

MINUTES¹
SECOND 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

April 17-18, 2018

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, the Second 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 April 17-18, 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
Steve Acquafresca	Tom Gray
John Ely	Doug Monger
Alden Vanden Brink	Martha Whitmore
Stan Whinnery	Kathy Chandler-Henry
Karn Stiegelmeier	

Directors not present:

Rebie Hazard	William S. Trampe
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Others present during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Director, Community Affairs, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Communications Director, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Dave Smith, Engineering Technician, CRWCD
Sonja Chavez, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Eric Kuhn, Former General Manager, CRWCD
Denise Hussain, Records Administrator/Information Specialist, CRWCD
Luci Wilson, Accountant, CRWCD
Alesha Frederick, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD
Meredith Spyker, Administrative Assistant, CRWCD
Luke Gingerich, J-U-B Engineers

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.

Kirsten Kurath, Williams Turner & Holmes
Mark Harris, Grand Valley Water Users Association
Scott Hummer, Division of Water Resources, Division 6
Orla Bannan, Western Resources Advocates
Jackie Brown, Tri-State Generation & Transmission
Nathan Bell, Bell Consulting
Jim Plumhoff, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association
Diane Johnson, Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
Frank Kugel, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Brian Werner, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Eric Wilkinson, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Brad Wind, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Angie Fowler, Schmueser Gordon Meyer
Trey Fonner, Town of Silt
Sean VonRoenn, Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation & Park District
Dave Erickson, Aspen Valley Land Trust

Quorum.

President Alvey found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Review Meeting Agenda and Objectives.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Approval of Minutes and Actions Taken:
 - i. Minutes of First Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting, January 16-17, 2018.
 - ii. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, February 1, 2018
 - iii. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, February 15, 2018.
 - iv. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, March 2, 2018.
 - v. Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, March 15, 2018.
 - vi. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, Teleconference, March 15, 2018
 - vii. Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Teleconference, March 29, 2018.
 - viii. Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports and Check Registers for General, Capital Projects and Enterprise Funds for November and December 2017, and January 2018.

Presentation and Discussion on Demand Management.

Andy Mueller, Peter Fleming, and John Currier provided a presentation on demand management, one of the three components of the Upper Basin states' Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). The other components are CRSP reservoir reoperations and augmentation. The DCP is intended to maintain levels at Lake Powell sufficient to protect hydropower production at Glen Canyon dam and current and future water uses throughout the Upper Basin from Compact curtailment. Demand management is a controversial component as it includes temporary fallowing of agricultural lands. The majority of Colorado River water use within River District boundaries is agricultural.

The Lower Basin states (Arizona, California, and Nevada) are also developing a DCP to maintain levels at Lake Mead.

Peter Fleming provided background information on some of the key documents that comprise the “Law of the River” which governs the Colorado River, including the 1922 Colorado River Compact and the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact.

After the presentation, the Board discussed policy issues connected to demand management. Board comments included support for the River District’s continued participation in demand management discussions, concerns about unintended consequences and potential economic impacts to West Slope agriculture, lack of compensation revenue sources for fallowed agriculture, equitable participation by all water use sectors in the Upper and Lower Basin (agricultural, municipal, transmountain, and industrial) to reduce consumptive uses, increased use of CRSP reservoirs that may not refill quickly, and overuse in the Lower Basin.

General Manager’s Report.

Board Strategic Plan Update:

Andy Mueller reported that the Strategic Plan is a work in progress. Mr. Mueller referred the Board to a pie chart in his memo that reflects that staff has been working on all of the items identified in the Strategic Plan, with the exception of the 2% Other”category. The Board directed staff to submit proposed language at the July quarterly Board meeting amending the Strategic Plan to include a priority addressing the operation, maintenance and long-term stewardship of the River District’s Enterprise assets.

Water Bank Workgroup Update (WBWG):

Mr. Mueller reported that the WBWG received a draft Phase I, literature review report on the secondary impacts related to fallowing of agricultural lands. Staff is currently reviewing the report.

River District Hiring Process:

Director Whinnery moved, seconded by Director Merritt, to approved proposed changes to the Hiring Policies and Procedures adding notification to all Board members of senior management hires prior to an offer of employment. Motion carried unanimously.

Current Hydrologic Conditions with the River District and Colorado River Basin:

Dave Kanzer reported the River District’s facilities are in reasonable shape hydrologically. Aspinall/Blue Mesa is not projected to fill, but all downstream demands should be met. Paonia Reservoir, the North Fork of the Gunnison, Surface Creek and Tongue Creek are reporting the lowest on-record snowpack and runoff projections The Upper Colorado and transbasin diverters do not have any water supply issues at this point. Potential rationing could take place in the Uncompahgre Valley and the North Fork. Lake Powell is projecting a 43% inflow forecast for April-July John Currier reported that Ruedi Reservoir will likely fill, and Green Mountain Reservoir is not having any issues.

CRWCD Budget Update:

Andy Mueller reported the Gallagher Amendment could have 15-18% impact on the River District’s General Fund, but that the residential assessment ratio requires legislative action to adjust from 7.2% to a projected 6.1%. As a result, River District department heads are preparing proposals to reduce 15% from their current department budgets. The Board may consider and authorize a ballot question shielding the River District from the Gallagher Amendment’s impacts and perhaps taxpayer bill of rights (TABOR) restriction.

Roundtable Appointments:

Director Gray moved, second by Director Monger, to appoint Hunter Causey as the River District’s liaison for the Yampa/White/Green Roundtable. The Roundtable may need to consider amending its bylaws for non-resident representatives. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Mueller thanked staff members for their collaborative efforts producing the River District's logo signage and maps for the meeting room.

Board Meeting Live Streaming:

Director Whitmore moved, second by Director Ritschard, to authorize staff to take steps necessary to live-stream the audio portion of the River District's board meetings and provide links on the River District's website to the archived audio files for public access. Motion carried unanimously.

Electronic Board Packets:

Director Whitmore moved, second by Director Chandler-Henry, to authorize staff to purchase and provide iPads to Directors who desire to utilize digital-only board packets and who do not have access to or use of an appropriate mobile computing device loaded with appropriate software. Motion carried unanimously.

Basin Roundtable Updates

Dave Kanzer reported there is a strong level of interest from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable in the four West Slope Roundtables meeting scheduled for April 25 in Grand Junction.

Director Whitmore reported that the Upper Uncompahgre Stream Management Plan has received Water Supply Reserve funding and thanked the River District for its portion of the funding.

Jim Pokrandt reported that as with all the West Slope basin roundtables, future funding for projects is a major concern for the Colorado Basin Roundtable as well as funding for the Basin Implementation Plans. Hunter Causey reported The Nature Conservancy is organizing a water fund that would be funded by private monies and eventually allocated for storage releases or riparian improvements in the Yampa and White River Basins, with the possibility of the River District being asked to be the fiscal agent for the funds.

Mr. Causey also reported a \$25,000 River District contribution will assist with the USGS study with the White River algae problem.

Directors' Basin Updates and/or Concerns.

Basin Updates:

Director Monger thanked staff for attending the State of the River meeting in Steamboat Springs on March 20, along with the State/Division Engineer meeting for Water Division 6 on April 13. The Yampa/White/Green Roundtable is concerned with the detrimental effects of increased releases from Flaming Gorge for the endangered species.

Director Acquafresca reported that the Grand Valley Water Users Association meeting was raucous and confrontational. The board and staff lost control of the meeting and the meeting ended.

Director Vanden Brink reported that the April 9 meeting with the Rio Blanco County Commissioners, Andy Mueller and Peter Fleming went well and constituents appreciated the River District's involvement in the basin. The White River State of the River meeting on April 4 was also well attended.

Director Ritschard reported that Learning By Doing (LBD) is hosting its grand opening for the Fraser River Flats project on May 16.. There will also be a dedication on May 26, of a memorial bench by the family of Rolly Fischer on BLM lands adjacent to Wolford Mountain Reservoir.

Director Acquafresca updated the Board on the Tamarisk Coalition meeting he attended.

Director Steigemeier thanked Andy Mueller and Zane Kessler for meeting with the Summit County Commissioners and staff. Director Stiegelemer also reported that Summit County continues to pursue Reclamation's financial participation in mussel inspection and prevention programs at Green Mountain Reservoir. She noted that Summit County received \$140k of emergency funding from the Bureau of Reclamation when mussel larvae were identified last fall. There is also an ongoing water quality project with Climax to evaluate a possible increase in molybdenum water quality standards focused on 10-Mile Creek. The Lower Blue River has lost its gold metal status, but Summit County is working to improve the habitat and fish population to regain gold metal status.

Director Catlin introduced Frank Kugel, general manager of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (UGRWCD). Mr. Kugel informed the Board about the Upper Gunnison's watershed management production video which is available on the UGRWCD website. He also reported that snowpack in the Taylor River Basin is average, but Taylor Park Reservoir will not fill this year.

Jim Plumhoff, general counsel for the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association (UVWUA), reported that the UVWUA system is open and running at full capacity. He also reported that Steve Anderson, manager of UVWUA, was appointed to the CWCB.

Discussion of Directors' Compensation:

Andy Mueller referred the Board to a memo outlining recent director inquiries regarding the Board of Directors' Expense Guidelines and requested Board input.

After extensive discussion, Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Chandler-Henry to remove "and at the request of" language from the fourth bullet point of the Board of Directors' Expense Guidelines regarding outside meeting attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Policy Discussion.

Chris Treese reminded the Board of its January quarterly review of four policies listed below which are now eligible for adoption or further revisions with the fifth policy, Instream Flows, being presented for the first time for review as requested at the April quarterly meeting.

Agricultural Water Use:

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Ritschard to adopt the Agricultural Water Use policy with the following changes in the policy section:

- Under bullet point seven insert the following language: "Will pro-actively pursue avoidance of Colorado River compact administration in order to avoid disproportionate impacts to West Slope agriculture."
- Under bullet point eight insert the word "any" before the word "municipal." Correct a formatting error to separate bullet point seven and eight.

Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Reserved Water Rights:

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to adopt the River District's Federal Reserved Water Rights policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Colorado's Prior Appropriation Doctrine:

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Gray, to adopt the River District's Colorado's Prior Appropriation Doctrine Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

After adoption of the policy, Director Gray requested that staff develop additional language addressing potential water shepherding for compact purposes and water banking.

Upper Colorado River Recovery Program:

Motion by Director Merritt, second by Director Acquafresca to adopt the River District's Upper Colorado River Recovery Program policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (The policies are attached as Appendices A-D).

Instream Flows:

By consensus, staff was directed to include language in the background section of the draft policy that the CWCB should ensure the protection of future water development when deciding whether to and quantification for appropriation of instream flow water rights, as well as encouraging the CWCB to adopt more specific criteria for the term "aquatic environment."

External Affairs.

State Affairs:

Chris Treese requested the Board keep the April 26, 2018 special joint board meeting on their calendars, but noted it may be canceled. There are only three weeks remaining in the 120-day Colorado legislative session, and of the 650 bills introduced to date, 300+ bills are still in the process.

