

MINUTES¹
FIRST REGULAR JOINT QUARTERLY 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

January 16-17, 2018

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, the First Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting 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 Tuesday and Wednesday January 16-17, 2018 at the offices of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors present during all or part of the meeting:

Tom Alvey, President	David H. Merritt, Vice President
Mike Ritschard	Marc Catlin
William S. Trampe	Steve Acquafresca
John Ely	Doug Monger
Alden Vanden Brink	Martha Whitmore
Stan Whinnery	Kathy Chandler-Henry
Karn Stiegelmeier	Rebie Hazard
Tom Gray	

Others present during all or part of the meeting:

Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Andrew A. Mueller, Incoming General Manager, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Director, Community Affairs, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Communications Director, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, CRWCD
Mike Eytel, Sr. Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Sonja Chavez, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Dave Smith, Engineering Technician, CRWCD
Denise Hussain, Records Administrator/Records Specialist, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
Alesha Frederick, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Brent Gardner Smith, Aspen Journalism
Jackie Brown, Tri-State Generation & Transmission

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.

Dennis Webb, Daily Sentinel
Diane Johnson, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
John Justman, Mesa County Commissioner
Larry Sweeney, Colorado Association of Conservation Districts
Orla Bannan, Western Resources Advocates
Victor Lee, USBR
Frank Kugel, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Heather Lewin, Roaring Fork Conservancy
Alyssa Clarida, Colorado State Conservation Board

Quorum.

President Alvey found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Review Meeting Agenda and Objectives.

Peter Fleming reported the following changes: correction of a typographical error on page seven, paragraph three, of the October 17-18 fourth regular joint quarterly meeting minutes and the addition of the word “Gap,” in agenda item 8.a.ii. Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to approve the agenda as amended.

Presentation and Report of Directors’ Credentials for Eagle, Mesa, Moffat, Pitkin, Routt and Saguache Counties.

President Alvey reported that executed credentials for directors from Garfield (Merritt), Gunnison (Trampe), Montrose (Catlin), Ouray (Whitmore), and Rio Blanco (Vanden Brink) Counties have been received by the River District. Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to accept the credentials as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (The credentials are attached as Appendices A.-E.).

Election of Board Officers.

Election of President:

Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Chandler-Henry, to nominate Tom Alvey as president. Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Catlin, to close nominations and elect Director Alvey as president for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Vice President:

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to nominate David H. Merritt as vice president. Director Whinnery moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to close nominations and elect Director Merritt as vice president for 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of General Manager.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to appoint Andrew A. “Andy” Mueller as General Manager of the Colorado River Water Conservation District. Motion carried unanimously.

President Alvey expressed the Board and staff’s appreciation to outgoing General Manager Eric Kuhn for his years of exemplary service, leadership and vision to the River District spanning more than three decades.

Appointment of Committees for 2018.

President Alvey provided background information regarding appointments to the Executive Committee which, historically, has rotated among counties within basin and sub-basin groups of counties and includes the President as chairman. The Executive Committee, consistent with historical rotation among counties, for 2018 is comprised of directors from Grand, Mesa, Montrose, Rio Blanco and Saguache Counties as well as the Board President. Other committee assignments are made by the President and Vice President.

Consent Agenda.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to approve the following consent agenda with the correction of a typographical error on page seven, paragraph three, of the October 17-18, 2017 fourth regular joint quarterly meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Designation for Posting Notices.
- b. Reappointment of General Counsel and Treasurer.
- c. Confirmation of Assistant Secretary.
- d. Approval of Proposed Changes to Employee Policy Manual.
- e. Approval of Minutes and Actions Taken:
 - i. Minutes of Fourth Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting, October 17-18, 2017.
 - ii. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, October 23, 2017.
 - iii. Minutes of CRCA Implementation Committee Meeting, November 4, 2017.
 - iv. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, December 5, 2017.
 - v. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, December 6, 2017.
 - vi. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, December 8, 2017.
 - vii. Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports and Check Registers for General, Capital Projects and Enterprise Funds for September and October 2017.

Andy Mueller thanked the Board for its confirmation of his appointment of John Currier as the River District's Assistant Secretary in accordance with Article V., Section 4. of the River District's bylaws.

General Counsel's Report – 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):

- a. Matters Proposed for Executive Session:
 - i. Colorado River Cooperative Agreement Implementation Matters.
 - ii. Windy Gap Firming Project and Windy Gap Connectivity Channel, and Joint Application of the Municipal Subdistrict, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Colorado River District, Case No. 17CW73176, Water Division 5.
 - iii. Remand of Grand Valley Water Users Association v. Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., Case No.09CW142, Water Division 2.
 - iv. Diligence Application of Colorado Springs, Case No. 15CW3019, Water Division 5.
 - v. CWCB Application for Dolores River Instream Flow, Case No. 15CW3111, Water Division 4.
 - vi. Water Administration Matters.
 - vii. Colorado River Compact, Interstate, and International Negotiation Matters.
 - viii. Eagle River Memorandum of Agreement Update (an Enterprise Matter).

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

Peter Fleming stated that no further record of the Executive Session need be kept based on his opinion that the discussion will constitute privileged, attorney-client communications.

President Alvey reconvened into Public Session at 1:48 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 with the exception of agenda item 8.a. viii., Eagle River Memorandum of Agreement. He also reported discussion of the aforementioned item will occur during the Wednesday January

17, 2018 portion of the meeting as well as agenda item 8.b., General Counsel's Report, Public Session, and that Director Ely recused himself from the discussion of 8.a. iii., Remand of Grand Valley Water Users Association v. Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., Case No. 09CW142, Water Division 2 .

Review of River District Hiring Process.

President Alvey reminded the Board of its previous discussion regarding the River District's hiring process and its direction to staff to review the employment procedures and referred to a memo from Andy Mueller containing various considerations for Board discussion. Comments and suggestions from the Board included having staff conducting initial interviews for senior staff positions with Executive Committee participation in final interviews and forming search committees comprised of interested stakeholders, elected officials, directors, and staff. Additional director input ranged from satisfaction with the current process that relies on the personnel decisions of the General Manager and General Counsel, to improving communications between the Board and management on hiring senior staff but avoiding creation of a cumbersome hiring process that may hinder the General Manager and General Counsel's efforts to create an effective team. Staff was directed to present potential modifications to the hiring procedures process based on board comments for discussion and possible approval at the April 2018 quarterly meeting.

General Manager's Report.

General Manager Goals for 2018:

Andy Mueller provided an overview of the General Manager's goals for 2018 that includes increased utilization of the Strategic Plan to guide current and future District efforts, determination of additions or deletions to the plan, and improvement of staff direction and focus. Also referenced were developing more effective and expanded communications with River District constituents, developing long-term financial viability plans for the District's General and Enterprise Funds, and continuation of the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement implementation.

Staff Implementation of Board Strategic Plan:

Mr. Mueller relayed that going forward, staff will be referencing and connecting applicable initiatives in the Strategic Plan to their individual goals and objectives in order to identify what initiatives are not being addressed, and to determine areas of current District activities that are not enumerated in the current plan.

Colorado River Issues:

Eric Kuhn reported that federal legislation may be proposed to implement the Lower Basin's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). He also noted that renegotiations of the 2007 Interim Guidelines are slated to begin in 2019; current guidelines expire in 2025. The Upper Basin states are identifying and examining issues related to the renegotiations. Mr. Kuhn also reported that projected inflow to Lake Powell is just 3.9 million acre-feet for April to July 2018.

Risk Study Update:

Mr. Kuhn updated the Board on the Joint West Slope Roundtable Risk Study. Phase I of the study examined how often the Upper Basin might need to implement demand management (reduction of consumptive uses) under different hydrologic and demand assumptions. Phase II, which is nearing completion, examined questions about demand management not addressed in Phase I and also evaluated if CRSS modeling (modeling of large river system reservoirs upstream of Lake Powell) could be used in conjunction with Colorado's State-Mod, which is a detailed water rights-based model covering the state to answer specific questions. A scope of work for Phase III is being contemplated.

Water Bank Work Group Update:

Andy Mueller referred the Board to a memo updating current work of the Water Bank Work Group whose 2018 work plan includes collecting and assessing prior studies undertaken by the group to document progress

and lessons learned. The group is also contracting for assessments of secondary (community) impacts of voluntary following programs and potential mitigation.

Board Meeting Recording and Format:

Andy Mueller requested that the Board consider audio and/or video streaming of quarterly meetings and moving to electronic board packets for future meetings. After discussion, staff was directed to develop proposals to be presented at the April 2018 quarterly meeting

Water Marketing Policy. (Enterprise Matters).

