

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

April 8, 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, Eagle County
Doug Monger, Routt County
Tom Gray, Moffat County
Stan Whinnery, Hinsdale County
Taylor Hawes, Summit County
Mike Ritschard, Grand County

Tom Alvey, Delta County
Steve Acquafresca, Mesa County
Marc Catlin, Montrose County
John Ely, Pitkin County
Kathleen Curry, Gunnison County
Alden Vanden Brink, Rio Blanco County

Directors not participating:

Martha Whitmore, President, Ouray County
Steve Beckley, Garfield County

Rebie Hazard, Saguache County

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
Zane Kessler, Director of Governmental Affairs, CRWCD
Ian Philips, Chief Accountant, CRWCD
Mike Eytel, Sr. Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
Eleanor Hasenbeck, Water Policy & Communications Fellow, CRWCD
Brendon Langenhuizen, Sr. Water Rights Engineer, CRWCD
Amy Moyer, Director of Strategic Partnerships, CRWCD
Lyzzi Borkenhagen, Administrative Assistant, CRWCD
Gayle Berry, Berry & Kirscht, LLC
Chris Treese, Southwestern Water Conservation District
David Merritt
Orla Bannan, Western Resource Advocates
Katie Duncan
Torie Jarvis, NWCOG
Chris Votoupal, Votoupal Government Affairs
Heather Sackett, Aspen Journalism

Quorum.

Vice President Chandler-Henry found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:04

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.

External Affairs

State Affairs: Zane Kessler presented the following bills for discussion:

HB21-1226: CONCERNING ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO CONTROL AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Whinnery moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to **support HB21-1226**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB21-1242: CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL DROUGHT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Curry, to **monitor HB21-1242**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB21-1260: CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE WATER PLAN.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to **support HB31-1360**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB21-1261: CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR BEETLE KILL WOOD PRODUCTS.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Curry, to **support HB21-1261**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB21-189: CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD PROJECTS.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Acquafresca, to **support SB21-189**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB21-220: CONCERNING THE STABILIZATION OF REVENUE IN THE SERVERANCE TAX OPERATIONAL FUND BY RETURNING MONEY THAT WAS TRANSFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY GRANT PROGRAMS.

Recommended Position: Support.

After further review of the bill, Zane Kessler changed the recommended position to **monitor**.

Director Monger moved, seconded by Director Curry, to **monitor SB21-220**. Motion carried with Director Alvey opposing the motion.

SB:21-225: CONCERNING THE REPAYMENT OF CASH FUNDS FROM WHICH WAS TRANSFERRED IN 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE GENERAL FUND.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Vanden Brink moved, seconded by Director Monger, to **support SB21-225**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB21-234: CONCERNING CREATION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND DROUGHT RESILIENCY FUND.

Recommended Position: Support.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Hawes, to **support SB21-234**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB21-235: CONCERNING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS.

Recommended Position: Support.

The Board chose to table discussion of the bill.

Director Alvey requested a report and discussion on **SB21-087** at the April 20-21, 2021 quarterly meeting.

General Counsel's Report-Executive Session.

Peter Fleming reported that the following matter qualified for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(b)(legal advice) and (e)(negotiations):

Wolford Mountain Reservoir.(An Enterprise Matter).

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Vanden Brink, to move 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.

Vice President Chandler-Henry reconvened into Public Session at 1:22 p.m.

General Counsel's Report – Public Session.

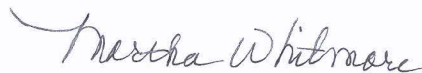
Peter Fleming reported that during Executive Session, the Board provided guidance to staff and General Counsel on the following matter:Wolford Mountain Reservoir.(An Enterprise Matter).

Staff members Andy Mueller, Jason Turner, Audrey Turner and Lorra Nichols were present during Executive Session.

Mr. Fleming also reported there were no action items resulting from Executive Session

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, Vice President Chandler-Henry adjourned the meeting at 1:23 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 Fleming, General Counsel