

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 5, 2020**

A meeting of the Allocation Committee was held on Thursday, March 05, 2020 at 1:01 p.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001.

Chairman Carl McClure announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carl McClure, Chairman; Howard “Bub” Miller, Vice Chairman; Andy Colosimo, Tom Goodwin, Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Wesley Eck and Tom Williamson, Fort Lyon Canal; Kent Ricken, Colorado Water Protective and Development Association; Bill Tyner and Rachel Zancanella, Division of Water Resources; Garrett Markus, Margie Medina, Lee Miller, Leann Noga, and Chris Woodka, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman McClure confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the February 6, 2020 minutes, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Alan Hamel moved, Bub Miller seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

2020 FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Garrett Markus showed portions the Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary for February 1, 2020 in relation to the Roaring Fork basin and the Fryingpan-Arkansas collection system. The graphics depict that full basin measures at 109 percent of median and 104 percent of last year. Currently the Fry-Ark collection basin snowpack versus 30-year annual basin average is at 132 of median and 107 percent of peak. The snowpack individual sites show Nast Lake at 154 percent, Chapman at 107 percent, Kiln at 119 percent, Ivanhoe at 149 percent and Independence Pass at 118 percent.

AGRICULTURAL FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL PILOT PROJECT

Garrett Markus gave an update to Wilson Water Group’s scenario planning presentation from the February Allocation Committee meeting. The update included two additional scenarios that reflected the Fort Lyon Pilot Project from 2014 to 2018 and the Fort Lyon Pilot Project for 2019, which included the agricultural first right of refusal for the Rocky Ford Highline Canal and

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Oxford Farmers Ditch. The three metrics that each of the scenarios are compared against are 1) Beneficiaries, who are able to benefit from the Return Flows in relation to the District's irrigated acreage; 2) Equitability, how many Return Flows per acre are allocated by utilizing the Agricultural First Right of Refusal (AFRR) and who loses access to their Return Flows; 3) Administration, what accounting and modeling is required for each scenario and understand the feasibility and complexity of administration for each scenario.

Garrett Markus was tasked to prepare Wilson Water Group to complete a usage study quantifying how different Return Flow stakeholder's consume water. This usage study was generated by the discussion of what need each user group have currently and the implications of changing the allocation policy to allow different user groups into the allocation process.

ACTION ITEM:

None

INFORMATION ITEM:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman McClure adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer