

**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**

**November 26, 2018**

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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 Monday November 18, 2018, 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	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.**

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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.

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:

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David H. Merritt, President

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Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager