

**MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**  
**FIRST REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**COLORADO RIVER WATER PROJECTS ENTERPRISE OF THE**  
**COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**January 18, 2012**

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Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, the First Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) was held on Wednesday January 18, 2012 at the Hotel Denver, 402 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

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**Directors present during all or part of the meeting:**

Thomas R. Sharp, President	James Newberry, Vice President
Tom Alvey	Jon Stavney
David H. Merritt	William S. Trampe
Steve Acquafresca	Andrew A. Mueller
John Ely	Rebie Hazard
Gary Martinez	Stephen M. Mathis
Kai Turner	Tom Gray

**Directors not present:**

Warner Dewey

**Others present during all or part of the meeting:**

Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager, CRWCD  
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD  
Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD  
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD  
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD  
Jason Turner, Associate Counsel, CRWCD  
Mary Kalmes, Chief Accountant, CRWCD  
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD  
Ray Tenney, Senior Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD  
Don Meyer, Senior Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD  
Dave Kanzer, Senior Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD  
Mike Eytel, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD  
Dave Smith, Engineering Technician, CRWCD  
Jim Pokrandt, Communication and Education Specialist, CRWCD  
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD  
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD  
Dave Sturges, Councilman, City of Glenwood Springs

**Quorum.**

President Sharp found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

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An audio recording has been made of the meeting. The motions described herein may not necessarily represent a verbatim transcription. The audio recordings are available for listening at the CRWCD offices during regular office hours. These minutes are the official record of the Colorado River Water Conservation District's meeting.

**Review and Approve Agenda and Meeting Objectives.**

Director Trampe moved seconded by Director Alvey, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes and Actions Taken.**

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Fourth Regular Quarterly meeting, October 18, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Water Supply Projects Committee.**

President Sharp referred the Board to the committee membership list for 2012.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports for September, October and November 2011.**

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Mathis, to accept the treasurer's reports and check registers for September, October and November 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**Project Operations Update:**

**Wolford Mountain Reservoir:**

John Currier reported that installation of additional monitoring instrumentation to track the settlement of Ritschard Dam has been completed. He also noted that snowpack above the reservoir is currently at 75% of average.

**Elkhead Reservoir:**

Ray Tenney reported that while snowpack in the Elkhead Creek Basin is below average, it is anticipated that Elkhead Reservoir will have sufficient water to fill in 2012 because of a higher storage level carried over from 2011.

**Approval of Contract Amendment with URS Engineering:**

Director Hazard moved, seconded by Director Gray, to approve a contract amendment with URS Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$19,000 for wetlands monitoring services at Elkhead Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously. Director Merritt abstained from the vote.

**2012 Water Supply Conditions.**

Eric Kuhn reported that snowpack conditions throughout the Colorado River Basin remain below average and long-range forecasts indicate an average to below-average snow year. This could lead to dry conditions within the basin for the remainder of 2012.

**Water Marketing Contract Pricing.**

Dan Birch reviewed the District's Water Marketing Policy. Under the Policy, contracts executed after 2006 are subject to annual price increases. Those increases are limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus the New Growth Index (NGI). For 2012, the CPI is 3.83% and the NGI is 3.18%, totaling an allowable increase, under the Policy, of 7.01%.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Mathis, to approve a price increase of 3.83% employing only the CPI component for 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

**General Counsel's Report - Executive Session,**

Peter Fleming reported that the following matters qualify for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b)(legal advice) and (e)(negotiations):

- i. Applications of Peak Ranch, Inc., Case Nos. 08CW56, 08CW66, and 10CW93, Water Division 5.
- ii. Application of Colorado Springs Utilities, Case No. 03CW314, Water Division 5.

Director Mathis moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b)(legal advice) and (e)(negotiations). Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Fleming stated that no further record of the Executive Session need be kept based on his opinion that the discussion will constitute privileged attorney-client communications.

*President Sharp reconvened into Public Session at 11:39 a.m.*

**General Counsel's Report - Public Session.**

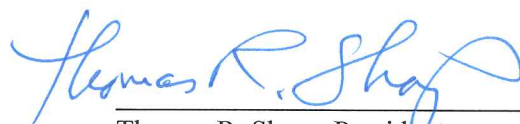
Peter Fleming reported that during Executive Session, the Board provided guidance to staff and General Counsel on the following matters:

- i. Applications of Peak Ranch, Inc., Case Nos. 08CW56, 08CW66, and 10CW93, Water Division 5.
- ii. Application of Colorado Springs Utilities, Case No. 03CW314, Water Division 5.


Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to ratify a Statement of Opposition to the Application of City of Aspen, Case No. 06CW54, Water Division 5. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn.**

There being no further business before the Board, President Sharp adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

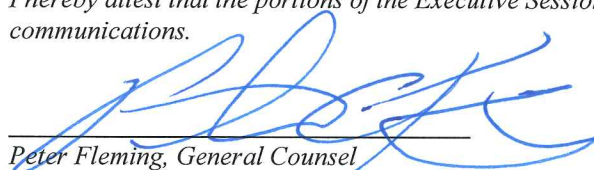
  
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Thomas R. Sharp, President

ATTEST:

  
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R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager

*Executive Session Attestations.*

*I hereby attest that the portions of the Executive Session that were not recorded constituted privileged attorney-client communications.*

  
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Peter Fleming, General Counsel

