

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 2, 2017

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 2, 2017, at the offices of the Colorado River District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Tom Alvey, President	David H. Merritt, Vice President
Steve Acquafresca	Karn Stiegelmeier
John Ely	William S. Trampe
Tom Gray	Martha Whitmore
Mike Ritschard	

Directors not participating:

Marc Catlin	Doug Monger
Kathy Chandler-Henry	Alden Vanden Brink
Rebie Hazard	Stan Whinnery

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
Sonja Chavez, Water Resource Specialist, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Senior Accountant, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Director, Community Affairs, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Danny Williams, Williams+Simpson
Robert Simpson, Williams+Simpson

Quorum.

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

State Affairs:

SB 17-202 CONCERNING MEASURES TO CONSERVE NATIVE SPECIES IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Chris Treese noted that this bill is the annual projects authorization bill for expenditures from the Native Species Fund. For the first year in at least the last three, the Gunnison Basin Selenium Control Program will not receive funding. Mr. Treese also noted that we were aware that the Selenium Program would not be included.

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.

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to **support SB 17-202**. Motion carried unanimously.

SJR 17-013 CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF STAKEHOLDER INPUT WITH SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL NUTRIENT DISCHARGE CONTROLS.

Chris Treese noted that this bill is a repeat of HJR 16-1023 introduced last year; it died on the deadlines without action in either house. It calls for the Water Quality Control Division to seek additional input prior to the Oct 2017 triennial review of the nutrient criteria. It calls for examination of alternative control measures that are cost-effective, sustainable and specifically do not burden “small, rural, or disadvantaged communities.”

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to **support in concept SJR 17-013**. Motion carried unanimously.

Float Plane Access draft bill

Chris Treese reported on the not-yet-introduced bill granting limited access to state lakes and reservoirs to float planes. The proponents of the bill are proposing a two-year pilot program granting landing rights and procedures to “at least 2 state park water bodies.” Detailed inspection and decontamination procedures prior to a water landing must meet Colorado Parks and Wildlife approval. Mr. Treese noted that the risk of contamination of Colorado’s currently un-infected waters is too great to provide this convenience to a handful of pilots.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to **oppose the float plane access draft bill**. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Acquafresca, Alvey, Ely, Ritschard, Stiegelmeier, Trampe and Whitmore. Directors voting against the motion: Gray and Merritt. Motion carried.

HB 17-1190 CONCERNING THE LIMITED APPLICABILITY OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN ST. JUDE'S CO. V. ROARING FORK CLUB, LLC, 351 P.3d 442 (COLO. 2015).

Chris Treese requested confirmation of the Board’s formal support of HB 17-1190 now that the bill has been introduced.

Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to **support HB 17-1190**. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Acquafresca, Alvey, Ely, Gray, Merritt, Ritschard, Stiegelmeier, Trampe and Whitmore. Director voting against the motion: Ely. Motion carried.

General Counsel’s Report:

Proposed Approval of Property Tax Revenue Agreement with Montrose Urban Renewal Authority.

Peter Fleming reported that the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority has agreed to a proposed agreement regarding the allocation of tax increment revenues.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to authorize the execution of an **agreement with the Montrose Urban Renewal Authority** regarding the allocation of tax increment revenues. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Purchase Offer.

Audrey Turner reported that the River District was approached with an offer to purchase property owned by the River District in Eagle County. The general consensus of the Board was to notify the potential buyer that the property is not currently for sale.

Garfield County Assessor Inquiry.

Audrey Turner reported that a contract appraiser for Garfield County contacted the River District concerning its recent purchase of the property on the first floor of our current office building.


Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.



Tom Alvey, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager