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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER  
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE**

**MINUTES**

**October 20, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) was held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:38 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Bill Long	Gary Bostrom	Vera Ortegon
Gibson Hazard	Kevin Karney	Carl McClure
Pat Edelmann	David Simpson	Curtis Mitchell
Tom Goodwin	Dallas May	Mark Pifher

Jay Moore (arrived at 9:48)

**DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

Howard “Bub” Miller, Ann Nichols and Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member

**ENTERPRISE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Water Resource Specialist/Engineer Garrett Markus; Finance Coordinator/IT Leann Noga; Issues Management Program Coordinator Chris Woodka; Intern Wayne Pigott; Federal Lobbyists Ray Kogovsek and Christine Arbogast; and Special Water Counsel Steve Leonhardt.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Steve Witte, Colorado Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Curt Thompson, AECOM; William Banks, U.S. Geological Survey; Bob Hartzman, Canon City Water Department; Dwight Gardner, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet’s office; Jerry Peña, GEI Consultants; Jay Winner, Michael Weber, and Jack Goble, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; Abby Ortega, Colorado Springs Utilities; Katiana Dillon, Wells Fargo Securities; Terry Scanga, Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District; Scott Eilert, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; and Erin Wilson, Wilson Water Group.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long said the minutes of the September 15, 2016 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegon moved, seconded by Mr. Pifher, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mr. Karney reported the financial statements for September were posted to the Board website for review. Mr. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Hazard, for acceptance of the September financial statements and payment of the October 2016 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Christine Arbogast reported Congress is operating under a Continuing Resolution until December 9, 2016. Scenarios include extending into the new year, extending for a full year, passage of an omnibus.

Congress will reconvene for organization on November 14, 2016, leave for Thanksgiving, and return after the holiday for lame duck.

The Arkansas Valley Conduit bill is awaiting action in the Senate. Work is being done on the "Pay For" and the possibility of a tweaking of the text, which would result in a different score.

Bill passage is important. The Office of Management and Budget is reluctant to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for path forward, because it relies on the legislative authority to repay the state with miscellaneous revenues. Ms. Arbogast is working with both senate offices. She will have direct meetings regarding the MOU.

Ms. Arbogast has been monitoring the Drought Bill. Some provisions of Senate Bill in the Energy Bill, but conference is stalled right now. The California delegation is not progressing. Provisions in Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) on reservoir operations, which are part of drought. WRDA has a strong chance of passage.

The Forest Health may make it into an Omnibus Resources Bill. It would be that vehicle that we would have the best opportunity to pass our bill.

Waters of United States still in court, more than 30 states petitioning for a supreme court hearing. Appropriations riders unlikely to make it into final bill and are veto threatened.

The Farm Bill is coming up. Ms. Arbogast is watching the conservation provisions.

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A meeting with District staff, federal lobbyists, and the Commissioner of Reclamation is scheduled at the National Water Resources Association conference.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER:**

Leann Noga introduced Wayne Pigott who was hired September 26, 2016 to serve in the capacity of an intern. Mr. Pigott is working primarily in the finance department. Mr. Pigott brings extensive knowledge, which will be a great benefit to the District. President Long welcomed Mr. Pigott.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

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

- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update

**OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:**

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales  
Administrative Manager

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Secretary

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