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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**January 18, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 9:36 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Bill Long	Ann Nichols	Curtis Mitchell
Gibson Hazard	Kevin Karney	Carl McClure
Howard "Bub" Miller	Tom Goodwin	Dallas May
Mark Pifher	Greg Felt	Seth Clayton
Alan Hamel	Andy Colosimo	

**DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

None

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Water Resources Engineer Garrett Markus; Issues Management Program Coordinator Chris Woodka; Finance Manager Leann Noga; and Federal Lobbyist Christine Arbogast.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

Katiana Dillon, Wells Fargo Securities; Abby Ortega, Colorado Springs-Utilities; Doug Fitzgerald, U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Dwight Gardner, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet's office; Cathy Garcia, U.S. Senator Cory Gardner's office; Roy Vaughan and Shane Hayden, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Jerry Peña, GEI Consultants; Curt Thompson, AECOM; Judy Leonard, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; and Steve Witte, Colorado Division of Water Resources.

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:**

President Long welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization they represented.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**SWEARING IN OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Lee Miller said he had received a Court Order appointing Andrew Colosimo to fill the vacancy seat left by the untimely death of Gary Bostrom. He asked that Mr. Colosimo stand and repeat the oath. After reading the oath, the appointed Board member was asked to sign the oath, for filing with the court.

President Long welcomed Mr. Colosimo.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long said the minutes of the December 7, 2017 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Clayton moved, seconded by Mr. Howard "Bub" Miller, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for October, November and draft December 2017 were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, for acceptance of the October, November and draft December 2017 financial statements and payment of the January 2018 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES**

Chris Woodka reported the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018.

Providing information about the formation and history of the District was identified as part of the communication plan for public discussion of upcoming Contract negotiation with Reclamation.

District staff has produced a proposed publication highlighting the people of the District, and the greater water community of southeastern Colorado as the first of planned elements of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration titled, *Legacy of Service*.

The publication focuses on the people who have been recognized for their leadership, including all of the District Board members since 1958.

Mr. Woodka asked that the Board members review the document and notify him if there is additional information to be included in the publication within the next two weeks.

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**WELLS FARGO INVESTMENTS**

Katiana Dillon of Wells Fargo Securities presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following information regarding the District and Enterprise investments:

- Comparison Report
- Summary Characteristics
- Sector Distribution
- Duration Distribution
- Performance Characteristics
- Moody Long-Term Ratings Distribution
- S & P Long-Term Ratings Distribution
- Coupon Distribution
- Cash Flow Characteristics/Distribution
- Positions by Maturity
- History
- Rate Shock
- Year Cash Flow

**ACTION ITEMS-CONTINUED:**

**OPEN MEETING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01D**

Lee Miller reported A Resolution Relating to the Compliance by the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District with the Colorado Open Meeting Law is required under Colorado Revised Statute §37-45-101 *et seq.* this resolution defines where the public notice of each meeting will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. After the approval of the resolution, notice will be sent to the County Clerk and Recorder of each of the nine counties within the District boundaries.

Mr. Clayton moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01D, A Resolution Relating to the Compliance by the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District with the Colorado Open Meeting Law. Motion unanimously carried.

**RATIFICATION OF PROTEST IN SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURAL WATER PROTECTION RIGHT RULES (CASE NO. 17CW3057)**

Lee Miller reported on May 18, 2016, Governor Hickenlooper signed House Bill 16-1228 into law. This law allows the owner of an absolute decreed irrigation water right used for agricultural purposes to change that water right to an “Agricultural Water Protection Water Right.” The decree for such a change must include a quantification of the historical consumptive use (HCU) and a determination of return flow obligations resulting from the change, among other things. This law does not require that the decree for the change identify a type and place of use for a new use. After the change is decreed, the owner of the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right may lease, loan, or trade up to 50 percent of the HCU that was changed to another water user for a new use. The State Engineer must approve that new use through a substitute water supply plan (SWSP) pursuant to section 37-92-308(12), C.R.S. This law applies only in Water Divisions 1 and 2.

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This law allows the owner of an irrigation water right to quantify the HCU, determine return flow obligations, and identify other provisions necessary to prevent injury without having to identify the place or type of use that would result from the lease, loan, or trade of the water right. When the owner of the Agricultural Water Protection Water Right becomes aware of the need or opportunity to lease, loan, or trade the water for a new use, that transition can occur more quickly, because the necessary engineering quantifications and legal determinations have been made.

An important provision in the law requires that a portion of the water right that is not part of the lease, loan, or trade remain in agricultural use. The owner of the water right must participate in a conservation program or an Agricultural Water Protection Program that is developed for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the applicable law. The law requires that the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) develop Criteria and Guidelines for the development of an Agricultural Water Protection Program. The law further requires that the State Engineer promulgate rules to govern the review of an SWSP pursuant to section 37-92-308(12).

To develop the initial drafts of the Criteria and Guidelines and the Rules, the CWCB and State Engineer met with parties that had an active role in crafting House Bill 16-1228 in 2016, including Lee Miller. Four public meetings were held and comments were accepted through May 5, 2017. A revised version of the Rules was distributed to the SWSP notification lists for Division 1 and Division 2 on June 6, 2017. On October 23, 2017, the State Engineer filed the Rules and the Statement of Basis and Purpose for the Rules in the Division 1 Water Court under Case No. 17CW3152 and in the Division 2 Water Court under Case No. 17CW3057.

After the State Engineer filed with the Water Courts, Lee Miller contacted State Engineer Kevin Rein to determine if the State desired further assistance in the Water Court process. On November 21, 2017, Mr. Rein replied:

Thanks again for contacting me about this and for standing by as we discussed it internally. Our only discussion was whether we wanted to impose on you if it turned out there was no real opposition. Since I first heard from you, we've found out that we'll have two other parties that will file friendly/supportive Statements of Opposition. Adding Southeastern to that list would be pretty meaningful, in my opinion, so yes, we would definitely appreciate you filing, if you're still inclined.

The Ad Hoc Committee was contacted on December 20, 2017, and authorized the filing of a protest in support. Special Water Counsel filed the protest in support on December 27, 2017.

Mr. Hazard moved, seconded by Mr. Hamel, the Board ratify the authorization of the Ad Hoc Committee to file a protest in support of the Agricultural Water Protection Right Rules, Case No. 17CW3057. Motion unanimously carried.

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## APPROVAL OF STIPULATIONS IN SOUTHEASTERN'S DIVISION 2 DILIGENCE AND CHANGE CASES (CASE NOS. 16CW3076 AND 16CW3079)

Lee Miller reported the Board and legal counsel initially discussed these cases in Executive Session in September 2016. On October 20, 2016, through Resolution No. 2016-02D, the Board directed Special Water Counsel to file the Applications in these cases. On July 20, 2017, the Board authorized stipulations in both cases with three of the opposers, Pueblo Board of Water Works (Pueblo Water), District 67 Irrigation Canals Association (District 67), and The Amity Mutual Irrigation Company (Amity). Legal counsel provided the Board an executive session memorandum on these cases in November 2017.

The District's remaining conditional Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Project) Water rights in Division 2, on the East Slope, include some of the Pueblo Reservoir, Turquoise Reservoir, and Twin Lakes Reservoir storage rights, and six rights related to the Project's unbuilt Arkansas Power Canal System (APCS): Malta Canal, Otero Conduit, Otero-Wapaco A, Otero-Wapaco B, Wapaco Diversion, and Chalk Creek Diversion (collectively, "APCS Rights").

With the Board's authorization through Resolution No. 2016-02D, Special Water Counsel filed a Diligence Application on November 29, 2016 (Case No. 16CW3079), and filed a Change Application on November 23, 2016 (Case No. 16CW3076) to change the District's APCS Rights to allow diversion and storage of those water rights at Pueblo Reservoir, to allow diversion and storage of the Otero-Wapaco A right in Clear Creek Reservoir, and to correct three legal descriptions. The District's First Amendment to the Application in Case No. 16CW3076, which revised corrections to legal descriptions following the Division Engineer's review, was accepted by the Court for filing on May 4, 2017.

## A. Case No. 16CW3079 - Diligence

The District's objectives in Case No. 16CW3079 are to (1) obtain a decree finding reasonable diligence on the District's remaining conditional Division 2 water rights, and (2) not materially limit the District's conditional rights.

There are seven opposers in Case No. 16CW3079, three of whom, Pueblo Water, District 67, and Amity, stipulated to proposed decrees dated June 13, 2017.

Tri-State signed a stipulation consenting to entry of a decree no less restrictive on the District and no less protective of Tri-State than the December 28, 2017 proposed decree. The December 28, 2017 proposed decree updates the list of opposers and stipulated parties in paragraphs 3 and 4, but is otherwise the same as the June 13, 2017 proposed decree. The first two pages of December 28, 2017 proposed decree, showing these revisions, is Attachment 1 to this Action Report.

If the Board approves the stipulation with Tri-State, three opposing parties will remain: Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), Lower Arkansas Water Management Association (LAWMA), and Pueblo West. (Penrose is not an oppose in this case.) The case is on the Referee's docket through January 31, 2018.

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## B. Case No. 16CW3076 - Change

The District's objectives in Case No. 16CW3076 are to (1) change the point of diversion for the District's APCS Rights to Pueblo Reservoir, and for the Otero-Wapaco Subsection A right, to Pueblo Reservoir and Clear Creek Reservoir; (2) obtain a decree that allows storage of the APCS Rights in Pueblo Reservoir (including future enlargement space), and for the Otero-Wapaco Subsection A right, in Pueblo Reservoir and Clear Creek Reservoir; and (3) correct the errors in some previously decreed legal descriptions.

There are eleven opposers in Case No. 16CW3076. Pueblo Water stipulated to a proposed decree dated June 12, 2017, and District 67 and Amity stipulated to a proposed decree dated June 13, 2017.

## 1. Shared Revisions

The revisions for both Penrose and Tri-State include a term that diversions of the APCS Rights are limited to water that is physically and legally available, which is consistent with how Wilson Water Group calculates water availability for the APCS Rights. ¶ 10.3.5. The proposed decree clarifies that recreation and wildlife conservation are decreed beneficial uses of the APCS Rights, and that the District is not changing or adding these uses or seeking any right for an instream flow. ¶¶ 7.2, 8.3, and 28.3.

## 2. Penrose

The revisions negotiated with Penrose include a term that the District will divert the changed APCS Rights only outside of the Winter Water Storage Program (WWSP) season, March 15 through November 14. ¶ 10.3.3. Penrose has certain winter return flow replacement obligations under its change decree in Case No. 06CW12 (Water Div. 2) that might be adversely affected if the APCS were diverted during the WWSP. This term is also consistent with how Wilson Water Group calculates water availability for the APCS Rights, does not impair the District's objectives for this case, and protects the WWSP, of which the District is Trustee. To further ensure that any call for the APCS Rights at Pueblo Reservoir will not adversely affect Penrose's replacement obligations, even outside the WWSP season, the District and Penrose negotiated a stipulation term that the District will accept Penrose's winter replacement water at Pueblo Reservoir, rather than requesting replacement to the Arkansas River above Pueblo Reservoir. The stipulation term states:

“Southeastern and Penrose agree that, if and to the extent Southeastern's APCS Rights changed in this case place any call at Pueblo Reservoir, Southeastern will not request from the Division Engineer that Penrose maintain or deliver any increased amount of water to replace its winter return flows upstream of the [Fremont Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall] and Portland Gage to protect Southeastern's APCS Rights. Penrose may satisfy its obligation to replace its winter return flows in response to such call by delivery of water at any location at or above Pueblo Reservoir. Penrose may make such a replacement delivery by bookover of water from Penrose's account in Pueblo Reservoir to Southeastern's Project water account in Pueblo Reservoir using a

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procedure like that described in paragraph 38 of the 06CW12 Decree, and subject to the terms and conditions in the 06CW12 Decree.”

Because Penrose’s counsel is recommending this term to Penrose, General and Special Water Counsel are requesting authorization to agree to a stipulation with this term or one that is substantially similar. This agreement is feasible operationally in the rare situations when the APCS Rights are legally and physically available while Penrose is making winter replacements outside the WWSP season.

### 3. Tri-State

The revisions negotiated with Tri-State include more detailed accounting requirements in paragraph 11 and a new Exhibit 2 to the proposed decree, which describes accounting methodology, to track the District’s diversion and storage of the APCS Rights. Detailed accounting terms are becoming standard in decrees, and Wilson Water Group helped to develop and approve these revisions and Exhibit 2. General and Special Water Counsel and Wilson Water Group also negotiated a term capping storage of the changed APCS Rights, in combination with diversion of native East Slope Project Water under the decree for Pueblo Reservoir, at 357,678 af/year, which is the current decreed capacity of Pueblo Reservoir. ¶ 10.3.2. In the approximately four out of sixty years of historical record when the APCS Rights are available for diversion, this limit allows the District the operational flexibility to divert and store some or all of the APCS Rights with a combination of other native East Slope Project Water and West Slope Project Water in either existing or enlarged reservoir spaces. ¶¶ 7.4, 9.

Other revised terms and conditions negotiated with Tri-State include clarifying that the District’s West Slope Project rights are not changed, ¶ 7.4., and making the Arkansas River Compact term in ¶ 10.3.8. more detailed, similar to other recent decrees Tri-State has negotiated. The proposed decree also adds a finding that the changes do not enlarge the contemplated draft of the APCS Rights. ¶ 9. Finally, the Water Court’s post-decree retained jurisdiction period now will run for five years after storage of 3,000 acre-feet of the changed APCS Rights, which is a feasible amount and timeframe. ¶ 32.

Thus, Special Water Counsel, General Counsel, and District staff believe that the proposed decrees negotiated with Penrose and Tri-State satisfy the District’s objectives. If the Board approves these stipulations, six opposing parties will remain: City of Aurora, City of Colorado Springs, CWCB, LAWMA, Public Service Company, and Pueblo West Metropolitan District. The case is on the Referee’s docket through January 31, 2018.

Howard “Bub” Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Felt, to authorize Special Water Counsel to execute stipulations with (1) Penrose in the District’s Change Case No. 16CW3076, consenting to entry of a decree that is no less restrictive on the District than the proposed decree dated October 11, 2017, and agreeing in the stipulation to an appropriate term protecting Penrose from a downstream call for the APCS Rights, and (2) Tri-State in the District’s Change Case No. 16CW3076 and Diligence Case No. 16CW3079, consenting to entry of decrees in both cases that are no less restrictive on the District and no

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less protective of Tri-State than the proposed decrees dated December 28, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF STIPULATION WITH BUENA VISTA (CASE NO. 17CW3022)**

Lee Miller reported the Town of Buena Vista (Buena Vista) filed an application in Case No. 17CW3022 on April 28, 2017. The District filed a Statement of Opposition on June 29, 2017. Case No. 17CW3022 seeks a plan for augmentation to replace out-of-priority storage and evaporative depletions associated with McPhelemy Pond, which is an on-channel impoundment on Cottonwood Creek. The augmentation sources include Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water.

The District's objectives in Case No. 17CW3022 are: (1) to ensure that the proposed decree specifies that during times when there may be a call against McPhelemy Pond, Buena Vista will have sufficient alternative sources for replacement purposes other than Project water and/or Project water Return Flows to replace out-of-priority depletions and storage, and that if depletions cannot be augmented through available sources, on-channel impoundment at McPhelemy Pond will be curtailed; (2) to ensure that the proposed decree contains appropriate terms and conditions to protect the District's interests in the allocation and sale of Project water and Project water Return Flows; (3) to ensure that the operation of the applied-for appropriative right of exchange will not injure the District's water rights including the exchanges decreed in Case Nos. 5141 and 96CW17; (4) to monitor the case for any concerns with other parties' comments on the use of the District's exchange rights; (5) to ensure that all depletions to the Arkansas River are replaced in an appropriate time, place, and manner; and (6) to ensure that the proposed decree protects the District's water rights in operation of an augmentation plan above Pueblo Reservoir. The Proposed Decree provided to the Board satisfies all of these objectives, and executing a stipulation will allow the District to continue to monitor the case.

Mr. Pifher moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, to authorize Special Water Counsel to execute a stipulation with Buena Vista in Case No. 17CW3022, consenting to entry of a decree that is no less restrictive on Buena Vista and no less protective of the District than the proposed decree dated January 3, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

**INCLUSIONS OF LAND ANNEXED BY COLORADO SPRINGS**

Garrett Markus recommended the Board approve the inclusion of the Villani Annexation parcel of land annexed by Colorado Springs into the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) with the standard terms and conditions. Once approved by the Board of Directors, staff will send the annexation to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for assent and inform the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee of the annexation at the February 1, 2018 meeting. Then the District will submit the inclusion to the District Court for final decree.

These inclusions are subject to the standard terms and conditions, Secretarial Assent, and District Court decree including the lands within the District.

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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 Secretary 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 below property:

The Resolution for Inclusion are as follows:

<b>RESOLUTION NO.</b>	<b>More Commonly Known As</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Acres</b>	
2018-1D INCL-AX	Villani Annexation	SW4 Section 7 Twn13SR65	13.10	

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Pifher, the Board approve, by Resolution, the inclusion of the Villani Annexation 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 Colorado Springs. Any Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water used on these included lands will need to come from the water allocated to Colorado Springs 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.

Motion unanimously carried.