Zane Kessler reported that HB18-1008, the Mussel-free Colorado Act, was signed by the Governor. The four reclaimed water bills continue to move through the legislative process, but that HB18-1201, the severance tax protection bill, failed by a vote of 12:1 in first committee. House Bill18-1215, the disposal of naturally occurring radioactive materials, is still awaiting a hearing. HB18-1301, the mining reform bill, passed through the House on a straight party-line vote and has been assigned to the Senate State Affairs Committee. SB18-170, Northern's reservoir release bill, was signed by the Governor. SB18-205 passed the Senate, and is awaiting hearing in the House Ag and Natural Resources Committee.

Chris Treese reiterated there may yet be a late bill to be introduced to officially delay the residential reassessment rate setting under the Gallagher Amendment from next year with a possibility of delay of at least 1-2 years.

Zane Kessler reported SB18-218, the CWCB's projects funding bill, has passed the Senate unamended

Chris Treese reported the Governor has made the nominations for the three seats for CWCB directors: Steve Anderson from the Gunnison Basin, Curran Trick for the North Platte and Jim Yahn in the South Platte. Three nominees from last year, Jack Goble for the Arkansas Basin, Heather Dutton for the Rio Grande Basin and Selene Hawkins for the San Juan/Dolores Basin never received Senate confirmation last year, nor to date this year. All six nominees are expected to receive confirmation.

Federal Affairs:

Chris Treese reported on federal affairs as follows:

- Secretary Zinke's proposed map of new, unified districts for the Department of the Interior (DOI) would apply to all agencies within the DOI (such as BLM and Fish & Wildlife). He noted that although the map does not exactly follow hydrologic boundaries, the proposal would keep Colorado, along with the Upper Colorado Basin, whole.
- Draft Good Samaritan legislation is waiting for comment/feedback from EPA but very little is likely to happen before the November elections.
- The Recovery Program is making progress as evidenced by the recommended down-listing of the razorback sucker consistent with the recommendations of the most recent five-year study.

- Colorado will receive limited benefit from the recently passed Omnibus Appropriations (FY18) bill for wildfire mitigation. Categorical exclusions granted in the bill are for Fire Regimes 1, 2 3, but not 4 or 5, the latter constituting most of Colorado's high elevation forests and watersheds. The Watershed Act will receive significant additional funds as well as the Water Smart Grant program through the BOR's increase in appropriations.
- A rescission bill is being proposed by President Trump; the River District will closely monitor the bill for adverse effects on gains made in the Omnibus spending bill.
- Both WIFIA and the Land and Water Conservation Fund received significant increases but did not receive reauthorization.

The Water Rights Protection Act bill was included in a House-passed drought response act but Congressman Tipton continues to pursue making it a standalone bill. In response to a Director's request, Mr. Treese will look into whether the Land & Water Conservation funds are being shifted to other projects.

Project Operations and Updates: (Enterprise Matters).

Wolford Mountain Reservoir:

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to award the Ritschard Dam crest rehabilitation construction contract to Moody Construction & Sons, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to authorize the General Manager to amend the contract with SGM to increase the compensation to \$30,000 and extend the contract time period to provide for SGM support of the dam crest rehabilitation construction effort. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to direct staff to prepare an agreement for execution by the President with NWCC in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for geotechnical engineering, testing, and construction observation supporting the Ritschard Dam Crest Rehabilitation construction period. Motion carried unanimously.

By consensus, the Board delegated to the Water Supply Projects Committee approval authority for purchase of the Ritschard Dam main gate under the Committee's existing monetary delegation.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to authorize the General Manager to enter into a three-year continuing services agreement with Grand Power and Plumbing for miscellaneous electrical work at Wolford Mountain Reservoir, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$26,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the Grand Fence contract increasing the contract amount from \$25,000 to a total amount of \$45,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Elkhead Reservoir:

Director Gray moved, second by Director Whitmore, for staff to negotiate and for the General Manager to enter into a new agricultural lease agreement with Richard and Bonnie Hampton for grazing purposes on 59 acres adjacent to Elkhead Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Option Contract with West Divide Water Conservancy District:

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to renew a 10-year option contract with West Divide Water Conservancy District for the lease of 900 acre-feet of Ruedi Reservoir water. Motion carried unanimously.

President Alvey recessed the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Wednesday April 18, 2018.

Vice President Merritt found a quorum and reconvened the meeting at 8:36 am

Outreach and Information Update:

Chris Treese reported that Diane Johnson from the Eagle River Water & Sanitation District commented that the River District's collaborative effort with the City of Aurora and Denver Water on the H2O Outdoors Water Camp at the Keystone Science Center is a seminal and pivotal program that made a huge difference for her daughter and now wants to major in something that that will lead her back to western Colorado in the water industry.

Jim Pokrandt directed the Board's attention to the 2017 CRWCD Annual Report noting that it has been reformatted to be a water magazine. The report will be mailed to approximately 700 interested parties, is available on the CRWCD website, and is distributed throughout the year at various events.

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 District Conditional Water Rights. (An Enterprise and General District Matter).
 - ii. Colorado River Cooperative Agreement Implementation Matters.
 - iii. Northern Water's Proposed Northern Integrated Supply Project.
 - iv. Joint Application of the Northern Water Municipal Subdistrict and the Colorado River District Regarding the Windy Gap Firming Project and Windy Gap Connectivity Channel, Case No. 17CW3176, Water Division 1.
 - v. Remand of Grand Valley Water Users Association v. Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., Case No.09CW142, Water Division 2.
 - vi. Diligence Application of Colorado Springs, Case No. 15CW3019, Water Division 5.
 - vii. CWCB Application for Dolores River Instream Flow, Case No. 15CW3111, Water Division 4.
 - viii. Instream Flows and Protection of Pre-Existing Uses.
 - ix. Water Administration Matters.
 - x. Eagle River MOU Update, Eagle Park Reservoir Company, and Potential Eagle Park Reservoir Enlargement. (An Enterprise Matter).
 - xi. Colorado River Compact, Interstate, and International Negotiation Matters.

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, 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 1:05 pm

General Counsel's Report – Public Session.

Peter Fleming reported that during Executive Session, the Board provided guidance to staff and General Counsel on agenda items 9.a. i. through 9.a. iv. and also stated the Board would reconvene into Executive Session during a latter portion of the meeting.

- i. Colorado River District Conditional Water Rights. (An Enterprise and General District Matter).
- ii. Colorado River Cooperative Agreement Implementation Matters.

- iii. Northern Water's Proposed Northern Integrated Supply Project.
- iv. Joint Application of the Northern Water Municipal Subdistrict and the Colorado River District Regarding the Windy Gap Firming Project and Windy Gap Connectivity Channel, Case No. 17CW3176, Water Division 1.

Discussion with Eric Wilkinson and Brad Wind of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Retired General Manager Eric Wilkinson, and Brad Wind, new General Manager of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, provided an overview of the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP).

NISP will be comprised of two reservoirs, Glade and Galetton, and is designed to provide 40,000 acre-feet of firm yield water per year for 11 cities and towns and 4 domestic water districts on the Northern Front Range. The water sources for the project are the South Platte and Cache la Poudre Rivers. The estimated cost of the project is \$1 billion. Construction is estimated to begin in 2021.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to express the River District's support of the NISP based upon the following findings:

1. Northern came to the board some years ago and asked for an endorsement at which time this Board said that so long as no C-BT Western Slope water was being used, the River District could support the project;
2. Northern has complied with this Board's request that no C-BT water be used as part of this project aside from temporarily utilizing no more than 20,000 AF of CBT water in the initial fill of the Glade Park Reservoir;
3. The District and others on the West Slope have on multiple occasions urged Front Range water providers to better utilize South Platte water that otherwise leaves the state unused and generally supports additional water storage throughout the state. The NISP project is one storage project that furthers the use of South Platte water.
4. This project does not involve diversion or storage of water from the Colorado River; therefore West Slope water rights are protected.

This support is contingent upon final negotiation and execution of the agreement with the NISP Enterprise and Northern that has been proposed and outlined by our counsel, and that counsel and general manager are hereby authorized to take action necessary to complete and execute that agreement. Motion carried with Director Stiegelmeier opposing the motion.

Grant Recommendations.

Hunter Causey and Alesha Frederick presented the recommended grant applications discussed by the Executive Committee at its March 15 meeting. For 2018, a total of 25 applications were received with eleven grants being recommended by the Executive Committee for funding. A complete list of applications is attached as Appendix A.

Mr. Causey reminded the Committee of the grant funding criteria and guidelines used in the review process (e.g., total project cost and grant request size determine if it is considered a small or large grant). Ranking criteria used by staff to evaluate applications for funding was discussed and includes appropriateness of the project; project description; budget; funding; technical adequacy; project effectiveness; sponsors capability; cost effectiveness; and applicant participation. The program awards both small and large grants with \$60,000 total project cost being considered a small grant application and any project with total costs exceeding \$60,000 considered a large grant application.

Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to approve the Grand Valley Water Users Association (GVWUA) grant application. Motion carried unanimously with Director Acquafresca abstaining from the vote.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to approve the remainder of the grant applications recommended by the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Gray requested a discussion on the ranking criteria and scoring process utilized in grant application reviews.

In response to a director's prior inquiry regarding a legal issue pertaining to a grant application, Peter Fleming reminded the Board that the legal department does not conduct or undertake individual reviews for every grant application submitted and does not offer specific legal opinions on grant applications.

President Alvey recounted a discussion at the March 15 Executive Committee meeting regarding the percentage of monetary investment grant applicants provide for their projects and proposed adjusting the guidelines to identify applicant's participation. Andy Mueller also suggested notifying grant applicants of the financial criteria guidelines the River District uses in the application review process. Director Vanden Brink suggested inclusion of flow needs on an application— whether through a new diversion or updated diversion.

Staff was directed to bring proposed revisions to guidelines for review at the July quarterly meeting.

Andy Mueller noted that the Executive Committee expressed concerns with return flow issues, and the guideline language regarding return flows may need to be refined. Director Acquafresca and President Alvey recommended continued discretion and flexibility on a case-by-case or basin-by-basin review from staff, the Executive Committee, and the Board could be the most effective and equitable way to address return flow issues.

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

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):

- v. Remand of Grand Valley Water Users Association v. Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., Case No.09CW142, Water Division 2.
- vi. Diligence Application of Colorado Springs, Case No. 15CW3019, Water Division 5.
- vii. CWCB Application for Dolores River Instream Flow, Case No. 15CW3111, Water Division 4.
- viii. Instream Flows and Protection of Pre-Existing Uses.
- ix. Water Administration Matters.
- x. Eagle River MOU Update, Eagle Park Reservoir Company, and Potential Eagle Park Reservoir Enlargement. (An Enterprise Matter)
- xi. Colorado River Compact, Interstate, and International Matters.

