

MINUTES¹
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AND OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS COLORADO RIVER WATER PROJECTS ENTERPRISE

April 30, 2015

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special joint meeting telephone conference of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) and of the Colorado River Water Conservation District acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise was held on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the offices of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Jon Stavney, President	Tom Alvey, Vice-President
Marc Catlin	John Justman
John Ely	David Merritt
Tom Gray	Doug Monger
Rebie Hazard	

Directors not participating:

Gary Martinez	Alden Vanden Brink
James Newberry	Stan Whinnery
William Trampe	Martha Whitmore

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD

Quorum.

President Stavney found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

State Affairs.

Chris Treese presented and the Board acted on the following legislative matter:

HB 15-1380 CONCERNING STATE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE WATERSHED HEALTH, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING A CREDIT AGAINST THE STATE INCOME TAX TO ENCOURAGE WATERSHED HEALTH PROJECTS AND CREATING A STATE GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD TO ENCOURAGE WATERSHED HEALTH PROJECTS.

This bill creates two programs that would provide financial incentives and rewards for watershed programs by creating transferable and refundable state income tax credit for up to 50% of qualified contributions. These watershed health programs would be administered by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), limited to \$1.5M/yr. The bill also creates a \$0.5M grant program within the CWCB for watershed improvement programs. Both programs would sunset in July 2021.

¹An 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.

Mr. Treese noted that the bill has numerous problems requiring clarifications, potentially excessive participation resulting in little benefit per applicant, late bill introduction concerns and more; therefore, staff recommends a position of support with amendments.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Justman, to **support HB 15-1380 with amendments**. Motion carried unanimously.

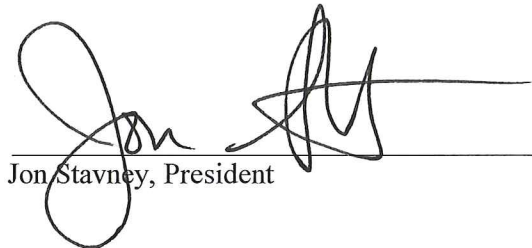
Harvey Economics.

Peter Fleming reminded the board about an extensive discussion they had at the April 2015 Quarterly board meeting regarding a Scope of Work with Harvey Economics and requested an amendment to the original contract of an additional \$60,000.

Director Justman moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to **approve an amendment of \$60,000** to the contract with Harvey Economics. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

There being no other business before the Board, President Stavney adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.



Jon Stavney, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager