

RESOURCE AND ENGINEERING PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 3, 2025

A meeting of the Resource and Engineering Planning Committee was held on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado and via Zoom virtual meeting.

Vice-Chairman Seth Clayton announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Seth Clayton– Vice Chairman, Pat Edelmann (remote), Tom Goodwin, Bill Long and Leann Noga.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Curtis Mitchell – Chairman, Andy Colosimo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Greg Felt, Alan Hamel, Matt Heimerich and Justin DiSanti, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board Members; Chris Woodka, Gordon Dillon, Lee Miller (remote), Patty Rivas, Margie Medina, Peter Levish (remote), Trevor Singleton and Robert Banham, District Staff; Roy Vaughan, H2O Consultants; Mike Holmberg, Bureau of Reclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

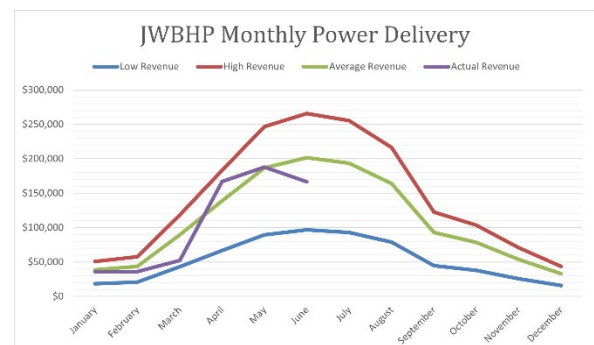
Vice-Chairman Clayton asked for approval of the May 8, 2025 Resource and Engineering Planning Committee minutes and if there were any corrections or additions. Tom Goodwin moved, seconded by Pat Edelmann, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

James W. Broderick Hydropower Plant Update

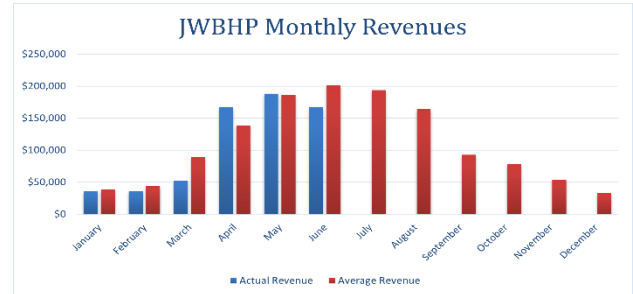
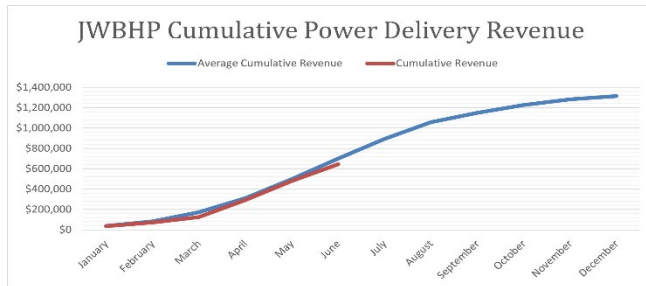
Gordon Dillon gave an update on Hydroelectric operations, noting the Enterprise is behind last year's pace for power production because of lower flows through the North Outlet Works. He presented the following charts:

Table 1 - JWBHP Dashboard			
	THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR TO DATE*
Power Generation (MWhrs)	4,580	3,631	14,162
Scheduled Power (MWhrs)	3,168	3,576	12,278
Revenue	\$166,573	\$188,026	\$645,577
% of Average Generation	83%	100%	92%
* Corrected year-to-date totals			



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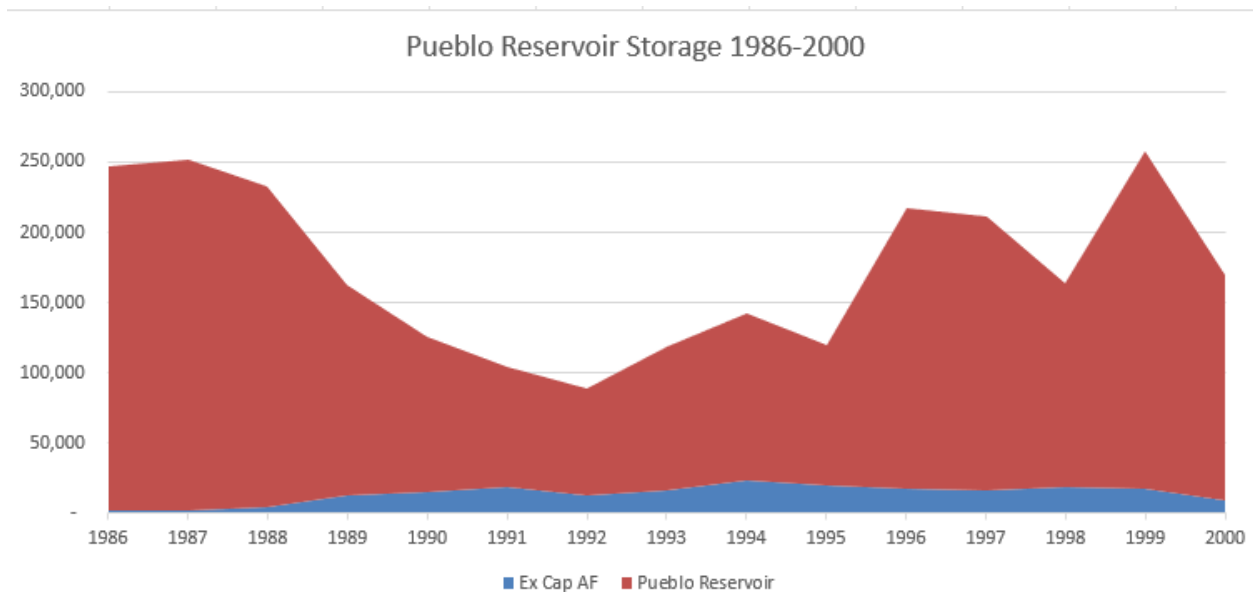


Current activities at the Hydro Plant include:

- Programming updates by Batdorf Electric to resolve operational issues
- Sensor troubleshooting by Batdorf Electric
 - Vibration
 - Incomplete stops
 - Hydraulic pressure
- Annual inspection by Riverside for thermal imaging of electrical connections
- Confirmation of sensor readings
- Training videos for new operators by Sam Ebersole for creating a training reference
- Training of Project Engineer Trevor Singleton

Excess Capacity Master Contract History

Chris Woodka explained the history of Excess Capacity, also called “if-and-when” contracts since Pueblo Reservoir first filled with Project Water in 1985. From 1986-2000, these were short-term contracts usually for just one year.



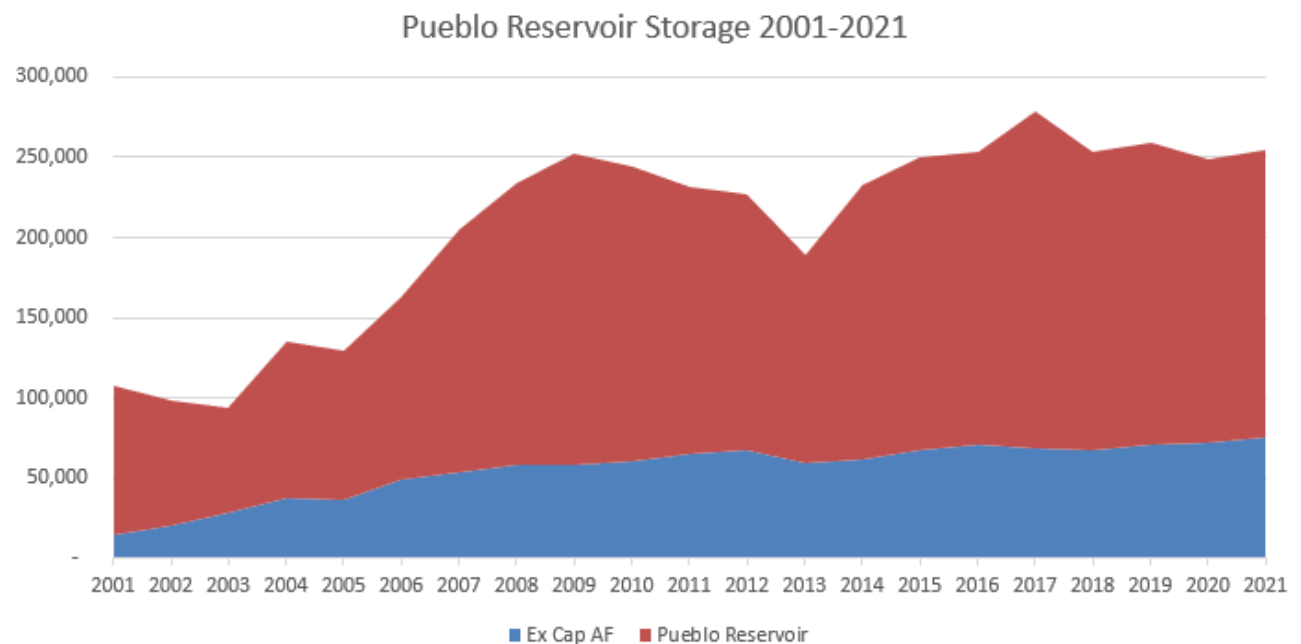
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The first long-term contract was issued to Pueblo Water in 2000. Since then, the following contracts have been issued:

LONG-TERM CONTRACT	MAXIMUM AF	2024 AF	EXPIRATION
PUEBLO WATER	25,000	15,000	2075
CITY OF AURORA	10,000	10,000	2047
SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM	42,000	35,825	2049
SECWCD MASTER CONTRACT	29,938	7,585	2056
DONALA WATER & SANITATION	499	499	2058
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	500	500	2058
TRIVIEW METRO DISTRICT	999	999	2062
LONG-TERM TOTAL	108,936	70,408	
TEMPORARY ANNUAL	25,000	7,400	Annually
TOTAL EXCESS CAPACITY	133,936	77,808	

Excess Capacity Storage has grown since 2000.



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The District's Excess Capacity Master Contract (ECMC) began with Memoranda of Understanding with 37 entities, including 26 Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) participants, two conservancy districts and nine additional municipal water providers.

An Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2013, with a Record of Decision by the Department of interior. The following chart shows the maximum for participants and for the program as a whole (29,938 AF).

Table 1–3. Master Contract Participants and Requested Storage

Water Provider ⁽¹⁾	Storage Request (ac-ft)	Water Provider ⁽¹⁾	Storage Request (ac-ft)
Chaffee County		Otero County	
Poncha Springs	200	<i>Beehive Water Association</i>	18
Salida	2,000	<i>Bents Fort Water Company</i>	10
Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District	1,000	<i>Fayette Water Association</i>	16
Fremont County		<i>Fowler</i>	50
Cañon City	1,000	<i>Hilltop Water Company</i>	35
Florence	2,250	<i>Holbrook Center Soft Water</i>	12
Penrose	900	<i>Homestead Improvement Association</i>	6
El Paso County		<i>La Junta</i>	2,000
Fountain	1,000	Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District	5,000
Security	1,500	<i>Manzanola</i>	60
Stratmoor Hills	200	<i>Newdale-Grand Valley Water Company</i>	50
Widefield	650	<i>Patterson Valley</i>	40
Pueblo County		<i>Rocky Ford</i>	1,200
Pueblo West	6,000	<i>South Side Water Association</i>	8
<i>St. Charles Mesa Water District</i>	2,000	<i>South Swink Water Company</i>	80
Crowley County		<i>Valley Water Company</i>	47
<i>96 Pipeline Company</i>	25	<i>Vroman</i>	41
<i>Crowley County Water Assn.</i>	1,000	<i>West Grand Valley Water Inc.</i>	15
<i>Olney Springs</i>	125	Bent County	
<i>Ordway</i>	750	<i>Las Animas</i>	300
Kiowa County		Prowers County	
<i>Eads</i>	50	<i>May Valley Water Association</i>	300
Total: 29,938 ac-ft			

Note:

⁽¹⁾ Water providers in *italics* are participating in both AVC and Master Contract.

Key elements of the program include:

- All participants are within District boundaries.
- They don't have to use the full amount of storage listed in the EIS.
- Once an amount is chosen, it becomes the "floor" and can increase but never decrease.
- The amount can increase any time during the year, but a full year must be paid.
- Payments are due October 1 in the year prior to the storage year beginning January 1.

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Mr. Woodka then explained how the program is managed, and how participants may use storage differently, with some filling and emptying accounts more frequently than others. Committee members had a brief discussion about how storage is used.

ACTION ITEMS:

Inclusion of Land Annexed by Colorado Springs

The District's Inclusion Policy incorporates municipal annexations into District boundaries. This expands the tax base but does not mean that additional Project Water will go to that area.

Miller Downs at Wyoming Lane Addition No.1 is a 21-acre property located near Marksheffel Road and Dublin Boulevard in Colorado Springs. A single well serves on 2.5-acre property on the site, but future water service would be provided by Colorado Springs Utilities.

Tom Goodwin made the following motion, seconded by Pat Edelmann:

"I move that the Committee recommend the Board approve, by Resolution, the inclusion of Miller Downs at Wyoming Lane Addition No. 1 annexed 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 the city. Any Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water used on these included lands will need to come from the water allocated to the city 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."

The motion passed unanimously.

Lower Arkansas Water Planning Initiative

Matt Heimerich explained that the Arkansas Basin Roundtable has established a Municipal and Agricultural Committee to look at water resource questions in the Lower Arkansas River Basin. That committee was approached by former Division Engineer Bill Tyner, who presented a comprehensive presentation on sedimentation at a forum in La Junta in February ,2025. The Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, in partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities (CS-U), Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association (AGRA), and Ducks Unlimited (DU),

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propose to launch a regional watershed planning effort for the Arkansas River corridor between Pueblo Reservoir and the John Martin Reservoir. The stretch of the lower Arkansas River that will be the focus of this project will be from La Junta to Las Animas.

Lower Arkansas Watershed Planning Initiative Project Objectives include:

- Develop a diverse coalition of stakeholders who regularly meet to discuss ongoing issues.
- Complete high-level current-conditions assessment of the Arkansas River between Pueblo Reservoir and John Martin Reservoir
- Hire Coordinator dedicated to the Lower Arkansas River Valley
- Build momentum for a Phase 2 project that incorporates shared community priorities and identifies shovel-ready projects.

Mr. Heimerich told the REPC that in some places the bed of the Arkansas River has risen 4-5 feet and that sedimentation has created problems for ditch companies in the Lower Arkansas River Basin. Additionally, there are problems with invasive species and increased flood risks. Several agencies in the Arkansas River Basin, including CS-U, Pueblo Water, Colorado Canal and Amity Canal have contributed toward the grant request.

Seth Clayton said there have been problems caused by actions in one part of the watershed, such as Fountain Creek, that may create problems for downstream users, so he is thankful that water users are looking at the Arkansas River Basin as a whole.

Bill Long made the following motion, seconded by Tom Goodwin:

“I move to recommend the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District contribute \$5,000 toward the Lower Arkansas Watershed Planning Initiative grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, being sought by the Arkansas River Collaborative, along with a letter of support for the project and staff availability in support of the project.”

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. if necessary

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ADJOURN

Vice-Chairman Clayton adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chis Woodka

Senior Policy and Issues Manager