

**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**

**February 25, 2021**

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Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special joint 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 Thursday, February 25, 2021 via Zoom.

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**Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:**

Martha Whitmore, President	Kathy-Chandler Henry, Vice President
Tom Alvey	Doug Monger
Steve Acquafresca	Tom Gray
Marc Catlin	John Ely
Alden Vanden Brink	Rebie Hazard
Taylor Hawes	Kathleen Curry
Steve Beckley	

**Directors not participating:**

Mike Ritschard	Stan Whinnery
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**Other participating during all or part of the meeting:**

Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD  
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD  
Audrey Turner, Chief of Operations, CRWCD  
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD  
Zane Kessler, Director of Governmental Affairs, CRWCD  
Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, CRWCD  
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD  
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD  
Alesha Frederick, Director of Outreach and Information, CRWCD  
Eleanor Hasenbeck, Water Policy & Communications Fellow, CRWCD  
Brendon Langenhuizen, Sr. Water Rights Engineer, CRWCD  
Luci Wilson, Accountant, CRWCD  
Lyzzi Borkenhagen, Administrative Assistant, CRWCD  
Gayle Berry, Berry & Kirscht, LLC  
Wendall Koontz, Commissioner, Delta County  
Chris Treese, Southwestern Water Conservation District

**Quorum.**

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

**Report and Presentation of Credentials for Garfield County Director.**

President Whitmore reported that the River District had received and reviewed executed credentials for Garfield County director Steve Beckley. Director Chandler-Henry moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to accept the Garfield County director credentials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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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:**

Zane Kessler presented the following bills for discussion:

**HB21-1008: CONCERNING INCREASED OPTIONS FOR FINANCING FOREST HEALTH PROJECTS.**

**Recommended Position: Support.**

Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Hawes, to **support HB21-1008**. Motion carried unanimously.

**HB21-1042: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE WATER STORAGE TANK WILDFIRE MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM.**

**Recommended Position: Monitor.**

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Monger, to **monitor HB21-1042**. Motion carried unanimously.

**HB21-1043: CONCERNING A STUDY OF UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFICIAL USE OF WATER WITHIN COLORADO.**

**Recommended Position: Monitor.**

Director Vanden Brink moved to **oppose HB21-1043**. The motion died for lack of a second. Director Catlin moved, seconded by Director Monger, to **monitor HB21-1043**. Motion carried with Director Vanden Brink opposing the motion.

**HB21-1046: CONCERNING THE USE OF A WATER RIGHT OBTAINED THROUGH A MUTUAL DITCH CORPORATON.**

**Recommended Position: Monitor.**

Director Hawes moved, seconded by Director Curry, to **monitor HB21-1046**. Motion carried unanimously.

**SB21-034: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ENTERPRISE THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADMINISTER A FEE-BASED WATER RESOURCES FINANCING PROGRAM.**

**Recommended Position: Monitor.**

Director Chandler-Henry moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to **monitor SB21-034**. Motion carried unanimously.

**SB21-054: CONCERNING TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CASH FUNDS TO BE USED TO ADDRESS WILDLAND FIRES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

**Recommended Position: Support.**

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Hawes, to **support SB21-054**. Motion carried unanimously.

**HJR21-1002: CONCERNING APPROVAL OF WATER PROJECT REVOLVING FUND ELIGIBILITY LISTS ADMINISTERED BY THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

**Recommended Position: Support.**

Director Catlin moved, seconded by Director Monger, to **support HJR21-1002**. Motion carried unanimously.

**Federal Affairs:**

Zane Kessler reported that the administration is engaged in making position appointments and the confirmation process is underway.

**General Manager's Update.**

Andy Mueller reported that River District staff has met with Senator Hickenlooper and staff members from Representative Boebert's office to provide updates on River District activities and priorities.

**Adjourn.**

There being no other business the Board, President Whitmore adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.



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Martha Whitmore, President

ATTEST:



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Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO  
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This is to certify that the Board of County Commissioners of Garfield County has appointed Steven Beckley as Director of the Colorado River Water Conservation District for a term ending in January 2024, beginning with the January 19, 2021 first regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of said Colorado River Water Conservation District.

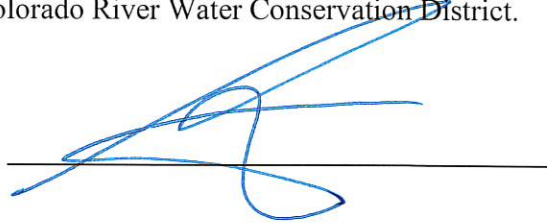
Steven Beckley has been a resident of Garfield County for at least two years preceding the date of his/her appointment and is a freeholder who has paid taxes on real property in Garfield County during the preceding year.

  
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Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR  
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

STATE OF COLORADO   )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF GARFIELD )

I, Steven Beckley, being first duly sworn, do solemnly swear upon my oath that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and that I will impartially, without fear or favor, discharge the duties of a Director of the Colorado River Water Conservation District.



STATE OF COLORADO   )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF GARFIELD )

Steven Beckley, has appeared before me and subscribed and  
sworn to the foregoing Oath of Office on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



Jean m. alvarez  
County Clerk and Recorder