

**RESOURCE AND ENGINEERING PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 7, 2017**

A meeting of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee was held on Thursday, September 07, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the District Office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

Chairwoman Vera Ortegon announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vera Ortegon - Chairwoman,
Greg Felt and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Curtis Mitchell – Vice Chairman, Seth Clayton, Tom Goodwin, and Gibson Hazard

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jenny Bishop, Colorado Springs Utilities; and Lee Miller, Garrett Markus, and Chris Woodka, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairwoman Vera Ortegon noted that Greg Felt was not assigned to the Committee the previous meeting and did not have a quorum to approve the minutes. Minutes will be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION QUARTERLY REPORT ON INCLUSIONS

Given the circumstances during the Executive Committee held earlier today, Chairwoman Ortegon chose to move presentations to the next scheduled meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

2017 INCLUSIONS OF LAND ANNEXED BY COLORADO SPRINGS

Mr. Markus presented the location and size of the annexation by the City of Pueblo, Airport West Annexation. The Airport West Annexation submitted their application for assent to the District and requested to be included in the District via Inclusion by Annexation. An individual resolutions will be drafted and presented to the Board for their approval.

The resolution was:

2017-31D INCL-AX: Airport West, 1,311.79 acres, commercial and residential.

The annexation has three phases totaling 1,311.79 acres to the District and will not require any increase in allocation of water. Mr. Markus reported that these areas are being included under the new Administrative Process approved by the Bureau of Reclamation in 2016.

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Greg Felt moved, seconded by Jim Broderick, to recommend Board approval by individual Resolutions, the inclusion of this parcel to be annexed by the City of Pueblo 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 of Pueblo. Any Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water used on these included lands will need to come from the water allocated to the City of Pueblo 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.

SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 2017 CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Chris Woodka presented the Committee with the District's 2017 Conservation and Management Plan. A condition of the District's Master Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation is to develop a Conservation and Management Plan every five years. The District also is required to have a plan to ensure efficient use of water by the Constitution, statutes, and State Water Plan. Mr. Woodka stated this year's plan was developed in a way similar to past years, but is displayed in a user-friendly magazine-style format with colorful photos, informative graphics and concise writing. He also explained that the body of the Plan is broken into four parts:

- A. Description of water development history in both the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project and the District.
- B. Conservation programs in which the District participates.
- C. Appendices
- D. Relationship of the Plan to the District's Strategic Plan, Business Plan, and budget process.

The Appendices of the Plan are contained in a CD that is pasted in the back cover of the Plan. This information supports statements made in the Plan and provide context for the report. Included are conservation plans for the largest cities or water districts in the District, conservation plans for the Upper Arkansas and Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy Districts, the 2013 supplemental plan for AVC communities and the 2015 supplemental plan for the District's Excess Capacity Master Contract. The Plan is intended to be inclusive of past conservation efforts of the District as well as identifying emerging needs such as expanded outreach, communications, and watershed health.

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Greg Felt moved, seconded by Jim Broderick, to recommend to the Board approval of the 2017 Conservation and Management Plan.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING

To be determined

ADJOURN

Chairwoman Ortegon adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus

Water Resources Engineer