

**MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**  
**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**

**December 8, 2017**

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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 December 8, 2017, at the offices of the Colorado River District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

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**Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:**

Tom Alvey, President	David H. Merritt, Vice President
Steve Acquafresca	Mike Ritschard
Kathy Chandler-Henry	Tom Gray
Rebie Hazard	Martha Whitmore
Doug Monger	Alden Vanden Brink
William S. Trampe	

**Directors not participating:**

Marc Catlin	Stan Whinnery
Karn Stiegelmeier	John Ely

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

Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD  
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD  
Andrew A. Mueller, Incoming General Manager, CRWCD  
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD  
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD  
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD  
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD  
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD  
Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD  
Sonja Chavez, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD

**Quorum.**

President Alvey found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**Approval of Financial Participation in Red Mountain Snotel Site Acquisition. (An Enterprise Matter).**

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to authorize the General Manager to contribute funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the acquisition of a long-term snow and climate data collection site on Red Mountain Pass and to execute related partnership agreements to ensure the continued long term operation of the site, subject to review and approval by the General Manager and General Counsel, and contingent upon sufficient cost-share funding by the participating partners. Motion carried unanimously.

**General Manager Authorization to Enter Into a Watershed Agreement with NRCS and O&M Agreements with the NRCS and RCPP Sub-Awardees. (Lower Gunnison Project). (Enterprise Matters).**

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to authorize the General Manager to enter into a watershed agreement with the NRCS including a provision requiring 50 years of operation and maintenance,

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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.

and to enter into related O&M agreements with the NRCS and local districts/sub-awardees in which the local districts/sub-awardees agree to be responsible for the 50 year O&M requirements. Motion carried unanimously with President Alvey abstaining from the vote.

**General Counsel's Report:**

**Matters Proposed for Executive Session:**

Peter Fleming reported that the following matters qualify for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b)(legal advice) and (e)(negotiations):

- i. CRCA Implementation Matters.
- ii. Windy Gap Firing Project Update.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to move into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4) (b)(legal advice) and (e),(negotiations). Motion carried unanimously.

*President Alvey reconvened into Public Session at 12:51 p.m.*

**General Counsel's Report.**

**Public Session:**

Peter Fleming reported that during Executive Session the Board provided guidance to staff and General Counsel on the following matters:

- i. CRCA Implementation Matters.
- ii. Windy Gap Firing Project Update.

Mr. Fleming also reported there were no action items as a result of Executive Session.

Mr. Fleming relayed that the River District recently received notice of a motion for summary judgement filed by the Colorado Water Conservation Board requesting the water court to confirm the findings and appropriations in the Dolores River instream flow case. The River District will be responding to the motion and the Board will be updated at the January 2018 quarterly meeting.

**General Manager Transition and Updates.**

Eric Kuhn reported that the transition process is underway with the plan being that Mr. Mueller will officially be appointed General Manager at the January 2018 quarterly meeting. Andy Mueller provided a brief summary of a recent meeting with many of the county commissioners within the River District.

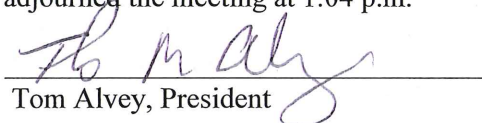
**Adjourn.**

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

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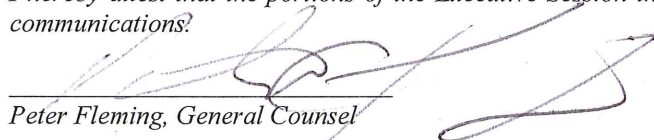
Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager



Tom Alvey, President

*Executive Session Attestations.*

*I hereby attest that the portions of the Executive Session that were not recorded constituted privileged attorney-client communications?*



Peter Fleming, General Counsel