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 2, 2018, 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
- Marc Catlin
- William S. Trampe
- Mike Ritschard
- Stan Whinnery
- Tom Gray
- Martha Whitmore

**Directors not participating:**
- Kathy Chandler-Henry
- Doug Monger
- John Ely
- Alden Vanden Brink
- Rebie Hazard

**Others participating during all or part of the meeting:**
- John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
- Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
- Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
- Zane Kessler, Communications Director, CRWCD
- Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
- Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, CRWCD
- Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
- Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
- Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
- Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
- Luci Wilson, Accountant, CRWCD
- Orla Bannan, Western Resource Advocates
- Torie Jarvis, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Q/Q Committee
- Frank Kugel, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
- Bob Simpson, Williams+Simpson
- Danny Williams, Williams+Simpson

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

**Approval of Agenda**
Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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1 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.
Approval of Cooperative Funding Agreement, re: Silt Water Conservancy District Integrated Efficiency Project.
Dave Kanzer requested the Board authorize the River District to accept and manage a Colorado Water Plan Grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) on behalf of the Silt Water Conservancy District and reminded the Board that all contracting documents will be subject to review and approval by the General Manager and General Counsel and will be subject to a 3% River District management fee.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to approve the execution of an agreement with the CWCB, on behalf of the Silt Water Conservancy District, for the management of a $100,000 Colorado Water Plan Grant and to enter into any ancillary agreements with the Silt District necessary for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

State Affairs:
SB 18-167 CONCERNING INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES.
Short title: 8-1-1- Enforcement
Chris Treese noted this bill heavily amends the 8-1-1, “call before you dig,” program. This bill adds both requirements and additional enforcements to the program and creates a commission to ascertain fault and assess fines, if necessary, when calls are not made or information is not correctly or timely reported.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Catlin, to monitor SB 18-167. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 18-170 CONCERNING A WATER COURT PROCESS BY WHICH AN OWNER OF A STORAGE WATER RIGHT ALLOWING WATER TO BE STORED IN NEW RESERVOIR CAPACITY MAY RELEASE WATER INTO AN IDENTIFIED STREAM REACH IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS THE WATER RELEASES WHILE COMPLYING WITH MITIGATION MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN A FISH AND WILDLIFE MITIGATION PLAN APPROVED BY THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD.
Short title: Northern’s Mitigation Bill
Chris Treese noted that this bill, proposed by Northern Water, would assist Northern in implementing their particular mitigation plan for their Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP). It creates a detailed stream flow mitigation alternative for plans approved by Colorado Parks and Wildlife to protect reservoir releases through a designated stream reach for fish and wildlife mitigation and any such releases must be included in a Colorado Parks & Wildlife-approved fish and wildlife mitigation plan.

Subsequent to extensive discussion that included concern that the provisions of this bill should not encourage others to release water for mitigation unnecessarily, and that starting and ending times for such water releases may need to be added to the bill, the following motion was made: Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Stiegelmeier, to support the “savings clause” of SB 18-170, making clear this new program does no harm to existing or alternative future mitigation programs. Directors voting in favor of motion: Acquafresca, Alvey, Merritt, Ritschard, Stiegelmeier, Trampe, Whinnery and Whitmore. Directors voting against the motion: Catlin and Gray. Motion carried.

SB18-176 CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETING DATES FOR THE BOARD OF THE SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD).
Short title: Southwestern Water Conservation District’s Board Meeting Dates
Chris Treese reported that this bill allows SWCD to select Board meeting dates of its own choosing rather than their current statutory meeting dates.
Directors Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to support SB 18-176. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on: HB 18-1151 CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF DEFICIT IRRIGATION PILOT PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD.
Chris Treese informed the board that the provisions of the bill, as amended in House Ag Committee, now only applies to Water Divisions 2 and 3 and those portions within Water Division 4 within the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District. Several Board members expressed concerns that goals of the pilot programs have not been clearly identified, and that the term “deficit irrigation” still needs to be defined.

Federal Issues:
Chris Treese noted that he received a draft bill from the office of Senator Bennet designating portions of the San Juan National Forest as wilderness areas. Treese assured the Board that since the bill would amend the 1993 Colorado Wilderness Act, the water rights language already in statute that the River District supports is confirmed. Treese also explained staff is working on mapping the proposed wilderness areas within the River District with any implicated water rights highlighted and assessed.

General Counsel’s Report.
Jason Turner reported that the next status conference call in the Busk-Ivanhoe case has been rescheduled for May 18, 2018, and that he anticipates that a settlement agreement and proposed decree will be brought to the Board at their April, Second Quarterly board meeting.

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

[Signature]
Tom Alvey, President

ATTEST:

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Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager