

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

October 15, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 9:40 a.m., via ZOOM.

President Bill Long welcomed all in attendance to the virtual meeting. Mr. Long asked Leann Noga to do a role call. Mr. Long established that a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS CONNECTED:

Alan Hamel	Curtis Mitchell	Mark Pifher
Andrew Colosimo	Dallas May	Pat Edelmann
Ann Nichols	Greg Felt	Patrick Garcia
Bill Long	Howard "Bub" Miller	Seth Clayton
Carl McClure	Kevin Karney	Tom Goodwin

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS CONNECTED:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Water Resource Engineer Garrett Markus; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Accounting Specialist Stephanie Shipley and Lynette Holt; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas.

VISITORS CONNECTED:

Jenny Bishop and Scott Lorenz, Colorado Springs Utilities; Kevin Salter, State of Kansas Department of Agriculture; Cathy Garcia, Senator Cory Gardner's Office; Jeffery DeHerrera, Pueblo West Metro District; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks; Mark Scott and Daniel Rice, Providence Infrastructure Consultants; Brett Gracely, LRE Water; Tom Simpson and Rick Kienitz, City of Aurora; Nick Perchess, Upper Ark Rocky Mountain Farmers Union.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the September 17, 2020, Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Hamel moved, seconded by Mr. Colosimo, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for September 2020 were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the September 2020 financial statements and payment of the September 2020 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast reported Congress is in election recess and is expected to return for one week after the election but before Thanksgiving.

One issue that is on the table for water users is wildfire/forest management, including a bill sponsored by Senators Feinstein and Daines. There are several others, and Chairwoman Murkowski of Senate Energy and Natural Resources has publicly stated her strong desire to move something during the lame duck, given the devastating fire season.

Another is the biannual Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The House has passed its bill, and the Senate bill is out of committee. They are negotiating to resolve differences. Water users are pushing for a Reclamation title. We may get one, but it may include smaller, less comprehensive bills. We are monitoring closely.

Appropriations is currently operating under a CR, with Reclamation's spending continuing for now at last year's levels. Appropriators are discussing bills (the House has passed all of its bills, Senate has not moved out of any subcommittee) in hope of getting an omnibus or several mini-buses done during the lame duck. Election will impact whether that happens or we have a CR that goes in to next year.

Mr. Long also wanted to thank all that had attended the AVC Groundbreaking event that was held Saturday October 3rd.

ACTION ITEMS

RECOVERY OF STORAGE PHASE 1 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Woodka presented an action item that requested the Enterprise Board accept the Mott MacDonald (Consultant) SECWCD Fryingpan-Arkansas Storage Recovery Study Phase 1 (Phase 1 Study), and form a subcommittee of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee (REPC) to evaluate the next steps recommended in the Study.

In Phase 1, Mott MacDonald recommended a variety of approaches to recover lost storage that include dredging, reservoir enlargement, diversion of sediment and additional storage, not all of which were studied in the initial Study. The Phase 1 Study evaluated the effectiveness of those approaches at various locations in and around Pueblo Reservoir. General cost factors were assigned.

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Next step recommendations include:

1. Appoint a Storage Recovery Strategy Committee
2. Define the Study Area
3. Conduct a pre-screening assessment of alternative/methodologies for storage recovery or sustainability within the Upper Arkansas River Basin
4. Conduct a detailed alternatives analysis of pre-screened alternatives
5. Develop a scope of work for data collection programs and develop an implementation strategy prior to advancing the project to a feasibility level.
6. Collect the necessary data, identify preferred alternatives in conjunction with stakeholders, and scope a full environmental and engineering feasibility study, including costing and scheduling.

Mr. Hamel moved, seconded by Mr. Garcia the Enterprise Board accept the Mott MacDonald SECWCD Fryingpan-Arkansas Storage Recovery Study Phase 1, and form of a subcommittee of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee to evaluate next the next steps recommended in the Study. Motion unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

Mr. Long mentioned in the Finance Committee Meeting a discussion was had regarding the Seal Project. The District has not been billed for it to date, it appears that will not happen until 2021.

Mr. Broderick discussed that the Asset Management and Recovery of storage projects are going to be critical to the Board in the future. Mr. Broderick reminded the Board about the Annual Winter Water meeting was going to be happening via ZOOM Friday October 16th.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- JWBHP Update
- AVC and Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

Hearing no other comments, Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

Secretary

