

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

October 15, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:55 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Vera Ortegon	Ann Nichols
Kevin Karney	Gibson Hazard	Curtis Mitchell
Carl McClure	Howard "Bub" Miller	Gary Bostrom
Jay Moore	Pat Edelmann	Tom Goodwin
Leonard Pruett	David Simpson	
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member		

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Harold Miskel.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Program-Project Coordinator Jean Van Pelt; Water Resource Specialist/Engineer Garrett Markus; Finance Coordinator/IT Leann Noga; and Federal Lobbyists Ray Kogovsek and Christine Arbogast.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Cathy Garcia; U.S. Senator Cory Gardner's office; Doug Fitzgerald, U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Bill Tyner, Colorado Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Jerry Peña, GEI; Kim Gortz, Colorado Springs Utilities; Alan Ward, Board of Water Works of Pueblo; Denise Howell, Fountain Utilities; Kevin Niles, Arkansas Groundwater Users Association; Jack Goble, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; Josh Cowden, MWH; and Stacy Beaugh, Tamarisk Coalition.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegon moved, seconded by Dr. Moore, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for September were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Karney, for acceptance of the September 2015 financial statements and payment of the October 2015 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

TAMARISK COALITION UPDATE

Stacy Beagh, Executive Director of the Tamarisk Coalition presented a PowerPoint to update the efforts pertaining to the Tamarisk projects in the Arkansas basin review the following:

- Vision
- Mission
- Tamarisk Coalition Focus Areas
- Programs
- Who We Are
- History
- What We Do
- Western Invasive Riparian
- Species
- Steps We Take
- Our Partners
- Restoring Riparian Land
- Education Program
- Coordination, Capacity, and Planning
- Technical Assistance
- Planning Docs
- Ongoing Engagements in Arkansas River Basin
- How You Can Help Restore Rivers
- Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Discussion was had on the success of beetles controlling Tamarisk plants.

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ACTION ITEMS:

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Broderick reported the Board conducts a Public Hearing each year prior to adopting the annual budget, which a published notice is required.

Mr. McClure moved, seconded by Mr. Bostrom, the Board set November 19, 2015 at 9:45 a.m. at the office of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District for a Public Hearing for the 2016 Proposed Budget. Motion unanimously carried

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

Roy Vaughan provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the following:

- As of October 12, 2015 there were 187,671 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 112,721 acre-feet of Project water; 52,101 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 22,723 acre-feet of Winter water.
- There is currently 127,261 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 8,514 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs.
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 107%; Twin Lakes 105%; Pueblo 138%
- Boustead Imports 72,206 acre-feet
- Storage Capacity and Remaining Storage

Mr. Vaughan reported the collection system has been shut down and is being winterized and the Mt. Elbert Conduit is off. Reclamation plans on moving 55,000 acre-feet from the upper reservoirs. Movement of water will be adjusted according to the forecast and customer's needs.

Mr. Vaughan reported as of May 2012, at active conservation use elevation 4,880.49, the reservoir surface area was 4,453 acres with a capacity of 245,862 acre-feet. Since dam closure in January 1974 a total capacity change of 19,001 acre-feet below conservation elevation 4,880.49 was measured, resulting in a 7.17 percent loss in reservoir capacity (2012-11,576 acre-feet). The capacity change is primarily due to sediment deposition and partially due to methodology differences between this survey and previous surveys.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the sedimentation issue. Mr. Broderick said this issue will be discussed at future committee meetings.

DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT

Bill Tyner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- Arkansas River Decision Support System (ArkDSS)
- Administrative Tools Portion of the Arkansas Decision Support System
- Goals of Colorado's Decision Support System
- Phase 1 Scope of Work Highlights
- Water Administration Tools

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- Dashboard Highlights
- Key Gage Reaches Map
- Operational Data

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT
None

STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE
Lee Miller said the State Legislative Update was posted to the Board website for review.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- Water Court Resume
- 2016 Proposed Budget
- Legal Quarterly Report
- Winter Water Storage Program Annual Meeting, October 16, La Junta, CO
- NWRA 2015 Annual Conference, November 4-6, Denver, CO
- CRWUA Annual Conference, December 16-18, Las Vegas, NV

President Long said if there were Board members that were going to attend the NWRA Conference, to inform Toni Gonzales, so that registrations and reservations can be sent in.

President Long said the Human Resources Committee will meet today at 12:45 p.m.

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

