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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

February 20, 2014

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, February 20, 2014, 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:

James Newberry, President	David Merritt
John Ely	Doug Monger
Tom Gray	Andrew Mueller
Rebie Hazard	William Trampe
Stephen Mathis	Kai Turner

Directors not participating:

Jon Stavney, Vice-President	Gary Martinez
Tom Alvey	Stan Whinnery
John Justman	

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication and Education Specialist, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Danny Williams, Corporate Advocates
Robert Simpson, Corporate Advocates

Quorum.

President Newberry found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

State Issues.

Chris Treese reported on the following legislative matters:

New Bills:

SB 145 Water Conservation Incentives

This bill would require local governments to consider reduced tap fees if a developer commits to the implementation of water efficiency and conservation measures regarding irrigated landscapes. It also prohibits subdivision regulations from mandating a minimum percentage of irrigated vegetation or requiring

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.

the irrigation of medians. It directs the CWCB, in awarding grants for the design and implementation of water efficiency and conservation measures, to prioritize public agencies that require implementing water efficiency and conservation measures regarding irrigated landscapes.

Recommended Position: Support

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to Support in Concept SB 145. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Ely, Hazard, Mathis, Monger, Mueller, Trampe and Turner. Directors voting against the motion: Gray and Merritt. Motion carried.

Amendments:

SB 017 Limiting Residential Lawn Turf

This bill was amended from its original form to put the issue of linking land use and water supply planning before the Water Resources Review Committee (aka Interim Water Committee) for additional consideration and possible future legislation.

Recommended new position: Support as amended

Director Mueller moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to Support SB 017 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 023 Ag Efficiency Savings to Instream Flows

An amendment re-writing the bill to be proposed includes: clearly requiring Water Court change and finding of no injury, including maintenance of return flows in timing, amount and location; establishing a rebuttable presumption that historical irrigation practices are reasonably efficient; and allowing a change of the efficiency savings to instream flow only between the point of historical diversion and point(s) of return flow.

Board members engaged in extensive discussion and voiced strong concern regarding potential net loss of water at head gates and additional burdens on neighboring water users.

By general consensus the board's position remains to Amend SB 023.

Updates:

HB 1219 Ditch Owners' Maintenance Responsibilities

Directors concerns and input on this bill were very helpful in securing a commitment from Representative Rankin to postpone indefinitely (kill) his bill at its first hearing.

SB 115 Legislative Approval of Colorado Water Plan

Discussions regarding this bill have been predominantly between the executive and legislative branches and lead to resolution and significant amendments providing:

- No legislative approval/veto or Interim Water Resource Review Committee (WRRC) approval required of the Water Plan.
- Public process:
 - CWCB will allow for public comment before adopting any final or significantly amended plan
 - CWCB will present to WRRC with public comment
 - public hearings will be held by the WRRC in each geographic region associate with the Basin Roundtables
- Legislative process:
 - CWCB must consider any input from the WRRC and notify them of major amendments
 - CWCB must present a draft plan to the WRRC by July 15, 2015
 - any implementing bills for the Water Plan must go through the WRRC

Initiative 73:

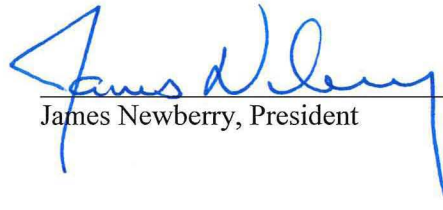
This is a proposed constitutional amendment to establish an aggressive Public Trust Doctrine in place of the Prior Appropriation Doctrine. No Board action was requested at this time as there have been two other versions submitted and withdrawn.

General Manager Informational Items.

Eric Kuhn reported John Currier's critique of the 2010 Statewide Water Supply Initiative has received much attention.

Adjournment:

There being no other business before the Board, President Newberry adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.


James Newberry, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager