

**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 19, 2016**

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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 Tuesday January 19, 2016 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:**

Jon Stavney, President	Tom Alvey, Vice President
Doug Monger	David H. Merritt
William S. Trampe	Tom Gray
Martha Whitmore	Alden Vanden Brink
John Justman	Marc Catlin
Rebie Hazard	John Ely
Gary Martinez	Stan Whinnery
Mike Ritschard	

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

Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD  
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD  
Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD  
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD  
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD  
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD  
Mary Kalms, Chief Accountant, CRWCD  
Ian Philips, Senior Accountant, CRWCD  
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD  
Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD  
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD  
Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD  
Jim Pokrandt, Community Affairs Director, CRWCD  
Mike Eytel, Sr. Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD  
Sonja Chavez, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD  
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD  
Dave Smith, Engineering Technician, CRWCD  
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD  
Denise Hussain, Records Administrator/Information Specialist, CRWCD  
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD  
Alesha Frederick, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD  
Brent Gardner-Smith, Aspen Journalism  
David Mau, USGS

**Quorum.**

President Stavney found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup>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 Meeting Agenda and Objectives.**

Peter Fleming requested the addition of Retention of a Facilitator to Work with Expert Panel on Ritschard Dam Risk Analysis and Waiver of Professional Liability Insurance Requirement for Facilitator as agenda item 4.a.iii. and Discussion of River District Correspondence with the State Land Board on Oil and Gas Leases Upstream of Wolford Mountain Reservoir as agenda item 4.a. iv. Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda.**

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

- a. Minutes of Fourth Regular Quarterly Meeting, October 2015.
- b. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Reports and Check Registers for September, October and November 2015.

**Appointment of Water Supply Projects Committee for 2016.**

President Stavney referred the Board to the 2016 Committees list.

**Project Updates.**

**Wolford Mountain Reservoir:**

John Currier reported that the peer review panel examination of data gathered on the Ritschard Dam settlement has indicated that the dam is safe, and there is no need for immediate remediation. A facilitated workshop will be scheduled with the peer review panel, AECOM, (the River District’s engineering consultant), the State Dam Safety Office, and Denver Water to review options and develop a recommendation to the Board.

Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to approve the retention of a facilitator for the expert panel on the Ritschard Dam risk analysis workshop and to waive the River District’s contractual professional liability insurance requirement for the facilitator. Motion carried unanimously with Director Merritt abstaining from the vote.

**Approval of Proposed Contract with Eco-Rx, re: Weed Control:**

Director Whinnery moved, seconded by Director Monger, to approve a contract in an amount not exceed \$45,000 for weed control at Wolford Mountain Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Proposed CSA Amendment with Ayres Associates, re: Muddy Creek Wetlands Mitigation Work:**

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to approve a contract amendment with Ayres Associates in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Phase II of the wetlands mitigation remediation engineering work. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion of River District Correspondence with the State Land Board on Oil and Gas Leases Upstream of Wolford Mountain Reservoir:**

John Currier reported that last fall the Colorado State Land Board (SLB) recommended a parcel upstream of Wolford Mountain Reservoir for oil and gas leasing. The River District sent a letter to the SLB expressing concerns about potential water quality impacts. The parcel was recommended for leasing with stipulations regarding water quality and wildlife management.

**Elkhead Reservoir:**

**Approval of Easement Grant to Yampa Valley Electric Association:**

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to grant an easement to the Yampa Valley Electric Association on property owned by the River District and to delegate authority for the president to execute the

powerline easement document upon recommendation of the General Manager and General Counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Revised Lease with Colorado Parks and Wildlife:**

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to approve a revised lease with Colorado Parks and Wildlife for management and operation of the recreational facilities at Elkhead Reservoir and to authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Amendment to Alternative Funding Arrangement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):**

Director Catlin moved, seconded by Director Justman, to authorize the General Manager to execute an amended cooperative agreement with the NRCS, after review and approval by General Counsel, to enable the Colorado River District to act as an agent of the NRCS under an Alternative Funding Agreement and to increase the amount of funding from NRCS to the River District from \$380,000 to up to \$8.0 million. Motion carried unanimously.

**Water Marketing Policy.**

Dan Birch reviewed the District's Water Marketing Policies. Under the Policies, 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 2016, the amount is 1.50% for the CPI and 1.26% for the NGI, for a total of 2.76%. Due to a slower economic recovery in portions of the River District service area, staff recommended an increase of 1.50%.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Catlin, to approve staff's proposed price increase of 1.50% for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**General Counsel's Report.**

**Matters Proposed for Executive Session:**

Peter Fleming reported no issues warranted discussion in Executive Session.

**Adjourn.**

There being no other business before the Board, President Stavney adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

  
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Jon Stavney, President

ATTEST:



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R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager