

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 7, 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 Friday, March 7, 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	Jon Stavney, Vice-President
Tom Alvey	David Merritt
John Ely	Doug Monger (left call prior to any voting)
Tom Gray	Andrew Mueller
Rebie Hazard	William Trampe
Gary Martinez	Kai Turner
Stephen Mathis	Stan Whinnery

Directors not participating:

John Justman

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Torie Jarvis, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments
Laura Locke, Corporate Advocates
Danny Williams, Corporate Advocates

Quorum.

President Newberry found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:01p.m.

Minutes.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to approve the Special Joint minutes from 02-06-2014. Motion carried unanimously.

State Issues.

Chris Treese reported on the following legislative matters:

SB 023 Concerning an Authorization of the Voluntary Transfer of Water Efficiency Savings to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for Instream Use Purposes in Water Divisions 4, 5, 6, & 7.

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

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.

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.

Director Winnery moved, seconded by Director Gray, to Oppose SB 023. Motion carried unanimously.

Stock Ponds

Mr. Treese reported on a proposed bill, but not yet introduced, that would exempt from water rights administration, all stock ponds of less than 10 acre feet.

Director Mueller moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to Oppose the described bill on stock ponds if it is introduced. Motion carried unanimously.

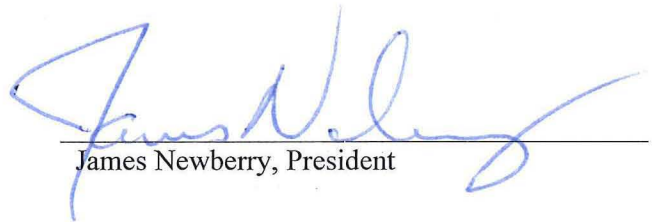
Diligence Period

Mr. Treese reported on a proposed bill that would increase the conditional rights' diligence period from six years to ten years.


Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Stavney, to Support the change in the diligence period from 6 to 10 years, with authority to support an amendment from 6 to 8 years. Directors voting in favor of motion: Alvey, Gray, Hazard, Martinez, Mathis, Merritt, Mueller, Newberry, Stavney, Trampe, Turner and Whinnery. Director voting against motion: Ely. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no other business before the Board, President Newberry adjourned the meeting at 12:35p.m.


James Newberry, President

ATTEST:


R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager