

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 29, 2018

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, March 29, 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
Mike Ritschard	William S. Trampe
Tom Gray	Martha Whitmore
John Ely	Alden Vanden Brink
Rebie Hazard	

Directors not participating:

Marc Catlin	Doug Monger
Kathy Chandler-Henry	Stan Whinnery

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Alesha Fredrick, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Communications Director, CRWCD
Andy Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Community Affairs Director, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Luci Wilson, Accountant, CRWCD
Orla Bannan, Western Resource Advocates
Brent Gardner-Smith, Aspen Journalism
Bob Simpson, Williams+Simpson
Danny Williams, Williams+Simpson
Torie Jarvis, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Q/Q

Quorum.

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

President Alvey requested Chris Treese review the legislation proposed for board action.

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.

State Affairs:

SB 18-218 CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

Short Title: CWCB Construction Fund Projects' bill

Chris Treese reported that this annual authorization for expenditures from the CWCB's Construction Fund includes \$9M for activities related to Colorado's Water Plan, among numerous other funding requests.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to **support SB 18-218**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 18-1301 CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY FROM ADVERSE IMPACTS CAUSED BY MINERAL MINING.

Short Title: Protect Water Quality, Adverse Mining Impacts

Chris Treese explained the bill's provisions are applicable to new hard rock mine reclamation permits including amendments to existing and future operations. Treese reviewed the bill's three provisions:

- 1) All-but-requires a specified end date to any water treatment necessary to ensure permit compliance,
- 2) Eliminates current optional provision for self-bonding for reclamation bonds, and
- 3) Ensures water quality reclamation costs are included in the figure setting for reclamation bonds.

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to support water quality generally and specifically the provision of HB 18-1301 requiring water quality costs' inclusion in reclamation bond setting.

Director Stiegelmeier moved for a substitute motion of support in concept with amendment; however, without a second that motion did not proceed.

Director Alvey called for a vote on the first motion. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 18-1338 CONCERNING TRANSFERS TO ADDRESS THE REDUCTION OF REVENUES IN THE SEVERANCE TAX OPERATIONAL FUND.

Short Title: Reduced Revenue Severance Tax Operational Fund Transfers

Chris Treese offered that for the River District the most important aspect of this year's budget bill ("Long Bill") is the lack of funding for Tier 2 programs due to low severance tax collections. Accordingly, HB 18-1338 makes various cash funds and General Fund transfers and diversions in support of programs in the Department of Natural Resources that are currently funded with severance tax revenue. This bill replaces for FY2019 severance tax funding for, among other programs, Native Species Trust Fund, mussel inspections, water efficiency grants, IBCC, roundtable funding, and Water Supply Reserve Account.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to **support HB 18-1338**. Motion carried unanimously.

By general consensus, there will be no board conference call on Aril 12th as the board will be meeting in person for their second quarterly meeting just three working days later.

Zane Kessler provided these updates:

- 1) SB 18-170 – Reservoir Releases for Fish and Wildlife Mitigation - bill is expected to pass the House today with the "savings clause" intact, as the board directed,
- 2) HB 18-1151 – CWCB Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects – bill died in Senate State Affairs,
- 3) The various reclaimed water bills continue to move forward.

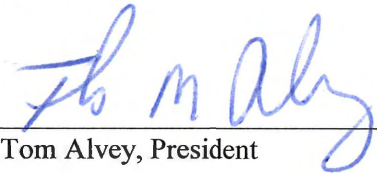
General Counsel's Report – Public Session.

Peter Fleming reported that Water Horse Resources, LLC (Aaron Million) has submitted an application for a Utah water right pipeline project that would divert water from the Green River in Utah and transport it to the Front Range of Colorado. Mr. Fleming reminded the board that they filed comments on Mr. Million's previous application for a similar project that would have diverted water in Wyoming for use on Colorado's Front Range.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to file comments with the Utah State Engineers Office regarding the Water Horse Resources, LLC Application for Utah Water Right and Pipeline Project. Motion carried unanimously.

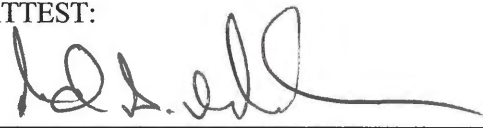
Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.



Tom Alvey, President

ATTEST:



Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager

