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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER  
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

**MINUTES**

**April 15, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (SECWAE) was held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 9:36 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Bill Long	Harold Miskel	Ann Nichols
Scott Reed	Gibson Hazard	Greg Johnson
Lissa Pinello	Howard "Bub" Miller	Carl McClure
Kevin Karney	Vera Ortegón	Reed Dils
Gary Bostrom	Shawn Yoxey (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)	David Simpson
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)		

**DIRECTORS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

None

**ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Executive Director James Broderick; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Projects Manager Phil Reynolds; Director of Engineering and Resource Management Bob Hamilton; Engineering Support Specialist Margie Medina; Administrative Associate Leann Noga; Legal Counsel Steve Leonhardt and Lee Miller; and Federal Lobbyist Ray Kogovsek.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Mike Collins, Patrick Erger, and Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Kevin Meador and Dan Kugler, Black & Veatch; Bob Hartzman, City of Cañon City; Bill Hower, Beulah Water District; Shirley Klipfel; Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; Mark Carmel, Mark Scott, Curt Thompson, and Dave Frazie, Merrick & Co.; Pat Edelmann, U.S. Geological Survey; Jim Sandoval, Otero County; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water; Roy Heald, Security Water District and Fountain Valley Authority; Steve Howell, Ninyo & Moore; Bob Torres, Jacobs Engineering; Jerry Peña and Jerry Gibbens, MWH; Steve Witte, Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Sue Morea, CDM; Tony Keenan, Arkansas River Outfitters Association; Clark Clement, Carollo Engineers; Curtis Mitchell, City of Fountain; Rick Jones, Kleinfelder; Jay Winner, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; Fred Eason and Dave DiFulvio, Farnsworth Group; and Ken Weber.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long asked if the members of the Board had received their copy of the minutes of March 18, 2010 and whether there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegón moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Treasurer Ann Nichols reported the financial statements for February and March were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved for acceptance of the February and March 2010 financial statements and payment of the April bills. Mr. McClure seconded the motion, the motion unanimously carried.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Christine Arbogast was unable to attend the meeting, she submitted a written report, which is below, Mr. Broderick reviewed the contents.

Arkansas Valley Conduit

A visit to Washington, D.C. was made to discuss FY '11 appropriations. Jim Broderick, Harold Miskel, and Christine Arbogast met with delegation staff and appropriations committee staff to discuss potential funding levels above the \$3 million requested by the Administration in its budget.

While of course no committee staff members could make firm commitments, both the House and Senate committee staff were very encouraging. And, both Senate offices and the congressional offices of John Salazar and Betsy Markey committed to working for as close to our optimum funding level of \$8 million as possible given budget constraints.

It is expected that at the subcommittee level at least, mark-ups will likely occur in the period between Memorial Day and July 4. After that, it is anticipated that Congress may move toward an omnibus appropriations bill or a continuing resolution. It is not expected that individual appropriation's bills will move forward during this election year.

Clean Water Restoration Act

We continue to monitor the status of the Clean Water Restoration Act and believe it will stall this Congress because of its controversy.

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Council on Environmental Quality

We are also monitoring the proposed principles and standards put forth by the Council on Environmental Quality on federal water projects. No legislation has been introduced on the proposal to date, but it is thought that the proposal would significantly hinder projects. An article on this subject is provided to the Board.

Aurora Legislation

At this time, delegation staff and stakeholder level discussions are planned on the Lower Arkansas/Aurora settlement.

**STAG UPDATE**

Kevin Meador gave a PowerPoint titled, *Summary of Pre-NEPA STAG Report*, reviewing the following:

- STAG Report Purpose
- STAG Project Team
- Conduit Schedule
- Developing a NEPA Roadmap
- Preliminary Purpose and Need
- NEPA Schedule
- Study Area
- Potential Environmental Issues
- Permits/Approvals
- Current Supplies, 2010 and 2050 Demands
- Water Delivered Through the Conduit
- Sources to Meet Gap
- Replacement of Existing Supplies
- Pipeline and Facility Locations, Conduit Corridors, Treatment Locations Alternatives
- Constructability Factors, Participant Water Quality and Treatment, Conduit Sizing
- Next Steps

Mr. Meador introduced representatives from the STAG Project Team from Black & Veatch, MWH, CDM, Merrick & Co., and Farnsworth. Mr. Broderick complimented the STAG Project Team for their skills and knowledge they exhibited during the project.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The Board was provided written reports on the following, which were posted on the Board website:

- Arkansas Valley Conduit
- Legal Matters

**OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:**

None

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President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales  
Administrative Manager

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Secretary

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