

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

September 17, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:30 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	Carl McClure	Pat Edelmann
Andrew Colosimo	Curtis Mitchell	Patrick Garcia
Ann Nichols	Kevin Karney	Seth Clayton
Bill Long	Mark Pifher	Tom Goodwin

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Dallas May, Howard "Bub" Miller, and Greg Felt

DISTRICT 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 Manager Toni Gonzales; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Accounting Specialist Stephanie Shipley; Administrative Support Associate Patty Rivas; Stephen Leonhardt, Burns Figa & Will.

VISITORS CONNECTED:

Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; Brandon Bernard, Widefield Water & Sanitation; Rachel Duran and Kevin Salter, State of Kansas Department of Agriculture; Cathy Garcia, Senator Cory Gardner's Office; Kim Swearingon and Jeffery DeHerrera, Pueblo West Metro District; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks; Mark Scott, Providence Infrastructure; Curtis Thompson, AECOM; Brett Gracely, LRE Water; Bill Tyner, Division Engineers Office; Isreal Ortega, City of Aurora.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Karney moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:

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

ACTION ITEMS

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET OFFICER

Mrs. Noga presented an action item to move that the District Board of Directors appoint the Finance Manager Leann Noga, as the Budget Officer for the 2021 District budget preparation.

Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mrs. Nichols the Board of Directors appoint the Finance Manager Leann Noga, for the Budget Officer for 2021 District Budget preparation. Motion Unanimously carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mrs. Noga presented an action item to recommend that the District Board of Directors set November 19, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to hold the Public Hearing of the 2021 Proposed Budget. A copy of the Draft letter to the newspapers as well as a draft notice of the 2021 Proposed Budget was provided to the Board.

Mr. Hamel moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, that the Board of Directors set November 19, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. for the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to hold the Public Hearing of the 2021 Proposed Budget. Motion Unanimously carried.

INCLUSION OF LAND ANNEXED BY COLORADO SPRINGS

Mr. Markus presented an action item that the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee recommends the Board approve the inclusion of Banning Lewis Ranch North by Colorado Springs into the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) with the standard terms and conditions (shown below). Once approved by the Board of Directors, staff will send the annexation to Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for assent. The District will submit the inclusion to the District Court for final decree.

There are three methods of including lands into the District:

1. Annexation by a town or city located in the District.
2. Petition of the property owners.
3. Vote of the property owners.

All three of these methods require assent from the Secretary of Interior, for which Reclamation requires a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of the lands to be included in the District boundaries. Once the Board approves the inclusion by Resolution, then Secretarial Assent by Reclamation is requested. The inclusion is submitted to the District Court for a decree including the lands within the District. The Application of Assent has been submitted to the District and will be forwarded to Reclamation for the property.

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The Resolution for Inclusion is:

RESOLUTION NO.	More commonly known as	Legal	Acres	County
2020-06D INCL-AX	Lighthouse Baptist Church Addition	Sec 26 T13SR66	1.15	El Paso

I move that the Committee recommend the Board approve, by Resolution, the inclusion of the Lighthouse Baptist Church Addition No. 1 annexed by Colorado Springs subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Approval of these inclusions into the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District will not increase the amount of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water available to the city. Any Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water used on these included lands will need to come from the water allocated to the city through Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water allocations made pursuant to the District's Allocation Principles and Policies; and
2. Any use of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water on the included lands is subject to the decrees for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, and to all lawful rules, regulations, principles, policies, and contractual obligations of the District; and
3. The annexed lands will be subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the District as any other similarly situated lands in the District at the time of this inclusion; and
4. Prior to the District filing a petition for District Court approval of this inclusion, the Municipality, and/or owner(s) of the annexed lands shall have paid all the costs charged by the United States in connection with the contracting officer's assent to this inclusion.

Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mr. Garcia, that the District Board of Directors approve by Resolution, the inclusion of the Lighthouse Baptist Church Addition No. 1 annexed by Colorado Springs. Motion Unanimously carried.

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

Roy Vaughan provided a written report reviewing the following:

As of September 9, 2020

- There were 182,950 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 133,809 acre-feet of Project water; 44,736 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 3,468 acre-feet of Winter water
- There is currently 111,564 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 32,409 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs
- Charts illustrating storage amounts in Turquoise, Twin Lakes, and Pueblo Reservoir
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 91%, Twin Lakes 88%, Pueblo 112% as of September 9, 2020
- First Use Project + PCO Municipal Water
- Total M&I PW in the system is 131,117 as of August 30, 2020
- Boustead Stored Cumulative Imports for 2020

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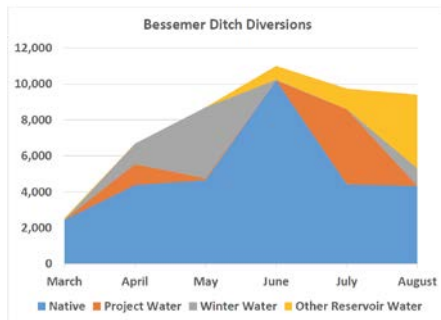
DIVISION ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Tyner provided a written report titled, *Importance of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water and the Winter Water Storage Program to Agricultural Interests in the Arkansas Basin.*

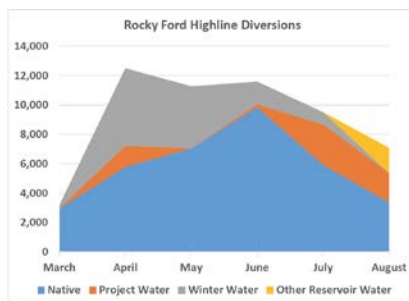
The long hot summer of 2020 serves to illustrate how vitally important supplemental water supplies are to the largest mainstem ditches along the Arkansas River between Pueblo Reservoir and John Martin Reservoir. The ditches I focused on included the Bessemer Ditch, Highline Canal, Oxford Ditch, Fort Lyon Canal, Otero Canal, Catlin Canal, Holbrook Canal and Las Animas Consolidated Canal. The graphs and data in this report were compiled from preliminary diversion record data for March 2020 through August 2020. The graphs illustrate the time of year where the critical supplemental supplies are used to augment lower river flows when those flows are insufficient to supply all of the irrigation demands for the ditches.

Project water as a supplemental supply during 2020 ranged from 4% of total supply through August (Catlin Canal) to 34% of total supply (Otero Canal). Project water represented 11% of the weighted average for supply to all of the ditches summarized in this report.

With respect to water stored under the Pueblo Winter Water Storage Program in Pueblo Reservoir or in participating Off-Channel Reservoirs, the supplemental percentage ranged from 11% of ditch supply (Oxford Ditch) to 54% of ditch supply (Holbrook Canal). Winter Water represented 20% of the weighted average supply for all of the ditches.

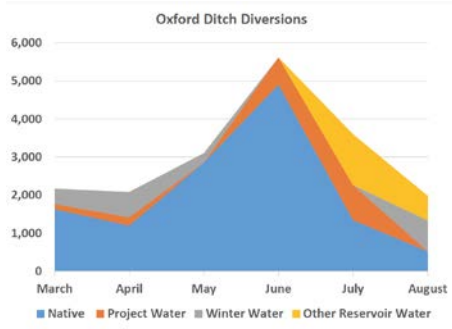


Ditch Name	Bessemer Ditch				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Month
March	2,458	0	0	78	2,536
April	4,387	1,155	1,142	0	6,683
May	4,655	96	3,949	0	8,699
June	10,197	0	43	763	11,003
July	4,431	4,166	0	1,143	9,740
August	4,323	0	987	4,094	9,404
Subtotal	30,450	5,417	6,121	6,078	48,065
Percent of Total	63%	11%	13%	13%	
		Project - Winter	%	24%	

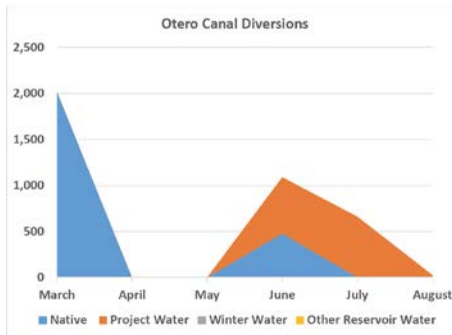


Ditch Name	Rocky Ford Highline				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	2,959	0	235	0	3,194
April	5,784	1,435	5,282	0	12,501
May	7,045	0	4,226	0	11,271
June	9,843	201	1,553	0	11,597
July	5,917	2,760	837	0	9,514
August	3,375	1,995	0	1,713	7,083
Subtotal	34,923	6,391	12,133	1,713	55,160
Percent of Total	63%	12%	22%	3%	
		Project - Winter	%	34%	

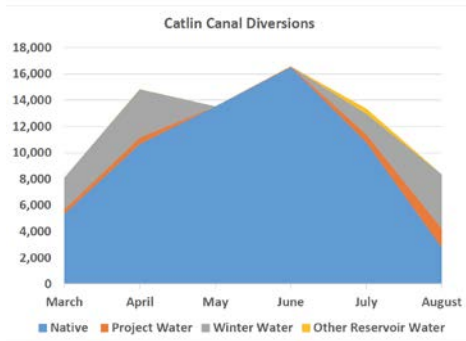
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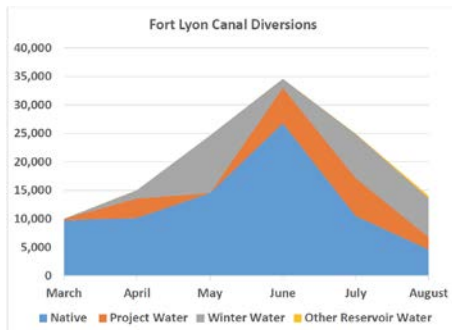
Ditch Name	Oxford Farmers Ditch				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	1,635	134	401	0	2,169
April	1,200	216	667	0	2,083
May	2,862	0	238	0	3,100
June	4,903	710	0	0	5,613
July	1,346	914	0	1,337	3,597
August	527	0	809	643	1,980
Subtotal	12,473	1,974	2,114	1,980	18,541
Percent of Total	67%	11%	11%	11%	
Project - Winter %			22%		



Ditch Name	Otero Canal				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	2,017	0	0	0	2,017
April	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0
June	475	614	0	0	1,089
July	0	660	0	0	660
August	0	25	0	0	25
Subtotal	2,492	1,299	0	0	3,791
Percent of Total	66%	34%	0%	0%	
Project - Winter %			34%		

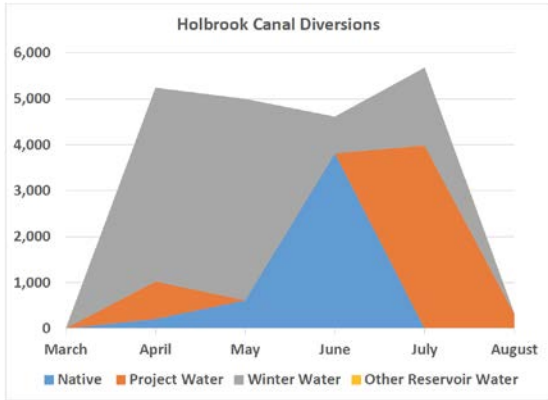


Ditch Name	Catlin Canal				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	5,344	331	2,431	0	8,107
April	10,666	487	3,683	11	14,847
May	13,524	0	0	0	13,524
June	16,518	59	0	0	16,576
July	10,792	603	1,575	394	13,364
August	2,788	1,440	4,127	0	8,354
Subtotal	59,633	2,920	11,816	404	74,774
Percent of Total	80%	4%	16%	1%	
Project - Winter %			20%		

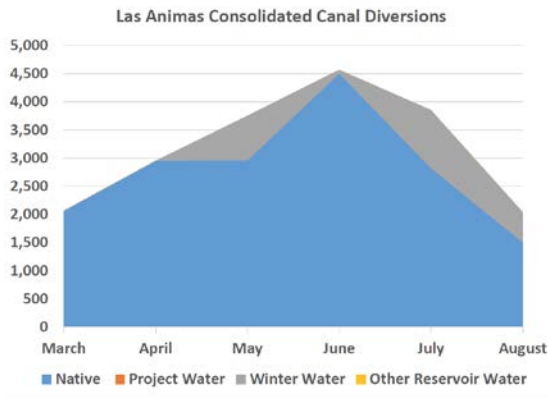


Ditch Name	Fort Lyon Canal				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	9,719	289	0	0	10,009
April	10,169	3,390	1,469	0	15,027
May	14,508	0	10,114	0	24,623
June	26,788	6,225	1,570	0	34,583
July	10,493	6,640	7,735	62	24,930
August	4,609	2,150	6,820	430	14,010
Subtotal	76,287	18,694	27,709	492	123,182
Percent of Total	62%	15%	22%	0%	
Project - Winter %			38%		

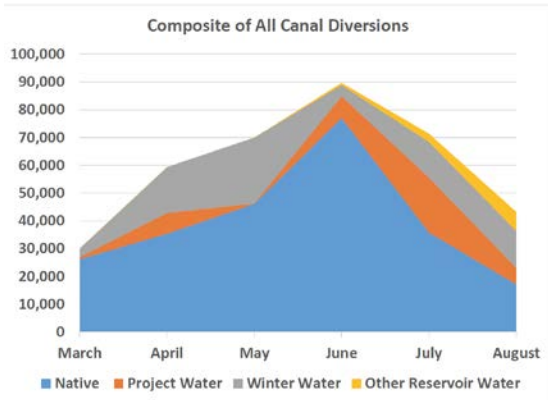
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Ditch Name	Holbrook Canal				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	0	0	0	0	0
April	208	816	4,217	0	5,241
May	615	0	4,382	0	4,997
June	3,814	0	795	0	4,609
July	0	3,984	1,695	0	5,679
August	0	312	13	0	325
Subtotal	4,637	5,112	11,102	0	20,851
Percent of Total	22%	25%	53%	0%	
		Project - Winter %	78%		



Ditch Name	Las Animas Consolidated Canal				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	2,064		0		2,064
April	2,953		0		2,953
May	2,960		793		3,753
June	4,502		67		4,569
July	2,822		1,031		3,853
August	1,500		540		2,040
Subtotal	16,800	0	2,432	0	19,232
Percent of Total	87%	0%	13%	0%	
		Project - Winter %	13%		



Ditch Name	Composite of All Ditches				
Month	Native	Project Water	Winter Water	Other Reservoir Water	Total
March	26,197	754	3,067	78	30,096
April	35,367	7,500	16,460	11	59,337
May	46,169	96	23,702	0	69,967
June	77,039	7,809	4,029	763	89,640
July	35,801	19,727	12,873	2,935	71,337
August	17,122	5,922	13,296	6,881	43,220
Subtotal	237,695	41,807	73,427	10,667	363,596
Percent of Total	65%	11%	20%	3%	
		Project - Winter %	32%		

