

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 21, 2019

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 21, 2019, at the offices of the Colorado River District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Martha Whitmore, Vice President, Ouray County	Doug Monger, Routt County
Steve Acquafresca, Mesa County	Mike Ritschard, Grand County
Tom Alvey, Delta County	Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County
Kathy Chandler-Henry, Eagle County	William S. Trampe, Gunnison County
John Ely, Pitkin County	Stan Whinnery, Hinsdale County
Tom Gray, Moffat County	Alden Vanden Brink, Rio Blanco County
Rebie Hazard, Saguache County	

Directors not participating:

David H. Merritt, President, Garfield County	Marc Catlin, Montrose County
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Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Chris Treese, External Affairs Manager, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Communications Director, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Director of Community Affairs, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Mike Eytel, Senior Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
Torie Jarvis, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Q/Q Committee

Quorum.

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

General Counsel's Report – Executive Session.

Jason Turner 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):

Agenda Item 1.a.i. Instream Flow and Pre-existing Uses.

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.

Director Trampe 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.

Jason Turner 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.

Vice President Whitmore reconvened into Public Session at 12:40 p.m.

General Counsel's Report – Public Session.

Jason Turner reported that during Executive Session, the Board provided guidance to staff and counsel on Agenda Item 1.a.i. Instream Flow and Pre-existing Uses.

External Affairs.

SB19-186 CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT PLANS TO PROTECT SURFACE WATER

Short title: Expand Agricultural Chemical Management Program to Protect Surface Water

Revised Recommendation: from Amend to Monitor and review in two weeks

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to **monitor SB19-86**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB19-184 CONCERNING A GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO THE COLORADO WATER INSTITUTE TO STUDY POTENTIAL USES OF BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

Short title: Colorado Water Institute Study Blockchain Technology

Recommendation: Support

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Hazard, to **support SB19-184**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB19-1247 CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE ON THE POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS FOR BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

Short title: Study Agricultural Applications for Blockchain

Recommendation: Support

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to **support HB19-1247**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB19-1231 CONCERNING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR EQUIPMENT SOLD IN COLORADO, AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING CERTAIN APPLIANCES, PLUMBING, FIXTURES, AND OTHER PRODUCTS SOLD FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE TO MEET ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

Short title: New Application Energy and Water Efficiency Standards

Recommendation: Monitor

Director Trampe moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to **monitor HB19-1231**. Motion carried unanimously.

Zane Kessler reported that the Joint Budget Committee has reduced the water plan funding from the previously proposed \$30 million appropriation (\$10 million for water plan grants and \$20 million for demand management/compact compliance) to a \$10 million total appropriation, with \$1.7 million allocated for CWCB outreach and feasibility studies on demand management and \$8.3M allocated to Water Plan grants in four categories; Water Storage & Supply; Conservation & Land Use; Agricultural; and Environmental & Recreational grants.

Zane Kessler informed the Board of the status of HB19-1218 (ISF Loan Program Expansion). River District staff held a number of meetings with the bill's sponsor and conveyed the concerns of the Board. As a result of those conversations, Representative Roberts requested amendments to eliminate the provision allowing loans to stream reaches that do not have a decreed instream flow right. Representative Roberts has also agreed to amend the legislation to ensure that no more than three (3) consecutive years of participation are allowed under the loan program, and to require that participants must reapply to the loan program for each additional ten (10) year renewal.

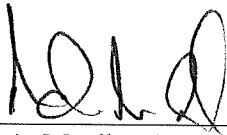
General Manager's Update.

Andy Mueller requested that the Board review his March 21, 2019, email containing the letter signed by the Seven Basin States requesting Congress to enact the Drought Contingency Plan legislation. A follow-up memorandum addressing staff's concerns will be made available to the Board on or before the April Board meeting.

Adjourn.

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

ATTEST:



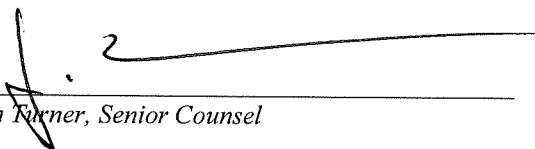
Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager



David H. Merritt, President

Executive Session Attestation:

I hereby attest that the portions of the Executive Session that were not recorded constituted privileged attorney-client communications.



Jason Turner, Senior Counsel