

RESOURCE AND ENGINEERING PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 5, 2026

A meeting of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee was held on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at the District Office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado and via Zoom virtual meeting.

Chairman Curtis Mitchell announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Curtis Mitchell – Chairman, Pat Edelmann, Tom Goodwin, Andy Colosimo, Bill Long and Leann Noga.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Seth Clayton– Vice Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Hamel, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board Members; Dan Tucker, Katie Garrett, Scott Lorenz, Colorado Springs Utilities (remote), Chris Woodka, Gordon Dillon, Misty Bellino, Peter Levish, Trevor Singleton and Robert Banham, District Staff; Roy Vaughan, H2O Consultants; Mitch Frischmeyer, Wilson Water Group (remote).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Mitchell asked for approval of the November 6, 2025, Resource and Engineering Planning Committee minutes and if there were any corrections or additions. Pat Edelmann moved, seconded by Tom Goodwin, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

James W. Broderick Hydropower Plant Update

Gordon Dillon reported that electricity production was 79 percent of Average in January. This was because the power plant was shut down for a few days for routine maintenance. Power Production for 2025 was about 98 percent of average.

Work has been proceeding to resolve and complete issues that have been ongoing at the JWBHP. Through the last month various issues have been resolved and include:

- Batdorf Electric is working on PLC upgrades.
- Training with Trevor Singleton continues.
- Training videos from last summer have been completed and catalogued.
- A training program is being written.
- Obermeyer Hydro is preparing a new agreement to complete the mechanical plug.
- During the shutdown, oil leaks on units 1 and 2 were fixed, the building and units were cleaned, and the Clemmons filters (used in the cooling system) were cleaned.

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Weed control at the Hydro plant is being coordinated with the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Edelman asked that monthly reports show the prediction of revenue in light of anticipated low flows in 2026. He also asked if there was a penalty for underproduction of electricity. Mr. Dillon said the only penalty is for too much production for the City of Fountain. Mr. Colosimo explained that Fort Carson has other sources of renewable energy that would offset low production at the Hydro Plant.

ACTION ITEMS:

Restoration of Yield Water Authority Establishment Agreement

Robert Banham presented a report on the status of an agreement between Aurora, Colorado Springs, Pueblo Water, Fountain, Pueblo West and the District. He recommended approval by the committee for Board approval at the February meeting.

The ROY framework was established under the Six-Party Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to prevent long-term reductions in historical Arkansas River yield resulting from new storage, exchanges, and operational changes. ROY is implemented by temporarily storing water in downstream facilities within the RICD when exchanges into Pueblo Reservoir are unavailable and later exchanging that water upstream when river conditions allow.

In 2021, the ROY participants jointly purchased Haynes Creek property as a potential future reservoir site to support ROY storage and operations. Over the past two years, the ROY participants, working with legal counsel, have developed the necessary organizational and governing documents to form a ROY Authority. The purpose of the Authority is to provide a formal governance structure for ROY facilities and operations while maintaining governmental immunity for participating public entities.

The Authority formation documents have been executed by five participating entities and Pueblo West Metropolitan District. SECWCD participation is tied to its existing ROY cost-share interest and does not expand the District's ROY obligations. Section 9 of the Establishing Agreement provides that Members may elect to participate or not participate in individual ROY facilities or projects, ensuring that SECWCD retains discretion to opt in or out of future projects as they are proposed, subject to separate Board consideration.

Tom Goodwin moved, seconded by Pat Edelman, the following motion: "I move the Resource & Engineering Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to join the ROY Authority." Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The 2026 Work Plan for the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee was reviewed and a few additions to the plan were suggested.

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A written update of the James W. Broderick Power Plant activity was provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 2026, following the Allocation and Storage Committee meeting

ADJOURN

Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Woodka
Senior Policy and Issues Manager