Proposed Policy Addition of Water Leasing for In-Channel Purposes:

John Currier reported that a request was received from the Roaring Fork Conservancy to lease a portion of the River District's water supplies in Ruedi Reservoir for winter stream flow enhancement in the Roaring Fork River. Currier proposed modifying the Water Marketing Policy to allow for leasing of the Enterprise's water resources for in-channel uses on an interim basis. Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Chandler-Henry, to approve staff's recommendation of the addition of in-channel use contracts limited to one-year in duration at the current agricultural rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Water Marketing Prices for 2018:

John Currier and Ian Philips reviewed the District's Water Marketing Policy. Under the Policy, contracts executed after 2006 are subject to annual price increases. Those increases are limited to a maximum of the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus the New Growth Index (NGI). For 2018, the amount is 3.00% for the CPI and 1.31% for the NGI, for a total of 4.31%. Staff recommended an increase of 3.0% for 2018 and a 12.5% increase for O&M for pre-2006 contracts. Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to approve staff's recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

President Alvey recessed the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Wednesday January 17, 2018.

President Alvey found a quorum and reconvened the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

General Counsel's Report – Executive Session (Cont'd.).

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

- viii. Eagle River Memorandum of Agreement Update. (An Enterprise Matter).

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

Peter Fleming stated that no further recording of the Executive Session need be kept based on his opinion that the discussion will constitute privileged attorney-client communications.

President Alvey reconvened into Public Session at 8:43 a.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 matter. He also reported that Director Chandler-Henry was not present during the discussion of agenda item 8.a. viii., Eagle River Memorandum of Agreement Update. (An Enterprise Matter).

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Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to extend the Board's delegated authority to its CRCA Implementation Committee to January 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to extend the CRCA Common-Interest and Cost-Share Agreement, to January 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Whinnery moved, seconded by Director Whitmore to authorize staff and counsel to file an amicus brief in support of the United States and the Municipal Subdistrict, Northern Water, in the case captioned Save the Colorado, et al., v. United States, CA No. 17-cv-2563, Federal District Court, District of Colorado. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Stiegelmeier, to authorize staff and Counsel to seek intervention in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's review process for the Lake Powell Pipeline. Motion carried 13:1 with Director Merritt voting against the motion.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to extend the retention of Karl Kumli of Dietz and Davis, P.C. for special counsel services. Motion carried 13:1 with Director Merritt voting against the motion.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to approve a 3% rate increase for special counsel Karl Kumli of Dietz and Davis, P.C. Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Fleming discussed an issue that has arisen in Water Division 6 as well as other water divisions where the State and Division Engineer have sought to curtail historical stock-watering diversions when the CWCB's instream flow rights are not satisfied. The River District's position is that the stock-watering is a pre-existing beneficial use and is e statutorily protected from being called out by the CWCB instream flow right. The River District has drafted a position paper on the subject and will have discussions with the State Engineer's Office, CWCB, Attorney General and Governor's office. Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink to support the River District's position paper. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fleming informed the Board of growing concerns regarding recent West Slope agricultural lands' acquisitions for possible speculative purposes. The acquisitions appear to be focused on pre-1922 Colorado River Compact water rights that could be sold to the highest bidder in the event of a compact curtailment (agricultural buy-and-dry). Some counties in Colorado have addressed the issue by implementing 1041 permit authority to protect agricultural economies. The River District will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as appropriate.

Director Ritschard moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to have a River District representative on the board of Learning by Doing, Inc., a proposed Colorado Non-Profit Corporation and to delegate to the General Manager to make the representative appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to ratify a Statement of Opposition in the Application of CWCB for Instream Flow on Elkhead Creek in Case No. 17CW3031, Water Division 6. Director Merritt requested including direction in the motion to clarify that the instream flow right is subordinate to upstream pre-existing uses. Directors Monger and Trampe accepted the request, and the motion, as amended carried unanimously.

Peter Fleming referred the Board to General Counsel's goals and objectives for 2018 and noted the upcoming conveyance of a 40% interest in Wolford Mountain Reservoir to Denver Water will require substantial legal and staff time. Another challenge will be achieving a balance between a beneficial and cooperative demand management program as part of the Upper Basin Drought Contingency Plan and protection of West Slope agriculture.

Annual Policy Discussion:

Chris Treese reminded the Board of the policy review process. In 2004, the Board chose to formalize the development and review process of River District policies. Approximately one-third of the policies are reviewed by the Board annually and must be noticed on the agenda for a minimum of two quarterly meetings before final action may be taken. Mr. Treese also reminded the Board that the Colorado River Storage Projects Act Policy discussed at the October 2017 quarterly meeting is now eligible for adoption.

Colorado River Storage Project Act Projects:

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe to adopt the River District's Colorado River Storage Project Act Projects Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agricultural Water Use:

By consensus, staff was directed to include language that recognizes the important contributions that irrigated agriculture makes to the economy and environment of western Colorado.

Federal Reserved Water Rights:

No substantive changes were requested.

Colorado's Prior Appropriation Doctrine:

No substantive changes were requested.

Upper Colorado River Recovery Program:

No substantive changes were requested.

Staff was directed to review the River District's Instream Flow Policy and present, if necessary, any proposed changes at the April 2018 quarterly meeting.

Directors' Basin Updates and/or Concerns.

Discussion of December 6, 2017 Special Joint Meeting, Grand Junction, CO:

Feedback received by directors on the December 6, 2017 special joint meeting with county commissioners within River District boundaries included support for an orientation program for new commissioners on River District issues. Plans are underway to offer special, educational sessions for elected officials in association with State of the River meetings. Andy Mueller is meeting with county commissioner throughout the District.

Directors' Basin Updates:

Director Vanden Brink reported algae growth in the White River is impacting recreational uses and municipal water supply by plugging town water intakes. The situation is being investigated and continued River District staff support was requested.

Director Whitmore relayed that an Uncompahgre stream management planning grant application was recently rejected and requested suggestions for locating other funding sources.

Director Monger requested an update on the selenium control program at a future meeting.

President Alvey and Director Trampe reported that development of stream management plans in the North Fork Basin and the Upper Gunnison Basin is underway.

Basin Roundtables Updates.

IBCC/Roundtables Update:

Eric Kuhn reported that the IBCC is currently examining its future role and focus. Work plan options for 2018 include identifying next steps for the Conceptual Framework, exploring new funding concepts for

implementation of the Colorado Water Plan, and drafting a letter to gubernatorial and legislative candidates about water issues. The IBCC is slated to meet four times in 2018.

Yampa/White/Green Roundtable:

Andy Mueller reported that Hunter Causey will be replacing Dan Birch on the roundtable as the River District's representative.

Mr. Mueller referred the Board to update memos on the Colorado Basin and Southwest Basin Roundtables.

External Affairs.

Report of Information and Outreach Committee:

Director Whitmore provided a summary of the Information and Outreach Committee meeting that focused on social media platforms to expand the District's outreach and branding. Other outreach methods being utilized are providing newsletters after each quarterly meeting, increasing State of the River meetings throughout the District from six to ten, using new distribution methods for the CRWCD annual report, development of an orientation program for new county commissioners and other county and local officials as well as outreach campaigns with content to address specific groups of people. Other River District activities include the H2O Outdoors water camp for high school students, and the annual CRWCD water seminar in Grand Junction.

State Affairs:

Chris Treese requested initiation of bi-weekly teleconference meetings beginning February 1, 2018. The Board accepted the request.

Mr. Treese presented the following bills for action:

HB18-1008: CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE'S AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PROGRAM.

Recommendation: Support.

This bill creates a new funding mechanism for aquatic nuisance species control by creating a stamp for all boats and sailboats using Colorado's lakes and reservoirs. The fee will be \$25 for Colorado residents and \$50 for non-residents.

Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Gray, to **support HB18-1008**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB18-1053: CONCERNING THE ALLOWABLE USES OF RECLAIMED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER.

Recommendation: Support.

This bill codifies rules promulgated by the Water Quality Control Commission related to the allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater and legislatively confirms allowable uses to include marijuana cultivation.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Catlin, to **support HB18-1053**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB18-1069: CONCERNING THE ALLOWABLE USES OF RECLAIMED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER.

Recommendation: Support.

This bill codifies rules promulgated by the Water Quality Control Commission allowing reclaimed domestic wastewater use for toilet and urinal flushing.

Director Vanden Brink moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to **support HB18-1069**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB18-019: CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF THE DURATION FOR WHICH THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MAY MAKE A LOAN UNDER THE AUTHORITY'S REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAMS.

Recommendation: Support.

This bill allows for longer terms and greater flexibility for loans for water and wastewater infrastructure under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Acts.

Director Catlin moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to **support SB18-019**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB18-038: CONCERNING THE ALLOWABLE USES OF RECLAIMED DOMESTIC WASTEWATER.

Recommendation: Support.

This bill codifies rules promulgated by the Water Quality Control Commission related to the allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater and allowing industrial hemp irrigation.

Director Catlin moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to **support SB18-038**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB18-039: CONCERNING THE WILDFIRE MATTERS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Recommendation: Support.

The Wildfire Matters Review Committee is currently scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2018. This bill would defer the repeal date to September 1, 2025.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to **support SB18-039**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB18-41: CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF OPERATORS OF SAND AND GRAVEL MINES TO USE WATER INCIDENTAL TO SAND AND GRAVEL MINING OPERATIONS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF MINING.

Recommendation: Support.

This bill would allow required designated groundwater replacement plans or substitute supply plans to authorize and include incidental water uses, including dust suppression, reclamation of impacts related to gravel mining and dewatering.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Catlin, to **support SB18-041**. Motion carried unanimously.

SJM18-001: CONCERNING THE NEED FOR CONGRESS TO FUND CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE RESPONSE COSTS OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL FOREST MANAGEMENT AGENCIES' NORMAL BUDGETS.

Recommendation: Support.

This joint memorial urges Congress to adequately fund wildfire response and create a new source of firefighting funding.

Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to **support SJM18-001**. Motion carried unanimously.

SJR18-003: CONCERNING APPROVAL OF WATER PROJECT REVOLVING FUND ELIGIBILITY LISTS ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Recommendation: Support.

This joint resolution is the annual Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority projects' authorization resolution allowing CWPDA to enter into, modify or discontinue loans for a host of listed projects under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Acts.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to **support SJR18-003**. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Affairs:

Mr. Treese reported the following: a recent meeting with then-Acting Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Alan Mikkelsen resulted in his pledge that Reclamation would begin participating in aquatic nuisance species infestation prevention on federal reservoirs in the Colorado River headwaters. Also reported was the passage of legislation in the House for the annual funding authorization for the Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs. An added federal priority for the River District is the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Project Operations and Updates. (Enterprise Matters).

Wolford Mountain and Elkhead Reservoir:

John Currier referred the Board to a memo from Ray Tenney and Don Meyer updating operations at both Wolford and Elkhead Reservoirs.

Approval of Contract with Landmark Consultants, Inc., re: Surveying Services:

Director Vanden Brink moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to approve a contract with Landmark Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$29,000 for surveying services at Wolford Mountain Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Contract with Eco-Rx, Inc., re: Weed Control:

Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to approve a contract with Eco Rx, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 for weed management control at Wolford Mountain Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Drought Year Operations:

John Currier reported that discussions are being initiated with other water providers to formulate drought operation plans for the upcoming year.

Future Meetings.

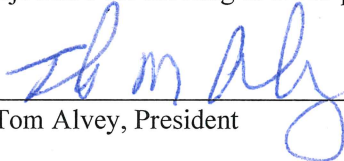
Andy Mueller relayed that the Southwestern Water Conservation District board has requested a meeting to discuss intrastate and interstate issues. Staff will be coordinating meeting arrangements.

- a. Special Joint Meeting Teleconference Meetings, beginning **February 1, 2018. (Bi-weekly).**
- b. Executive Committee Meeting, **March 15, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO.**
- c. Second Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting, **April 17, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO**
- d. Third Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting, **July 17-18, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO**
- e. 2019 CRWCD Budget Workshop/Special Joint Meeting, **September 13, 2018, Location TBD.**
- f. Special Joint Meeting in Conjunction with the Southwestern Water Conservation District, **Date and Location TBD.**
- g. CRWCD Annual Seminar, **September 14, 2018, Grand Junction, CO.**
- h. Fourth Regular Joint Meeting, **October 16, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO.**
- i. Other Meetings:
 - i. CWC Winter Convention, **January 24-26, 2018 Denver, CO.**
 - ii. Gunnison Water Workshop, Western State Colorado University, **mid-June 2018.**

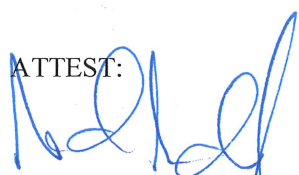
- i. Other Meetings:
 - i. CWC Winter Convention, **January 24-26, 2018 Denver, CO.**
 - ii. Gunnison Water Workshop, Western State Colorado University, **mid-June 2018.**
 - iii. CWC Summer Convention, **Dates and Location TBD.**
 - iv. CRWUA Conference, **December 12-14, 2018, Las Vegas, NV.**

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.




Tom Alvey, President

ATTEST:


Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager

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