

**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**

**April 4, 2019**

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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 Thursday, April 4, 2019, 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:**

David H. Merritt, President, Garfield County	Rebie Hazard, Saguache County
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

**Directors not participating:**

Marc Catlin, Montrose County

**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  
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD  
Alesha Frederick, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD  
Ian Philips, Accountant, CRWCD  
Gayle Berry, Public Affairs Specialist, Berry & Kirscht, LLC  
Chris Votoupal, Votoupal Government Affairs  
John Justman, Mesa County  
Torie Jarvis, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, Q/Q Committee  
Jackie Brown, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association

**Quorum.**

President Merritt found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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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.

**External Affairs.**

**State Affairs:**

**HB19-1271 CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD TO AUGMENT STREAM FLOWS WITH ACQUIRED WATER RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DECREED FOR AUGMENTATION USE**

**Short title:** Augmentation of Instream Flows

**Recommendation: Support with Savings Clause included**

Director Chandler-Henry moved, seconded by Director Stiegelmeier, to **support HB19-1271 with Savings Clause included**. Motion carried 11:2. Directors voting against the motion: Acquafresca and Gray. Director Whinnery was not present during this portion of the meeting.

**HB19-1279 CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL (PFAS) SUBSTANCES**

**Short title:** Public Health Firefighter Safety Regulation

**Recommendation: Support**

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to **support HB19-1279**. Motion carried unanimously.

**SB19-212 CONCERNING GENERAL FUND SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE WATER PLAN, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**

**Short title:** Appropriation General Fund to Implement State Water Plan

**Recommendation: Support**

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to **support SB19-212**. Motion carried unanimously.

**SB19-221 CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**

**Short title:** CWCB Construction Fund Project Funding

**Recommendation: Support**

Director Vanden Brink moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to **support SB19-221**. Motion carried unanimously.

**Federal Affairs:**

Chris Treese reported the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) legislation is moving forward in the House and Senate with no opposition. Both hearings were held last week and the goal is to get the bill to the President before the Easter recess. Andy Mueller reported that staff will provide an update at the April quarterly board meeting addressing the Board's concerns related to the DCP.

**Contract with BBC Research and Consulting.**

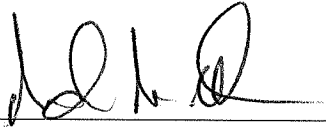
Director Vanden Brink moved, seconded by Director Whitmore, to approve a contract between the River District and BBC Research & Consulting, with the River District being the contracting agent for the Water Bank Work Group (WBWG) and subject to a cost-sharing agreement among the WBWG participants, not to exceed \$222,000 to conduct a Secondary Economic Impacts Study related to a demand management program.

Motion carried unanimously. President Merritt requested quarterly updates to the Board on this study.

**Adjourn.**

There being no other business before the Board, President Merritt adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager

  
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David H. Merritt, President