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**MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

**U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT**

Roy Vaughan presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the following:

- As of January 15, 2018 there were 256,665 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 140,583 acre-feet of Project water; 51,210 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 65,749 acre-feet of Winter water.
- There is currently 106,380 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 36,241 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs.
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 105%; Twin Lakes 95%; Pueblo 149%
- Total M&I Project Water in the System
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- Kiln Snotel Site
- Ivanhoe Snotel Site
- Independence Pass Snotel Site
- Nast Lake Snotel Site
- U.S. Drought Monitor-West, January 9, 2018
- Arkansas River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary January 17, 2018
- Upper Colorado River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary January 17, 2018

Mr. Vaughan showed pictures of the Hydro project activity.

Mr. Vaughan reported the collection system has been winterized. Mt. Elbert Conduit is currently off. Currently Reclamation is moving 18 cfs. of Project water form Twin and Turquoise to Pueblo to meet minimum flow targets. The movement of water will be adjusted according to the forecast and customer's needs.

Mr. Broderick informed the Board that Mike Ryan has been appointed to the Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, and Mike Black was appointed to be the Regional Director for the Great Plains Region, which will be effective January 21, 2018.

**DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Steve Witte reviewed the following:

- River and Reservoir Report
    - i) Reference Arkansas River Daily Report. River Call is:
      - 3/1/1910 Winter Water
      - 5/31/1949 Compact Call (State line to John Martin)
- <http://www.dwr.state.co.us/div2/aras/arascal.asp>
- Current River/Reservoir Operations
    - Pueblo Reservoir
      - Content is 257,309 af.

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- Aurora plans to move 4,300 af to Meredith in March to avoid “spill” from Joint Use during April 1-15, 2018.
- John Martin
  - (1) Current content is 276,921 af.
- Trinidad Reservoir
  - (1) Current content is 39,014 af.
  - (2) Storage reached 20,000 af limit of the transferred Model Storage right Wednesday of next week. Will begin to bypass inflow at that point.
- Compact Issues
  - ARCA Special Engineering Committee – Conference call
    - (1) ARF Article V.H. request
    - (2) Renewal of resolution allowing Highland Canal to be used as a source to the Permanent Pool in John Martin Reservoir.
    - (3) Spill issues
  - USBR completed 2005-2014 Review of Trinidad Operating Principles and Operations
- Administrative Activities
  - Winter Water Storage Program
    - (1) System Grand total as of January 15, 2018 is 88,055 af or 20 percent > previous 20 year average.
    - (2) We’ve requested an interim Winter Water Board of Trustees meeting set for 9:00 a.m. January 23, 2018 at Otero Junior College to share information and gather input regarding actions to be taken during the remainder of the Winter water storage period.
      - Holbrook reservoirs fill is increasing inflow to John Martin.
      - Planned sale of 10k af Aurora to Fort Lyon from Meredith will make space.
      - Plans to use carry over water prior to April 1,
      - Evaluate interest in direct flow irrigation, etc.
  - Agricultural Water Right Protection Water Right Rules status report.
    - (1) Ten Statements of Opposition (PBWW, SECWCD, Amity, Tri-State, LAWMA, AVDA, Fort Lyon, Aurora, Colorado Water Trust, CWCB)
    - (2) Consolidation expected
  - Hearing on motion for preliminary injunction to enforce zero storage order held in Huerfano County District Court concerning Cucharas Reservoir #5, Two Rivers Water and Farming.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

None

STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

Lee Miller reported the 2018 session of the General Assembly was called to order on January 10, 2018. The Colorado Constitution limits the length of regular legislative session to no more than 120 consecutive calendar days. The last day upon which the General Assembly may adjourn sine die is May

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10, 2018. The General Assembly may adjourn earlier than that date, but not later than May 10. The District participates in the Colorado Water Congress State Affairs Committee, which generally meets on Monday mornings in Denver before the Legislature begins its work for the week.

Bills are currently being introduced. We will report on the any introduced legislation of significance to the District as we learn of the proposed legislation. Lee Miller also reported that Representative Danyea Esgar from Pueblo is the new Vice-Chair for the House Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committee, replacing Representative Diane Mitsch Bush, who has resigned her House seat to run for Congress.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

- Water Court Resume
- Special Water Counsel Legal Report
- Director Appointments
- 2018 Board Meeting Schedule
- Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention – January 24-26, Denver
- DARCA Convention – February 22, Pueblo
- Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference – February 22-23, Reno

President Long reminded the Human Resources Committee members the Executive Director evaluation form is due to him. He also brought attention to the appointment of directors documents

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales  
Administrative Manager

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