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

President Alvey reconvened into Public Session at 5:08 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 agenda items 9.a.v. through 9.a.xi. He also reported that Director Ely was not present during the discussion of 9.a.v., Remand of Grand Valley Water Users Association v. Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc., Case No.

09CW142, Water Division 2, and that Director Chandler-Henry was not present during the discussion of agenda item agenda item 9.a.x., Eagle River MOU Update, Eagle Park Reservoir Company, and Potential Eagle Park Reservoir Enlargement. (An Enterprise Matter).

- i. Colorado River District Conditional Water Rights. (An Enterprise and General District Matter).
- ii. Colorado River Cooperative Agreement Implementation Matters.
- iii. Northern Water's Proposed Northern Integrated Supply Project.
- iv. Joint Application of the Northern Water Municipal Subdistrict and the Colorado River District Regarding the Windy Gap Firming Project and Windy Gap Connectivity Channel, Case No. 17CW3176, Water Division 1.
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- ix. Water Administration Matters.
- x. Eagle River MOU Update, Eagle Park Reservoir Company, and Potential Eagle Park Reservoir Enlargement. (An Enterprise Matter).
- xi. Colorado River Compact, Interstate, and International Negotiation Matters.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to confirm the Board's intent to develop the Iron Mountain Reservoir, Iron Mountain Second Fill, Cross Creek Extension, and Pando Feeder Canal conditional water rights, and to direct staff and counsel to file an application seeking a finding of reasonable diligence for those rights. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Chandler-Henry, to confirm the Board's intent to develop the conditional Battlement Mesa Project water rights and to direct staff and counsel to file an application, in conjunction with the Ute Water Conservancy District, seeking a finding of reasonable diligence consistent with negotiations as directed by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Monger, to authorize staff and counsel to continue discussions on the conveyance of a portion of the Wolcott Pumping Pipeline water rights and a portion of the Wolcott Reservoir water right to the Town of Gypsum and the Gypsum Wallboard(?) Plant, subject to the approval of the General Manager and General Counsel, and to delegate authority to the General Manager to execute any such conveyance to the Town of Gypsum. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Whitmore moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to authorize counsel to enter into a stipulation with Aurora, Busk-Ivanhoe, Inc. and any other West Slope parties consistent with the Board's direction to finalize the proposed settlement agreement, stipulation, and proposed consent decree in the remand of the Busk-Ivanhoe application, Case No. 09CW142, Water Division 2. Motion carried unanimously with Director Ely abstaining from the vote.

Director Ritschard moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca to direct staff and counsel to not pursue an appeal of the Dolores River instream flow ruling by Judge Patrick in Case No. 15CW3111, Water Division 4. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Stiegelmeier moved, seconded by Director Gray, to direct staff and counsel to respond to the 90-day notice sent by the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District and the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority to the effect that that the River District does not intend to participate in the enlargement project, but reserves it

right to participate in any and all other aspects of the Eagle River MOU. Motion carried unanimously with Director Chandler-Henry abstaining from the vote.

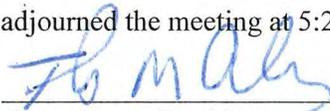
Director Chandler-Henry moved, seconded by Director Ritschard, to approve a contract with Eco-RX in an amount not to exceed of \$42,000 for weed control at Wolford Mountain Reservoir. Motion carried unanimously. (An Enterprise matter).

Future Meetings.

- a. Special Joint Meeting in Conjunction with the Southwestern Water Conservation District, May 23, 2018, Montrose, CO.
- b. Third Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting, July 17-18, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO.
- c. 2019 CRWCD Budget Workshop/Special Joint Meeting, September 13, 2018, Location TBD.
- d. CRWCD Annual Seminar, September 14, 2018, Grand Junction, CO.
- e. Fourth Regular Joint Meeting, October 16, 2018, Glenwood Springs, CO.
- f. Other Meetings:
 - i. Joint West Slope Roundtable Meeting, April 25, 2018, Ute Water Conservancy District, Grand Junction, CO.
 - ii. State of the River Meetings:
 - a). Moffat County, April 19, 2018, 5:30 p.m., Veteran's Hall, Craig, CO.
 - b). Summit County, May 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Silverthorne Pavilion, Silverthorne, CO.
 - c). Grand County, May 3, 2018, 5:30 p.m., Inn at Silvercreek, Granby, CO.
 - d). Mesa County, May 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO.
 - e). Eagle River Valley, May 9, 2018, 5:15 p.m., Colorado Mountain College, Edwards, CO.
 - f). Middle Colorado, May 15, 2018, 5:30 p.m., Ute Events Center, Rifle, CO.
 - g). Ouray County, May 16, 2018, 5:30 p.m. 4-H Events Center, Ridgway, CO.
 - h). Gunnison River Basin, May 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Holiday Inn, Montrose, CO.
 - ii. Gunnison Water Workshop, Western State Colorado University, June 20-22, 2018, Gunnison, CO.
 - iii. CWC Summer Convention, August 22-24, Vail, CO.
 - iv. CRWUA Conference, December 12-14, 2018, Las Vegas, NV.

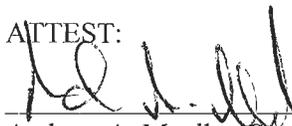
Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Alvey adjourned the meeting at 5:20 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

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Agricultural Water Use

Colorado River Water Conservation District Policy Statements:

Agriculture is a critical component of Western Colorado's economy, environment, and community. The River District supports and promotes Western Colorado agriculture and will partner with agricultural interests to ensure a vibrant agricultural sector in Western Colorado. Moreover, the River District recognizes the considerable value of Western Colorado's agricultural water rights, especially those senior to the Colorado River Compact, and will work to protect and maintain agricultural rights on the West Slope and in local ownership.

Accordingly, the River District:

- **Supports federal and state legislation directed at increasing overall economic viability for producers of food and fiber,**
- **Supports legislative and administrative actions protecting pre-Colorado River Compact water rights,**
- **Will pro-actively pursue avoidance of Colorado River compact administration in order to avoid disproportionate impacts to West Slope agriculture,**
- **Encourages innovation that adds value for producers and enhances productivity,**
- **Supports land use policies and programs protective of agricultural lands, water rights, and property values,**
- **Supports voluntary, cooperative relationships between fish and wildlife agencies and agriculture to realize mutual benefits,**
- **Supports land and water use decisions that support or enhance West Slope agricultural productivity,**
- **Will seek alternatives to involuntary transfer or use of Western Colorado-based water rights to meet any municipal demands outside of the West Slope, and**
- **Will evaluate and consult, as requested, on water efficiency projects and programs to determine potential return flow consequences.**

Background & Discussion:

Statewide, agriculture is the majority user of Colorado's water, much of it with senior water rights. For this, Colorado enjoys affordable food and fiber - much of it locally sourced - abundant open space, environmental and recreational river flows, and important employment and other economic benefits.

Agricultural water rights, primarily in Eastern Colorado, have become a primary source of new water supplies for growing Front Range municipalities. While most of the buy-and-dry (and conversion from ag to municipal use) has been on the East Slope to date, the purchase and conversion of West Slope farm and ranch land and associated water rights for municipal uses is real and must be addressed.

Certain efficiency and conservation measures have unintended consequences, such as reductions in delayed return flows, impacting stream conditions during naturally low flow periods. Other measures may have multiple consequences, some not intuitively obvious or intended, all of which should be considered.

Colorado has historically, and is currently, experiencing periods of severe, sustained droughts. The River District, in cooperation with producers and other interests, is exploring voluntary, compensated mechanisms for the temporary use of senior agricultural water rights to meet critical water supply needs to prevent or to mitigate the impacts of compact administration under the 1922 and 1948 Colorado River compacts. The River District believes that these pro-active explorations are critical to the long-term protection and sustainability of agriculture and agricultural water rights in Western Colorado. Without some alternative mechanism, we foresee municipalities and water speculators pursuing buy-and-dry strategies on the West Slope to protect or mitigate against the consequences of Compact curtailment. Moreover, it must be remembered that municipalities in Colorado have the powers of eminent domain.

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Federal Water Rights

Colorado River Water Conservation District Policy Statements:

The policy of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (Colorado River District) is that when the Congress or the President creates special federal land designations, such designations must clearly and explicitly specify and quantify the minimum amount, if any, of water necessary to fulfill the purpose of the land reservation. The Colorado River District will advocate that the quantification of any reserved rights be the minimum amount essential to preserve the primary purpose of the Congressional or Executive action that creates the federal land designation.

Background & Discussion:

The “Winters Doctrine” arose from the Supreme Court’s 1908 decision in *Winters v. United States*, 207 U.S. 564 (1908). The Winters Doctrine stands for the proposition that when the federal government makes a reservation of land, it necessarily and impliedly reserves (and exempts from appropriation under state law) sufficient water to meet the needs of the land reservation.

The dispute in the Winters’ case involved conflicts between claims to water by American Indian Tribes on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana and appropriation claims made under state law by settlers in the Milk River basin. The U.S. Supreme Court held that the Indian treaty establishing the reservation impliedly reserved sufficient water of the Milk River for tribal use which would be necessarily continued indefinitely. The court found that without water the reservation would be worthless and the purpose of the reservation would be destroyed.

The Supreme Court later clarified that when the federal government makes any reservation of land (not just an Indian reservation) it impliedly reserves only that amount of water sufficient to fulfill the purpose of the reservation, no more. *Cappaert v. United States*, 426 U.S. 128 (1978)

The U.S. Congress adopted the McCarran Amendment in 1952 (43 U.S.C. 666) providing for state adjudicatory and administrative jurisdiction over federal water claims, both reserved rights and in-priority appropriations. The River District believes that the McCarran Amendment appropriately provides for adjudication of federal, reserved water rights in state water courts following the same manner and procedures as for other water rights.

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Prior Appropriation

Colorado River Water Conservation District Policy Statement:

The Colorado River Water Conservation District supports Colorado's system of prior appropriation as a fair and orderly system for allocating Colorado's scarce water resources. Moreover, Colorado's prior appropriation system has been proven to be both successful and flexible in addressing the public's changing demands, beneficial uses, and values regarding Colorado water resources (e.g., instream flow and recreation in-channel diversion water rights). Additional flexibility and adaptation of the prior appropriation doctrine may be warranted to ensure the equitable allocation of Colorado's remaining Colorado River Compact entitlement among the river's sub-basins within Colorado and to equitably allocate water uses in the event of interstate compact administration.

Background:

Water often does not naturally exist in sufficient quantities where and when it is needed to sustain human settlement and enterprise in Colorado. As a scarce resource, the demand for which exceeds its supply, water in Colorado requires a system of allocation and enforcement to meet the needs of Colorado's citizens and the natural environment, both current and future.

Colorado's prior appropriation doctrine is enshrined in the state's constitution, which states in relevant part:

Section 5. Water of streams public property: The water of every natural stream, not heretofore appropriated, within the state of Colorado, is hereby declared to be the property of the public, and the same is dedicated to the use of the people of the state, subject to appropriation as hereinafter provided," and

Section 6. Diverting unappropriated water - priority preferred uses: The right to divert the unappropriated waters of any natural stream to beneficial uses shall never be denied. Priority of appropriation shall give the better right as between those using the water for the same purpose; but when the waters of any natural stream are not sufficient for the service of all those desiring the use of the same, those using the water for domestic purposes shall have the preference over those claiming for any other purpose, and those using the water for agricultural purposes shall have preference over those using the same for manufacturing purposes."

(Colorado Constitution, Article XVI)

Additionally, a rich body of law, both legislative and judicial, has evolved to address the state's need for an orderly and transparent system of water administration and the embodiment of the prior appropriation doctrine as that system.

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Colorado's prior appropriation doctrine has proven its ability to adapt to the changing needs and values of the state regarding its scarce water resources. Notable among recent adaptations of Colorado's water allocation system are the 1972 Instream Flow Act (C.R.S. 37-92-102) and the 2001 Recreation In-Channel Diversion Act (C.R.S. 37-92-103(10.1) & (10.3)), both of which were adopted in a manner consistent with and incorporated into the prior appropriation system.

The 1922 Colorado River Compact and the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact provide that under certain circumstances, Colorado may be required to curtail water uses within the Colorado River basin to comply with interstate compact administration. The strict application of the prior appropriation doctrine in the event of compact administration could result in extreme hardship and economic disruption throughout the state. Merely the potential for future curtailment may result in undesirable speculation and competition for firm water supplies as Colorado moves closer to its full compact entitlement. Therefore, limited and targeted future adaptation of the prior appropriation doctrine may be necessary in order to equitably allocate the state's remaining Colorado River entitlement and to equitably address the curtailment of water uses that may be necessary to comply with the 1922 and 1948 compacts.

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Upper Colorado River Recovery Program

Colorado River Water Conservation District Policy Statements:

The Colorado River Water Conservation District (Colorado River District) supports the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (Recovery Program) and its dual purpose of recovering fish species listed as endangered while allowing historical water use and water development to continue consistent with state law and Colorado's entitlements under the Colorado River Compacts.

The Colorado River District, as an active participant in the Recovery Program, will advocate to:

- Accomplish recovery with less than existing flows in the Colorado River and its tributaries to allow for additional consumptive use development on the West Slope in accordance with Colorado's compact water entitlements;**
- Include nonnative elimination and control, habitat modification and restoration, and stocking of endangered fishes among the Recovery Program's priorities;**
- Ensure that the burden of the Recovery Program's implementation, operation, and compliance is equitably distributed on all power and water users, including transmountain diverters;**
- Remove any risk of allegations that impacts from water depletions endanger, threaten or take the fish or harm their habitat and protect against the potential for adverse incidental take of the species or adverse modifications of their habitat;**
- Consider inclusion of water quality protections for the listed fishes within the Recovery Program's purpose and mission;**
- Ensure that if a Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) or individual project's Section 7 consultation requires actions that address water quality, then the Colorado River District will advocate that the recovery program assume the responsibility, including adequate funding, for addressing the required water quality-related actions; and**
- Ensure that the Recovery Program assumes the full responsibility for the successful completion of the Program's recovery implementation elements.**

Any permanent reallocation of waters from "compensatory storage reservoirs" (i.e., Green Mountain Reservoir and Ruedi Reservoir) must occur only with the approval of the Colorado River District and other West Slope beneficiaries of those projects.

Additionally, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation should timely issue water contracts from federal facilities, relying on the Recovery Program to implement all necessary, reasonable

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and prudent measures to offset any identified impacts to the listed fish species.

Background & Discussion:

The Recovery Program was created to "provide for recovery of the endangered fish species, consistent with federal law and all applicable state laws and systems for water resource development and use." (Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Fish Species in the Upper Colorado River Basin, September 29, 1987) Since its inception in 1987, the Recovery Program has successfully protected the interests of present and future Western Slope water users and the right of Colorado River water users within the state to fully utilize Colorado's entitlement under the Colorado River Compacts of 1922 and 1948.

The Recovery Program has successfully served as the reasonable and prudent alternative offsetting impacts to the endangered fishes and adverse modification to their habitat for existing and future water depletions. The Recovery Program has served as the mitigation for depletion impacts for more than 2.1 million acre-feet of historical and new water depletions within the River District. Measures necessary to accomplish recovery of the fish are the responsibility of the Recovery Program and its participants, not individual water users seeking Section 7 consultations under the Endangered Species Act. As such, the Recovery Program has served as a vital regulatory shield at substantial cost savings to individual Colorado water users.

The Recovery Program has implemented actions necessary to achieve the recovery goals established by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) for each of the listed species. Additionally, the Program serves as the reasonable and prudent measure relied upon by the USFWS in its development of basin-specific PBOs by implementing specific recovery actions to offset water use and development activities.

Funding of the Recovery Program has been principally through Congressional appropriations (Reclamation's budget), Colorado River Storage Projects (CRSP) power revenues, and state contributions to the Recovery Program, consistent with the Recovery Program's organic agreement.

The Recovery Program currently relies, in part, upon normal operations and releases from compensatory storage reservoirs (i.e., releases from Green Mountain Reservoir and Ruedi Reservoir) to achieve recommended flows. As such, the Recovery Program represents a substantial compromise by West Slope water users on the historical bargains that mitigate transmountain diversions. This compromise must be recognized and any such future compromises must be minimized or eliminated as both reservoirs are fully contracted.

Table 3: 2018 Grant Program- Application Summaries

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Complete	County	Project Cost	Requested / Allowed	Small/ Large	Recommendation
Arch Ditch Association	Arch Ditch Headgate Improvement Project	Addition of hydraulics to diversion structure headgate so it is easier to raise and lower gate for standard operations.	No	Saguache	\$30,076	\$3,500	Small	YES
Charlene Bagley	West Pasture	Connect to existing sprinkler system by installing 600 ft of pipeline, riser, and a gun to irrigate a section of land that is not currently irrigated	No	Garfield	\$12,000	\$5,400	Small	NO
City of Glenwood Springs, CO	Two Rivers Park Shoreline Restoration	Restore eroding shoreline to improve instream water quality	No	Garfield	\$153,000	\$38,250	Large	NO
Dewayne Zimmerman & Janelle Berner	ZimBer Pivot	Installation of center pivot	No	Moffat	\$101,364	\$25,341	Large	NO
Eagle County Conservation District	CoAgMet Station Fund Project	Installation and maintenance of a CoAgMet station	No	Eagle	\$20,000	\$7,000	Small	NO
Eagle River Watershed Council*	River Run Restoration Project	Improve instream water quality through sediment reduction and the implementation of watershed and riparian management actions.	No	Eagle	\$113,308	\$28,327	Large	NO
Eastern Rio Blanco Recreation and Park District (ERBM)	Meeker Circle Park Fishing Pond	Improvement of an existing water supply system by utilizing an existing water right within the WREA Meeker Power Ditch at Circle Park to supply water for a new recreational fishing pond that would be constructed for the community to enjoy and to improve existing ditch outflow and water quality conditions in the White River.	No	Rio Blanco	\$333,500	\$33,500	Large	NO
Fruitland Irrigation Company	Gould Canal Improvement Project	Stabilization of rock wall tunnels by installing 2 miles of pipe from the reservoir outlet through two tunnels and injecting cellular concrete between the pipe and rock walls.	No	Delta	\$10,359,519	\$50,000	Large	NO
Grand Valley Water Users Association*	Roller Dam Electrical and Control Systems Upgrades Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve an existing water supply system for agriculture, power, and some domestic users • Improve water use efficiency by providing reliable power at the Roller Dam and headgate diversion structure thereby improving diversion control • Implement (and support) watershed and riparian management actions 	No	Mesa	\$224,098	\$50,000	Large	YES
Greg Lunsford	Lunsford Pond	Repair pond to stop leakage	No	Grand	\$10,792	\$5,000	Small	NO
Jennifer McPherson	Micro-Jet System	Installation of a sprinkler system in a 24 acre pear orchard for the purpose of conserving water and promoting tree and soil health	Yes	Delta	\$207,543	\$51,886	Large	YES
Jerry Eller	Antelope Reservoir Rehabilitation	Repair the outlet pipe, head-gate stem casing, crest and upstream slope	No	Grand	\$60,000	\$15,000	Small	YES
Laughingstock LLLP	Needham Ditch Piping Project	Piping 2520 feet of ditch in the two highest priority sections in the first mile of the ditch.	No	Eagle	\$226,632	\$56,658	Large	NO
Manuel P. Gomez	Ditch to Irrigation Pipeline Conversion	Piping from the Grand River ditch along County Road 225 to Highway 6.	No	Garfield	\$26,000	\$8,200	Small	NO
Minnesota L-75 Lateral Ditch Company	Minnesota L-75 Lateral Salinity Control Project	Conversion of an open ditch lateral to a pressurized delivery system	No	Delta	\$205,874	\$17,462	Large	YES

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Description	Complete	County	Project Cost	Requested / Allowed	Small/ Large	Recommendation
Oak Meadows Water Association, Inc.	OMWA Water Distribution System	Water main replacement project	No	Garfield	\$1,500,000	\$150,000	Large	NO
Rifle Creek Estates HOA	Emmer Well #2	Drilling of a well	No	Garfield	\$225,920	\$95,000	Large	NO
Roseman Ditch Company*	Doolan Weir	Replacement of existing Parshall Flume	Yes	Garfield	\$3,871	\$1,935	Small	YES
Sheridan Ranches, LLC	McHatton Reservoir	Improvement of existing dam outlet pipe to avoid SEO Dam Safety storage restriction	No	Rio Blanco	\$312,500	\$78,125	Large	NO
Thompson Glen Ditch Co*	Cattle Creel Head Gate Repair	Headgate repair	Yes	Garfield	\$24,666	\$6,136	Small	YES
Town of Silt	Silt River Preserve Irrigation Improvement Project	Addition of 1200' of waterlines to irrigate an additional 10.2 acres of property using a side roll and 3 additional sprinkler gun connection sites	No	Garfield	\$38,694	\$10,739	Small	YES
Town of Vail	Gore Creek Riparian Restoration and Habitat Enhancement	Restore riparian habitat along Gore Creek	No	Eagle	\$273,171	\$68,292	Large	NO
Water User's of Lateral Ditch #110, Inc.	Ditch Piping	Piping of earthen ditches on the main lateral's delivery system to prevent waste of water, address the heavy amounts of silt and debris in the system and increase overall water quality.	No	Mesa	\$125,810	\$16,765	Large	NO
West Glenwood Sanitation District	Blower Upgrade Phase 1	Replacement of centrifugal blower with positive displacement blower using variable frequency drives to improve water quality and to reduce energy consumption.	No	Garfield	\$52,000	\$13,400	Small	NO
White River Ranch LLC	White River Ranch Irrigation Project	Install sprinkler pivot on currently flood irrigated 82.9 acres	No	Rio Blanco	\$210,000	\$40,000	Large	YES

*These entities have received previous funding.