

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

March 3, 2016

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, March 3, 2016, at the offices of the Colorado River 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	Doug Monger
Tom Gray	Mike Ritschard
Rebie Hazard	William Trampe
David Merritt	Martha Whitmore

Directors not participating:

John Ely	Alden Vanden Brink
John Justman	Stan Whinnery
Gary Martinez	

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication & Education, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Robert Simpson, Corporate Advocates
Danny Williams, Corporate Advocates

Quorum.

President Stavney found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

State Issues.

Chris Treese noted that SB 16-128 will be postponed by the sponsor in committee this afternoon.

HB 16-1283 CONCERNING MEASURES TO DECREASE WATER LOSS BY DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIERS.

Chris Treese reported that HB 16-1283 requires water utilities that provide drinking water to more than 10,000 people to annually submit to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) a validated water loss audit report pursuant to guidelines that the CWCB must adopt by January 1, 2018. The bill also states that funding assistance to help complete these reports may be available from the CWCB. Additionally, the CWCB must

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.

adopt guidelines establishing a score that a covered entity's validated audit report should attain. The proposed bill further provides that the CWCB and the CW&PDA may consider the results of a required audit report in considering whether to provide financial assistance to the utility.

Chris Treese reported that comments from a handful of water utilities within the Colorado River District that would be effected by passage of this bill ranged from support to adamantly oppose.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to **amend HB 16-1283**. Directors voting in favor of motion: Alvey, Catlin, Hazard, Monger, Ritschard, Stavney, Trampe and Whitmore. Directors voting against the motion: Gray and Merritt. Motion carried.

HB 16-1314 CONCERNING TREATMENT OF RISING GROUNDWATER LEVELS AS REPLACING GROUNDWATER DEPLETIONS IN WATER DIVISION 1.

Chris Treese noted that this bill only applies to the Lower South Platte Basin and deals with the perennial issue of ground water in that area and the post pumping depletion impacts that the court has mandated be replaced. Chris Treese reported that the proponents of the bill allege that because of high ground water tables in those areas court decreed replacement of groundwater depletions is no longer necessary.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to **monitor (and perhaps later support HB 16-1314)**. Motion carried unanimously.

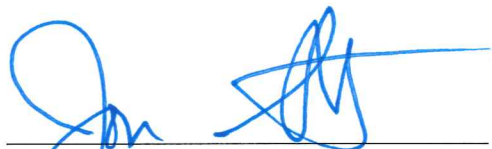
St. Jude's Correcting Legislation.

Chris Treese reminded the board of their direction at a previous board meeting for staff to continue to provide leadership and coordination among numerous parties interested in addressing the Colorado Supreme Court's ruling in the St. Jude's case.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, for staff to **continue to pursue legislation** addressing the ruling in the St. Jude's legislation. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Stavney adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.



Jon Stavney, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager