

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 11, 2021

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, March 11, 2021 via Zoom.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

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

Directors not participating:

Martha Whitmore, President

Other participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Chief of Operations, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Director of Governmental Affairs, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Deputy Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, 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
Mike Eytel, Sr. Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Gayle Berry, Berry & Kirscht, LLC
Chris Votoupal, Votoupal Government Affairs
Chris Treese, Southwestern Water Conservation District
Torie Jarvis, NWCOG
Sonja Chavez, Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Susan Collins
Josh Blanchard

Quorum.

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

External Affairs,

State Affairs:

Zane Kessler presented the following bills for discussion:

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.

SB21-136: CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FOREST HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to **support SB21-136**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB21-145 CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE SET TO EXPIRE IN 2021 WILL APPEAR ON THE STATE INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN FORM.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Hawes, to **support SB21-145**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB21-164: CONCERNING THE UNIFORM EASEMENT RELOCATION ACT.

Recommended Position: Oppose.

Director Gray moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to **oppose SB21-164**. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Affairs:

Zane Kessler presented the following bill for discussion:

WESTERN WATER RIGHTS SECURITY ACT (bill number pending).

Recommended Position: Support.

This bill's goal is to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Catlin, to **support the Western Water Rights Security Act**. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn.

Director Acquafresca moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m.



Martha Whitmore, President

ATTEST:



Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager