

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

June 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 9:38 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Curtis Mitchell	Ann Nichols
Seth Clayton	Carl McClure	Tom Goodwin
Alan Hamel	Kevin Karney	Howard "Bub" Miller
Andy Colosimo	Patrick Garcia	Dallas May

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Greg Felt and Mark Pifher

DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Doug Fitzgerald, U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Dwight Gardner, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet's office; Roy Vaughan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Judy Leonard and Kim Swearingen, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; Bill Tyner, Colorado Division of Water Resources; Krystal Brown, U.S. Geological Survey; Jenny Bishop and Earl Wilkinson, Colorado Springs Utilities; Jerry Peña, GEI Consultants; Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water; Katiana Siatras, Wells Fargo Securities, and Gordon Dillon and Steve Howell, Kleinfelder

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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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long said the minutes of the May 16, 2019 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Howard “Bub” Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Garcia, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Nichols reported the financial statements for May 2019 were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, for acceptance of the May 2019 financial statements and payment of the June 2019 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

STATEMENTS OF OPPOSITION IN WATER COURT

Lee Miller presented a PowerPoint titled, *Statements of Opposition in Water Court*, reviewing the following:

- Why Do We File Statements of Opposition?
- Statement of Opposition Criteria
- Protecting the District’s Rights and Interests
- Winter Water Storage Program
- Legal Precedent Concerns
- Other Policy Considerations
- Tools for Efficiently Managing Cases
- Standard Language
- General Agreements
- Litigation Plans
- Reporting

FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

Leann Noga presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- Executive Committee Meeting-May 23, 2019 (rescheduled)
- Workshop 2 and 3 will be combined on June 27, 2019
 - Workshop 2 – Establishing Appropriate Reserves
 - Workshop 3 – Allocation Cost of Service
- Future Workshops and Meetings
- Where to Find Information on District Website
 - <https://secwcd.org/content/finance-strategy-and-sustainability-study>

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held June 27, 2019.

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ACTION ITEMS:

None

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:

U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT

Roy Vaughan presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the following:

- As of June 18, 2019 there were 237,860 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 156,262 acre-feet of Project water; 40,786 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 24,611 acre-feet of Winter water
- There is currently 89,111 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 67,951 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 62%; Twin Lakes 82%; Pueblo 122%
- Total M&I Project water in the System
- Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Update Map with Site Data Current as of June 18, 2019
- Colorado River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary-June. 18, 2019
- Arkansas River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary-June 18, 2019
- Forecast: February 1 70,600 af; March 1 67,900 af; April 1 91,500 af; May 1 84,000 af
- Boustead tunnel 32,000 Acre-Feet to Date
- One Month Outlook Precipitation Probability-May 31, 2019
- Three Month Outlook Precipitation Probability-May 16, 2019
- U.S. Drought Monitor WEST – June 11, 2019
- U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado – June 11, 2019

Mr. Vaughan reported Mt. Elbert Conduit is currently moving 380 cfs. Reclamation is currently not releasing any Project water from Twin Lakes Reservoir, and plans on moving an additional 5,000 acre-feet from the upper reservoirs to Pueblo. Movement of water will be adjusted according to the forecast and customer needs.

Mr. Vaughan presented a second PowerPoint presentation titled, *Pueblo Dam's-Contraction Joint Repair*, reviewing the following:

- Pueblo Dam-Overview
- Pueblo Dam-Concrete Buttress
- Pueblo Dam-Contraction Joints (CJ)
- Contraction Joint Seals
- Contraction Joint Leakage
- Value Planning (VP) Study 1997
- Design Constraints
- Conceptual Designs
- 2014 VE Study
- 2015 Designs (Zone-1)

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- 2015 Designs (Zone 2 & 3)
- Final Design and Testing (Zone 2 & 3)
- 2015 Final Designs (New Gravity Drain)
- 2015 Final Designs (Installed in 2017)

DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT

Bill Tyner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- Are We There Yet? Where Do We Go From Here?
 - Snowmelt Runoff – Have We Peaked?
 - Available Storage Outside Fry-Ark Project Facilities
 - Future Predictions
- Southern Mountains Snowmelt Runoff
- Central Mountain Areas (Sangre's and Wet Mountains)
- Headwater Areas Snowmelt Runoff
- Fort Lyon/amity Systems John Martin Reservoir
- Potential Available Storage
- John Martin Reservoir Diagram
- From Snowmelt Runoff to Monsoon
- Predictions

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

Krystal Brown presented a PowerPoint titled, *USGS Update*, reviewing the following:

- Groundwater Nitrate Concentrations 1993-2000 - 330 Wells Sampled
- Groundwater Nitrate Probability Maps
- Groundwater Nitrate Concentrations 2000-2003
- Groundwater Nitrate Concentrations 2018 – 29 Wells Sampled
- Estimated Atrazine Use
- Groundwater Atrazine and Desethyl-Atrazine Concentrations 1993-2000 – 228 Wells Sampled
- Groundwater Atrazine Probability Maps

STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

Lee Miller reported the General Assembly has adjourned. The Board was provided a final update on legislation followed by the Colorado Water Congress State Affairs Committee. While there were some surprise vetoes by Governor Polis of legislation passed by the Democratic-controlled legislature, none of the vetoes involved water legislation.

With the session complete, focus turns to the Water Resources Review Committee (WRRC). The first meeting of the WRRC will be on August 21, 2019, at the Colorado Water Congress summer meeting in Steamboat Springs. As more information becomes available about agendas and other plans for the WRRC, the Board will be updated.

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COLORADO RIVER ISSUES STATUS

Lee Miller reported the seven Basin states representatives signed the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) agreements in a signing ceremony at Hoover Dam on May 20, 2019.

Both the State of Colorado and the Upper Colorado River Commission (UCRC) have begun steps necessary to implement the Demand Management Program (DMP). The Board was provided two memos from the CWCB: (1) a memo dated June 3, 2019 from CWCB Director Rebecca Mitchell regarding “Demand Management Investigation: The Path Forward” and (2) a memo dated June 10, 2019 regarding “Demand Management 2019 Work Plan – Update #1.” The updated Work Plan includes a listing of the Work Groups membership. Lee Miller, Chris Woodka, and Board member Seth Clayton, as well as other representatives from District constituents, are all serving on one of the Work Groups.

The UCRC will hold a Demand Management Stakeholder Workshop in Salt Lake City of June 21, 2019, the day following the Board meeting. Information on that workshop was provided to the Board. Lee Miller will attend that Workshop on behalf of the District.

The midyear UCRC workshop and regular meetings will be held on Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28, 2019, respectively, at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center in Keystone, CO. Lee Miller will attend the meetings as an advisor to the Colorado Commissioner. The regular meeting on Friday is open to the public.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

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

- Water Court Resume
- NWRA Western Water Seminar
- Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference

President Long called Garrett Markus, Leann Noga, and Patty Rivas to the podium. He then presented each of them an award recognizing the years they have been with the District:

- Garrett Markus – 5 years
- Leann Noga – 15 years
- Patty Rivas – 5 years

The Board applauded each for their service and years served.

President Long asked the Board members to contact him, regarding committee appointments, if requesting appointment or being taken off any current appointments to committees.

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President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Assistant Secretary

