

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE
MINUTES**

April 15, 2021

President Long convened a virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise (Enterprise) to order at 9:37 A.M., Thursday, April 15, 2021, via ZOOM to be held in conjunction with the District Board meeting to present the 2020 Annual Audit presentation.

Mrs. Noga introduced Mitchell Downs and Justin Mueller, from Osborne, Parsons & Rosacker, LLP, who represent the firm that conducted the 2020 audit. Mr. Downs read the Independent Auditor's Report.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT

Mr. Edelmann moved seconded by Mr. May, the audit of the 2020 financial statement of the District and Enterprise be approved as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Leann Noga gave a special thank you to Stephanie Shipley, for the great work she did in the audit process.

APPROVAL OF 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Edelmann moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, the 2020 financial statements of the District and Enterprise be approved as audited. Motion unanimously carried.

President Long thanked Leann Noga and the finance team.

Mr. Long recessed the Enterprise Board meeting at 10:09 A.M. that was held in conjunction with the District Board meeting.

President Bill Long reconvened the meeting at 11:41 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance to the virtual meeting. Mr. Long established that a quorum was present. Mr. Long asked Patty Rivas to call role, she advised of changes to attendance.

DIRECTORS CONNECTED:

Alan Hamel	Dallas May	Pat Edelmann
Andrew Colosimo	Greg Felt	Patrick Garcia
Ann Nichols	Howard "Bub" Miller	Seth Clayton
Bill Long	Kevin Karney	Tom Goodwin
Curtis Mitchell	Mark Pifher	

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Carl McClure

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ENTERPRISE 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; Administrator of Finance and Administration Leann Noga; Administrative Support Specialist Margie Medina; Accountant Stephanie Shipley; Accounting Support Specialist Lynette Holt; Patty Rivas Administrative Support Associate.

VISITORS CONNECTED:

Abba Ahmed, Aurora Water; Bill Tyner, Division Engineers Office; Cathy Garcia and Clarice Navarro, Congress Woman Lauren Boebert's office; Jerry Pena, Kennedy Jenks; John Dawson and Warren Paul, Mott MacDonald; Kevin Salter, Kansas Department of Ag; Kevin Bergschneider, HDR Engineering; Krystal Brown, USGS; Mark Scott, Providence Infrastructure; Mike Holmberg, USBR; Tom Waters Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area; and Christine Arbogast, Kogovsek and Associates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Garcia moved, seconded by Mr. Felt, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for March 2021, were posted to the Board website for review. Ms. Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the March 2021 financial statements and payment of the April 2021 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION ITEM:

2021 FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Mr. Markus presented a report to update the Board. The Fryingpan-Arkansas (Fry-Ark) Project utilizes the Boustead Tunnel to import Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water (Project water) for allocation each year. The 20-year average for Project water imports is 58,157 acre-feet (AF) and is highly dependent on snowpack. Snowpack reports are published weekly and display the four SNOTEL sites that are most relative to the Fry-Ark collection system. The snowpack reports also compare the current snowpack to the 30-year average of those four sites and to seven other years with the corresponding Fry-Ark Project water imports for each year. Even though Project water imports are highly dependent on snowpack, there are several key variables that highly effect the actual import amount. Several of those considerations are how fast the snow melts and whether we are legally and available to divert those amounts, excessive sublimation (evaporation of snow without runoff), weather during diversion season, local and basin wide river calls, and precipitation not associated with snowpack.

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A PowerPoint was presented covering the following:

1. Upper Colorado River Basin Precipitation from October 2020-March 2021
2. Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary, February. 1, 2021
3. Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary, End of January 2021
4. Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary March 1, 2021
5. Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary, end of February 2021
6. Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary April 1, 2021
7. Colorado Monthly Precipitation Summary End March 2021
8. Snowpack Charts for April 14, 2021
9. Bureau of Reclamation Fry-Ark Import Forecasts
 - a. February 1 – 40,200 acre-feet
 - b. March 1 – 44,100 acre feet
 - c. April 1 – 49,000 acre feet
10. 2020-2021 Winter Water Season

FEDERAL LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Arbogast reported there was talk of the infrastructure bill continuing, and the Administration rolled out its broad plan for a large infrastructure bill. It did include a specific mention of western water infrastructure investment, which is a good differentiation from other water infrastructure usually funded through the state revolving funds.

The appropriations process for FY '22 has begun. Administration's detailed budget comes out at the end of April, we will know what the request for the Arkansas Valley Conduit is at that time. We will not be making an earmark request because of the significant carryover in funding that we have, and because Congressman Buck and Congresswoman Boebert are not participating in the new earmark process, which has not happened in more than a decade. A very different circumstance than two years ago exists for us. But we will be arguing for a plus-up of the Bureau of Reclamation's accounts for projects like AVC and rural water, and perhaps by the time the FY '22 process ends, we will be in a position to ask for plus up dollars.

On the Administration front, Tanya Trujillo has now been officially nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. Radhika Fox has also been officially nominated to serve as Deputy Administrator for Water at EPA. Both are well known in the water community and have strong backgrounds in water. It appears the nominations of subcabinet and agency positions are coming along, and we hope to hear the nomination for Commissioner of Reclamation very soon.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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

- AVC Update
- JWBHP Update

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- Excess Capacity Master Contract Update
- Recovery of Storage Update

Mr. Long asked if there were any other business matters to come before the Enterprise Board, hearing none, Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 12:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Rivas
Administrative Support Associate

Secretary

