

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 1, 2019**

A meeting of the Allocation Committee was held on Thursday, August 01, 2019 at 01:05 p.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001.

Chairman Carl McClure announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carl McClure, Chairman; Howard "Bub" Miller, Vice Chairman; Andy Colosimo; Alan Hamel; Curtis Mitchell, and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Tom Goodwin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Ward, Pueblo Board of Water Works; Garrett Markus, Lee Miller, Leann Noga, and Chris Woodka, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman McClure confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the May 2, 2019 minutes, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Bub Miller moved, Alan Hamel seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

2019 FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER IMPORTS STATUS REPORT

The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water imports for allocation year 2019 as of July 29 are 90,056 acre feet (AF) and are still accruing. The Bureau of Reclamation forecasted 84,000 acre-feet (AF) of imports based on the snowpack of May 1, 2019; which would net 60,018 AF for allocation.

Given the cool spring temperatures and above average precipitation, storage reservoirs are full because there is no significant need for water stored in Pueblo Reservoir. An administrative spill is anticipated if water usage does not increase as the Bureau of Reclamation brings more water to Pueblo Reservoir to create space for accruing Project water imports. The loss of storage due to sedimentation has compounded this issue was discussed for future planning. The Committee address the Board of Directors for direction regarding these issues.

AGRICULTURE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Fort Lyon Canal Company Pilot Project has operated for five years exclusive to the Fort Lyon Canal and its shareholders. In those five years, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) staff, Fort Lyon Canal Company, Colorado Water Protective and Development Association (CWPDA), Lower Arkansas Water Management Association (LAWMA), Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (LAVWCD), and

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Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) have worked through several issues ensuring the equitable utilization of Return Flows, identifying beneficiaries, and improving mechanisms of delivery.

For 2019, the Pilot Project encompassed more than the FLCC. Two ditch companies that have expressed interest in claiming their agricultural first right of refusal (AFRR) and have similar, broader benefits to each of their members. The Rocky Ford High Line and Oxford Farmers Ditch have company wells, or wells that pump into the ditch for all members to use. This is a new and exciting model for AFRR.

There have been many hurdles and lessons learned during the FLCC Pilot Project that will drive how the AFRR will look beyond the pilot program in future years.

What we learned and where do we need to go:

1. Beneficiaries (an augmentation or replacement plan is necessary)
 - a. Return Flows are used for augmentation or replacement
 - b. Typically, well augmentation / could be Rule 10
2. Equitable
 - a. Who is eligible for Project water?
 - b. How many shots do they get at eligibility?
3. Administrable
 - a. DWR is the primary administer / accountant for Project water Return Flows
 - b. Other Stakeholders (Well Augmentation, Rule 10, SECWCD)
 - c. Sole source allocation was also discussed to define specifics on allocation of return flows as it pertains to consumptive use. Timeline is for discussion in November and December; February augmentation plans are due to DWR, its possible another year will be required to address policy. Cost analysis was also discussed.
 - d. Garrett Markus discussed a hybrid model analogy using State Engineer's data creating first use Project water and Geographic Information System (GIS) to identifying Rule 14 and Rule 10 eligibility.

ACTION ITEM:

None

INFORMATION ITEM

None

OTHER BUSINESS

September 16, 2019 will be the James Broderick Hydro Plant Dedication. Starting in August 2019 the Board meeting only address action items so the majority of the time can be focused on the Financial Strategy and Sustainability Study.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

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ADJOURN

Chairman McClure adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer