

**RESOURCE AND ENGINEERING PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 1, 2018**

A meeting of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee was held on Thursday, November 01, 2018 at 10:03 a.m. at the District Office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Chairman Mitchell announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Curtis Mitchell - Chairman, Seth Clayton - Vice-Chairman
Andy Colosimo, Tom Goodwin, Gibson Hazard and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Hamel, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board; Garrett Markus, Kevin Meador, Margie Medina, Leann Noga, and Chris Woodka, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Mitchell asked for approval of the September 4, 2018 minutes, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Tom Goodwin moved, second by Seth Clayton, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

PUEBLO DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT UPDATE

Kevin Meador provided an update on the progress of the Pueblo Dam Hydroelectric Project. The transmission line work, which is a critical path item on the schedule, started yesterday could take up to three months to complete. Upon completion of the transmission line, plans for startups and testing would begin. In addition to the physical construction, contract items such as the Black Hills Energy contract is completed for signing, the transmission agreement is also substantially completed. The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Colorado Springs Utilities (CS-U) was amended to reflect the shift in timelines and a draft startup knowledge sharing agreement with CS-U is being prepared. Bureau of Reclamation has not finalized the amendatory Lease of Power Privilege (LoPP).

DISTRICT OFFICE ASPHALT PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Construction of the parking lot was delayed due to weather conditions this fall. The subbase and grade have been set since the first week of construction, but the contractor is waiting for that subbase to dry out to meet stability requirements. The contractor will be out tomorrow to proof roll (stability test) and then work over the weekend if possible.

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2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Garrett Markus updated the Committee on the 2019 proposed budget with projects and programs associated with the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee. The Pueblo Dam Hydroelectric Powerplant is projected to finish construction in the first quarter of 2019. In the latter portion of 2019, the plant will go through testing and begin generating power. The Ruedi insurance operations and maintenance cost of the 10,825 Project and is funded by the Environmental Stewardship surcharge. The Regional Resource Planning Group (RRPG) is the agreement with the USGS to establish a water quality baseline for mainstem reaches of the Arkansas River basin. Cooperating participants are City of Aurora, Board of Water Works-Pueblo, Colorado Spring Utilities, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District, Upper Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (UAWCD), and Southeastern Water Conservancy District. In 2019, the United States Geological Service (USGS) will continue their Phase 2 study of the basin. The budget item to ensure Fry-Ark Project water rights can be reasonably developed and protected to cover diligence and appropriate studies. The District also supports the UAWCD COAgMet monitoring program. The Restoration of Yield (ROY) is the six party IGA to recover foregone exchanges curtailed by the Pueblo Recreation In-Channel Diversion. The USGS Joint Funding Agreement (JFA) is paid through the Enterprise and is funded through the Water Activity Enterprise surcharge. The JFA monitors four stream gaging stations: St. Charles River at Vineland, Huerfano River near Boone, Timpas Creek at mouth near Swink and Arkansas River tributary new Fountain Creek confluence. There are also USGS water quality monitoring sites which is participant funded by Enlargement, Arkansas Valley Conduit, and Excess Capacity Master Contract participants. Finally, the Fountain Creek Transit Loss Program that allows the District to capture and track Project water down Fountain Creek. A new program for 2019 will be contracting for an asset valuation that will give the physical replacement costs for all Fry-Ark assets.

ACTION ITEMS:

SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT INCLUSION MANUAL REVIEW

Garrett Markus presented the revision of the Inclusion Manual. Approval levels for updating the manual are coded on Table of Contents page. Secretary of Interior's Assent flow chart has been the driver regarding the process for annexation (Inclusion Manual page 9) allowing the District to memorialize the progression. This version builds off the previous Inclusion Manual by adding history, flow charts of the three methods for inclusion, step-by-step numbering order, staff processes, associated appendix to better document the District's internal process, and external outreach to our stakeholders. A Municipal Specific Process has been added to the manual to explain how the municipal entities process annexations as they pertain to inclusions. Finally, Edits by Version will be used to track changes. Jenny Bishop was acknowledge and thanked for working with Southeastern to complete the inclusion process via the municipal arena.

Tom Goodwin moved that the Committee approve the Inclusion Manual and sent it to the Board of Directors for approval, seconded by Seth Clayton. Motion carried unanimously.

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINES

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer