MINUTES
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

November 26, 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 Monday November 18, 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
Kathy Chandler-Henry  Doug Monger
John Ely  Alden Vanden Brink
Rebie Hazard

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:
Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Director of Community Affairs, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Luci Wilson, Accountant, CRWCD
Colorado River Basin Roundtable Members
Glenn Porzak, Porzak Browning & Bushong, LLP
Kristin Mosely, Porzak Browning & Bushong, LLP
Gunner Paulson, Porzak Browning & Bushong, LLP
Hannah Holm, Ruth Hutchins Water Center
Bruce Whitehead, Southwestern Water Conservation District
Beth Van Vurst, Southwestern Water Conservation District
Lyn Halliday, Environmental Solutions

Quorum.
President Alvey found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Contingency Planning and Demand Management.

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.
Andy Mueller recounted the River District’s involvement, Board actions, and River District policies surrounding demand management, drought contingency planning, and various studies designed to provide accurate hydrologic modeling and potential impacts to the West Slope caused by the ongoing over use in the Lower Basin and drought in the Colorado River Basin. Mr. Mueller also reviewed the Colorado Water Conservation Board’s (CWCB) recent adoption of the Support and Policy Statements Regarding Colorado River Drought Contingency Plans, Demand Management and Compact Administration. A lengthy Board discussion of the CWCB document resulted in the following actions:

**CWCB Demand Management Policy Statement:**
Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to adopt a motion indicating the River District’s support for the Demand Management Policy Statement section of the Colorado Water Conservation Board’s (CWCB) November 15, 2018 “Support and Policy Statements Regarding the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plans, Demand Management, and Compact Administration,” with the express understanding that (a) it is the intent of the CWCB staff and Board that the “roughly proportionate contributions of water” referenced in paragraph six of the Demand Management Policy Statement is intended to result in geographically equitable contributions of water from West Slope and transmountain water users, and (b) that the River District will continue to advocate on behalf of West Slope water uses in future discussions concerning a demand management program. Motion carried unanimously.

**CWCB Compact Administration Policy Statement:**
Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to adopt a motion indicating the River District’s support of the Compact Administration Policy Statement section of the CWCB’s November 15, 2018 “Support and Policy Statements Regarding the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plans, Demand Management, and Compact Administration,” provided that during any public process contemplated by the Compact Administration Policy Statement, the River District will advocate for a result that is consistent with the River District’s policy statement on Prior Appropriation, adopted July 17, 2018. Motion carried, with Director Gray opposing the motion.

**Drought Contingency Plan Federal Legislation Concept:**
Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to adopt a motion indicating the River District’s support of the concept of federal legislation that is limited in scope to directing the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out the provisions of the five interstate Drought Contingency Plan agreements made public by the CWCB on October 8, 2018, after those documents have been executed by the parties and subject to the River District’s review and approval of final proposed legislative language. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn.**
There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

ATTEST: 

David H. Merritt, President

Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager