

MINUTES¹
FIRST 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

January 18, 2022

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, the First 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, January 18, 2022, via Zoom.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Martha Whitmore, President, Ouray County
Kathy-Chandler Henry, Vice President, Eagle County
Mark Roeber, Delta County
Steve Beckley, Garfield County
Mike Ritschard, Grand County
Kathleen Curry, Gunnison County
Stan Whinnery, Hinsdale County
Scott McInnis, Mesa County
Tom Gray, Moffat County
Alden Vanden-Brink, Rio Blanco County
Doug Monger, Routt County
Rebie Hazard, Saguache County
Taylor Hawes, Summit County
John Ely, Pitkin County

Directors not participating:

Marc Catlin, Montrose County

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter C. Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Chief of Operations, CRWCD
Jason V. Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Director of Asset Management/Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Amy Moyer, Director of Strategic Partnerships, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Director of Science and Interstate Matters, CRWCD
Marielle Cowdin, Director of Public Relations, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Director of Governmental Relations, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
Stephanie Moore, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Michael Eytel, Sr. Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Lindsay DeFrates, PR and Media Specialist, CRWCD

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.

Lyzzi Borkenhagen, Administrative Assistant, CRWCD
Bert Bell, Palo Verde Irrigation District
Bill Madsen, Town of Snowmass Colorado
Dennis Webb, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel
Heather Sackett, Aspen Journalism
Paula Stepp, Middle Colorado Watershed Council
Mitch Dorsk, Mountain Studies Institute
Laura Spann, Southwestern Water Conservation District
Orla Bannan, Western Resource Advocates
Robert Sakata, Sakata Farms
Sam Potter, West Divide Water Conservancy District
Kathy Rall, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Kyle Vanderberg, Redlands Water & Power
Lani Kitching, Proudline Guided Fly Fishing, LLC
Trebor
Joanne Rock

Quorum.

President Whitmore found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Presentation and Report of Directors' Credentials for Delta, Eagle, Grand, Hinsdale, and Summit Counties.

Andy Mueller reported that the executed credential for the directors from Delta County (Mark Roeber), Eagle County (Kathy Chandler-Henry), Grand County (Mike Ritschard), Hinsdale County (Stan Whinnery), and Summit County (Taylor Hawes) have been received by the River District. Director Ely moved, seconded by Director Curry, to accept the credentials as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (The credentials are attached as Appendices A-E).

Election of Board Officers for 2022.

Election of President:

Director Chandler-Henry moved, seconded by Director Hawes, to nominate Director Whitmore as president. Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to close nominations and elect Director Whitmore as president for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Vice President:

Director Curry moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to close nominations and elect Director Chandler-Henry as vice president for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution for Outgoing Directors.

President Whitmore presented, for Board approval, a resolution commending outgoing Delta County Director, Thomas Alvey, for his thirteen years of service to the Colorado River Water Conservation District, Delta County, and its water users. Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Beckley, to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda.

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

- a. Designation for Posting Notices.
- b. Reappointment of General Manager, General Counsel, and Treasurer.
- c. Confirmation of Assistant Secretary.

- d. Approval of Minutes and Actions Taken:
 - i. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, September 8, 2021.
 - ii. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, September 27, 2021.
 - iii. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting & Budget Workshop, September 30, 2021.
 - iv. Minutes of Fourth Regular Joint Quarterly Meeting, October 19-20, 2021
 - v. Minutes of Special Joint Meeting, December 8, 2021.
- e. Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports, Check Registers, and Draft Financials for September and October 2021.

General Manager's Report.

Roundtable Appointments for Yampa-White-Green and Southwest Basin Roundtables.

Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Hawes, to appoint Mike Eytel as the River District Representative to the Yampa-White-Green Roundtable; and Dave Kanzer as the River District Representative to the Southwest Basin Roundtable. Motion carried unanimously.

External Affairs.

State Affairs.

Zane Kessler presented the following bills for action:

HB22-1001: Concerning Wildfire Mitigation Incentives for Local Governments.

Recommendation: Support.

After discussion by the directors, President Whitmore directed staff to bring this item back at the next board meeting for further discussion and action.

HB22-028: Concerning Groundwater Compact Compliance Fund.

Recommendation: Support.

Director Curry moved, seconded by Director Chandler-Henry, to support HB22-028. Motion carried unanimously.

SB22-030: Concerning Water Resources Review Committee to Include Agriculture.

Recommendation: Monitor.

Director Hazard moved, seconded by Director Whinnery, to monitor SB22-030. Motion carried unanimously.

SB22-029: Concerning Investment Water Speculation.

Recommendation: Amend.

Director Chandler-Henry moved, seconded by Director Beckley, to amend SB22-029. The motion passed 8:5; Directors McInnis, Gray, Ely, Vanden Brink, and Hazard voting against. Director Whinnery did not vote; and Director Catlin was not present. President Whitmore directed staff to bring this bill back at the next board meeting for further discussion.

Project Operations and Updates (Enterprise Matters).

Approval of Contract with Advanced Terra Testing, Inc.

Director Ritschard moved, seconded by Director Monger, to approve the General Manager, after review and approval by counsel, to execute a contract with Advanced Terra Testing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for geotechnical laboratory testing. Motion carried unanimously.

Ruedi Reservoir.

Andy Mueller requested the Board waive the \$400 application fee as requested by the CWCB for its 1,750 acre-foot contract from Ruedi Reservoir for anchor ice mitigation and enhanced flows in the 15-mile reach. Director Hawes moved, seconded by Director Roeber, to waive the \$400 application fee as requested. Motion

carried unanimously.

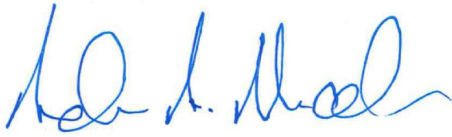
Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, *President Whitmore* adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.



Martha Whitmore, President

ATTEST:



Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager