
RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

MINUTES

December 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 11:08 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado. The meeting was held in conjunction with the District Board meeting.

President Bill Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Ann Nichols	Vera Ortegon
Gary Bostrom	Howard "Bub" Miller	Kevin Karney
Gibson Hazard	Carl McClure	David Simpson
Curtis Mitchell	Mark Pifher	Dallas May
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member		

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Pat Edelmann, Tom Goodwin, and Jay Moore.

ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Water Resources Engineer Garrett Markus; Issues Management Program Coordinator Chris Woodka; Finance Coordinator/IT Leann Noga; and Federal Lobbyist Christine Arbogast.

VISITORS PRESENT:

Bernice McClure; and Brenda May.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the November 17, 2016 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 Mr. Bostrom, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

None

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

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PRESENTATIONS:

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Christine Arbogast reported the House has passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government through April 28, 2017. That CR, which will now head to the Senate and is likely to pass, includes a plus up of about \$180 million for the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). In the report accompanying the bill, water conservation and delivery are listed as priorities for this funding, and that is the category from which we have received plus up funds before. We are working to gain support to obtain some of these funds.

The House has also passed a Water Resources Development Act, which includes a possible workaround of earmarks for water projects within Reclamation. The process requires a negotiation with Interior which results in a designation as an appropriated, not mandated, not project. Other details are not yet clear.

ACTION ITEMS:

2017 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Leann Noga reported the Board received the 2017 Proposed Budget on October 14, 2016 and the Public Hearing was held on November 17, 2016

Since the November Public Hearing, staff has added one expenditure item to the operations of the Enterprise 2017 Budget. The Arkansas Working Group line item was added in the amount of \$20,000. This budget item will support the Arkansas Valley Conduit participants with the necessary planning for preparation of their water systems.

Mrs. Noga recommended the approval of Resolution and Order No. 2016-01EF for the adoption of the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Mrs. Ortegon moved, seconded by Mr. McClure, the Board approve Resolution and Order No. 2016-01EF for the adoption of the 2017 Proposed Budget as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- AVC and Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

OTHER BUSINESS

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales

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Administrative Manager

Secretary
