

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 31, 2022

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 31, 2022, via Zoom.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Martha Whitmore, President, Ouray County
Steve Beckley, Garfield County
Kathleen Curry, Gunnison County
Scott McInnis, Mesa County
Alden Vanden Brink, Rio Blanco County
Doug Monger, Routt County
Rebie Hazard, Saguache County
John Ely, Pitkin County
Marc Catlin, Montrose County
Taylor Hawes, Summit County
Mike Ritschard, Grand County
Mark Roeber, Delta County

Directors not participating:

Kathy-Chandler Henry, Vice President, Eagle County
Stan Whinnery, Hinsdale County
Tom Gray, Moffat County

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Audrey Turner, Chief of Operations, CRWCD
Zane Kessler, Director of Governmental Relations, CRWCD
Stephanie Moore, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Don Meyer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Raquel Flinker, Sr. Water Resources Engineer/Project Manager, CRWCD
Marielle Cowdin, Director of Public Relations, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Director of Science and Interstate Matters, CRWCD
Hunter Causey, Director of Asset Management/Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Brendon Langenhuizen, Director of Technical Advocacy, CRWCD
Lindsay DeFrates, PR and Media Specialist, CRWCD
Chris Votoupal, Votoupal Government Affairs LLC
Sue Hansen, Montrose County Commissioner
Gayle Berry, G Berry Corp.
Cindy Dozier
Chris Treese

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.

Quorum.

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

External Affairs.

State Affairs:

Zane Kessler presented the following bills for action:

HB22-1316: Concerning the Funding of Colorado Water Conservation Board of Projects, and, in Connection Therewith, Making an Appropriation.

Short Title: Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Projects.

Recommendation: Support.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Roeber, to support HB22-1316. Motion carried unanimously.

SB22-158: Concerning Support for Species Conservation Trust Fund Projects, and, in Connection Therewith, Making an Appropriation.

Short Title: Species Conservation Trust Fund Projects.

Recommendation: Support.

Director Hawes moved, seconded by Director Curry, to support SB22-158. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Affairs.

Zane Kessler reported that the River District has a new contractor, Natural Resource Results, to represent the interests of the River District in Washington, D.C.

General Counsel's Report – Executive Session.

Peter Fleming 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):

- a. Matters Proposed for Executive Session:
 - i. Wolford Mountain Reservoir and Ritschard Dam Operations (An Enterprise Matter).

Director McInnis moved, seconded by Director Monger, to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b)(legal advice) and (e)(negotiations). Motion carried unanimously.

Peter Fleming 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.

President Whitmore reconvened into public session at 12:31 p.m.

General Counsel's Report – Public Session.

Peter Fleming reported that during Executive Session, the Board provided guidance to staff and General Counsel on Wolford Mountain Reservoir and Ritschard Dam Operations (An Enterprise Matter). Mr. Fleming also reported that there were no action items resulting from Executive Session.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, *President Whitmore* adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.



Martha Whitmore, President

ATTEST:



Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager

Executive Session Attestations.

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



Peter C. Fleming, General Counsel