stocking History 2000-2010

Year	Species	Source	Number of Fish	Pounds of Fish	Average Size (inches)
2000	—	—	—	—	—
2001	—	—	—	—	—
2002	Walleye	Garrison Dam NFH, ND	150,000	5.70	0.5
2003	Walleye	Gavins Point NFH, SD	200,000	2.00	0.5
2004	—	—	—	—	—
2005	Walleye	Garrison Dam NFH, ND	256,000	6.40	0.5
2006	Walleye	Gavins Point NFH, SD	100,000	—	0.5
2007	Walleye	Gavins Point NFH, SD	100,000	7.20	0.62
2008	—	—	—	—	—
2009	—	—	—	—	—
2010	—	—	—	—	—

Since 2008, approximately 1,400 white crappie have been captured at Chimney Reservoir and transplanted to Willow Creek Reservoir in western Elko County. These fish are providing an additional fishing opportunity at Willow Creek Reservoir, which is regularly utilized by anglers from Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, Elko and other northern Nevada communities. The white crappie in Willow Creek Reservoir will also act as a source stock to rebuild the white crappie fishery in Chimney Reservoir. Walleye will be captured in Chimney Reservoir and transplanted to Rye Patch Reservoir where a robust walleye fishery already exists.

When Chimney Reservoir begins to refill and contains adequate water to begin reestablishing the fishery, a variety of predatory warmwater will be stocked into the reservoir. Fish species to be introduced into Chimney Reservoir include: walleye, wipers (white bass and striped bass hybrid), white crappie, and bass amongst other fish species. Walleye fry will be obtained from the National Fish Hatchery system, white crappie will be available from Willow Creek Reservoir, wipers can be purchased from private hatcheries, and bass are available from a variety of northern Nevada fisheries. Population monitoring at each of the source waters will ensure that no impacts to the fisheries occur during the restocking period at Chimney Reservoir.

During the low water period at Chimney Reservoir there is also the potential for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension to organize work on the invasive and noxious plant species along the Little Humboldt River system.

If this plan is successful during 2010, it would be beneficial to repeat the draining process again in 2011 to ensure a complete eradication of all the carp in the Little Humboldt River and Chimney Reservoir system.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal to improve the future of the fishery at Chimney Reservoir. The presentation of this plan should take less than 30 minutes at the August 2, 2010 Humboldt County Commission meeting. The plan to potentially drain Chimney Reservoir to improve the fishery, water quality, and surrounding shoreline areas has been shared with and supported by Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada Division of Water Resources, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, and Nevada First Corporation.

Please feel free to contact me at 775-623-6517 or [cbyrne@ndow.org](mailto:cbyrne@ndow.org) with any additional questions or comments that may arise regarding the fisheries management at Chimney Reservoir.

Sincerely,

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