

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

March 18, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 9:47 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

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| Bill Long | Harold Miskel | Ann Nichols |
| Scott Reed | Gibson Hazard | Greg Johnson |
| Lissa Pinello | Howard "Bub" Miller | Carl McClure |
| Kevin Karney | Vera Ortegón | Shawn Yoxey |
| Gary Bostrom | David Simpson | Reed Dils |
| Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member | | |

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; Conservation Outreach Coordinator Jean Van Pelt; Legal Counsel Steve Leonhardt and Lee Miller; and Federal Lobbyist Ray Kogovsek and Christine Arbogast.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

President Long welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization they represented.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Dan Kugler and Bill Stoner, Black & Veatch; Bob Hartzman, City of Cañon City; Bill Hower, Beulah Water District; Shirley Klipfel; Dwight Gardner, Senator Bennet's office; Mark Carmel, Merrick & Co.; Pat Edelmann, U.S. Geological Survey; Keith Goodwin and Jim Sandoval, Otero County; Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Joe Rall, Congressman Lamborn's office; Roy Heald, Security Water District and Fountain Valley Authority; Steve Howell, Ninyo & Moore; Bob Torres and Jill Crockett, Jacobs Engineering; Bill

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Van Dever, MWH; Steve Witte and Rob Phillips, Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Peter Nichols, Trout, Raley, Montañó, Witwer, & Freeman, P.C.; and Ken Weber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Ann Nichols reported the financial statements for December 2009 and January 2010 were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved for acceptance of the December 2009 and January 2010 financial statements and payment of the March bills. Mrs. Yoxey seconded the motion, the motion unanimously carried. Treasurer Nichols reported that staff is in the process of completing the financial report for February.

PRESENTATIONS:

WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLAN 2010-2014

Jean Van Pelt gave a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Water Management and Conservation Plan 2010-2014* reviewing the following:

- Criteria
 - Description of the District
 - Inventory of Water Resources
 - District Water Budget
 - Existing Water Management Measures
 - Problems, Opportunities, and Goals
 - Evaluation of Potential Water Management Measures
 - Adopted Plan Elements
 - Water Conservation Plan Schedule
 - Budget

The Water Management and Conservation Plan is a requirement of Reclamation per or contract.

Ms. Van Pelt reported there will be a Tamarisk workshop March 30 at the District office, of which 70 people have already registered.

Mr. Broderick said this Water Management and Conservation Plan provides a lot of resource information that Board members can refer to for future needs. President Long thanked Ms. Van Pelt for the well prepared document.

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ACTION ITEM:

WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLAN 2010-2014

Mrs. Ortegón moved, seconded by Mrs. Pinello, to approve the Water Management and Conservation Plan 2010-2014. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED:

SUPER DITCH/EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Peter Nichols from Trout, Raley, Montañó, Witwer, Freeman, P.C. who serves as Special Counsel for the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (LAVWCD) and General Counsel for the Super Ditch gave a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Super Ditch Exchange Application*, reviewing the following:

- Map of Exchanges
- Matrix of Exchange Reaches and Claims
- Exchange Model of Description
- Exchange Straight Line Diagram
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- Scenarios Modeled
- Model Results
- Conclusions

Mr. Broderick thanked Mr. Nichols and Jay Winner, General Manager of the LAVWCD for keeping the Southeastern District updated on this issue.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

Roy Vaughan presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- As of March 15, there were 265,371 acre-feet of water stored in Pueblo Reservoir, 161,184 acre-feet of Project water, 41,493 acre-feet of water stored in Excess Capacity, and 62,573 acre-feet of Winter water.
- There is currently 95,765 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir, and 56,900 acre-feet of Project space available in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs.
- As of March 15, 2010 Project Reservoirs, Turquoise is 85% of average, Twin Lakes is 106% of average, and Pueblo is 128% of average.
- Projection for April 15, 2010
- Snowpack Summary for: Arkansas River Basin and the Upper Colorado River Basin

Mr. Vaughan discussed the temporary waiver from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a one-time temporary two-week extension to store water in the Joint-Use Pool. He said this was an effort by Reclamation, the Corps, and the Division Engineer's office to better manage water.

Mr. Vaughan also discussed the Lake County agreement regarding Lake Fork Creek.

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Mr. Vaughan reviewed the quarterly OM&R report that was posted on the Board website.

DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Witte introduced Rob Phillips, who joined the staff at the Division of Water Resources-Division 2 a year ago. Mr. Phillips is in charge of Reservoir Operation.

Mr. Witte said the Winter Water Storage Program ended at midnight March 14 with a system total of 150,000 acre-feet, which is 104 percent of the two-year average. John Martin Reservoir storage continues until all water is moved to the Conservation Pool, which will be no later than April 7.

Mr. Witte reviewed the Division Engineer's monthly report for March 2010 and the Arkansas River Daily Report, Ditch and Reservoirs for March 17, 2010.

Mr. Witte said they are completing their expert witness report on the Surface Irrigation Improvements Rules, which is due March 22, and the well replacement plans will be approved by next month.

Mr. Witte reported on the vacant positions within Division 2. He said the next furlough day for his office will be April 2.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

Pat Edelmann gave a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Summary of Water Conditions in the Arkansas River Basin*. He reviewed the following:

- Map of Real-time Streamflow Compared to Historical Streamflow for the Day of the year-March 18, 2010
- Colorado Reservoir Storage Summary for the End of February 2009 & Current Storage 3/18
- Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (inches)
- Arkansas River Basin SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (inches)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The Board was provided written material on the following topics, which were posted to the Board website:

- OM&R Quarterly Report
- Water Court Résumé
- Flaming Gorge Update
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum-April 6-7, Cañon City

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

Mr. Broderick distributed copies to the Board of the Colorado State Legislature update on current bills of interest.

Mr. Broderick discussed the Flaming Gorge issue, and said material had been posted on the Board website for review.

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Mr. Broderick said he had met with Reclamation representatives in Billings on March 15. The topic was 10,825 issues.

President Long said the Human Resources Committee would meet after lunch. Mrs. Ortegón said the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee would meet next week.

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary
