

**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**

**August 12, 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, August 12, 2021 via Zoom.

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

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

**Directors not participating:**

Tom Alvey, Delta County

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

Andy Mueller, General Manager, CRWCD  
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD  
Audrey Turner, Chief of Operations, CRWCD  
Jason Turner, Senior Counsel, CRWCD  
Brenden Langenhuizen, Director of Technical Advocacy, CRWCD  
Dave “DK” Kanzer, Director of Interstate Matters & Science, CRWCD  
Hunter Causey, Director of Asset Management/Chief Engineer, CRWCD  
Lindsay DeFrates, Public Relations & Media Specialist, CRWCD  
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD  
Luci Wilson, Accountant, CRWCD  
Marielle Cowdin, Director of Public Relations, CRWD  
Raquel Flinker, Senior Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD  
Stephanie Moore, Executive Assistant, CRWCD

Aaron Derwingson, The Nature Conservancy  
Chelsea Miera, West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas  
Carol Howe, Montrose Press  
Jack Niece, Ouray Commissioner Member District 3

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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.

Karen Kwon, Water Confluences, LLC  
Kirsten Kurath, Williams Turner & Holmes, P.C.  
Marjo Curgus, Del Corazon Consulting  
Mike Camblin, Camblin Livestock  
Roger Rash, Montrose Commissioner District 3  
Troy Waters, Grand Valley Water Users Association  
Barbara Dungey  
Shereen Najafi  
Janet Chapman

**Quorum.**

President Whitmore found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**General Manager's Report.**

**Presentation and Discussion of Colorado River Demand Management Stakeholder Report.**

Andy Mueller reported that the Demand Stakeholder Advisory Report has been completed and presented the highlights and recommendations included in the of the Report to the Board.

**Request to Enter into Contract with Colorado Water Conservation Board and Waive Water Marketing Policy Application Fee for 2021 Elkhead Augmentation Contracts.**

Andy Mueller reported on the River District efforts to assist in keeping the “call” off the Yampa River this summer, despite the reservoir releases made by the River District and others as the persistently dry conditions indicate that a “call” and priority administration may be forthcoming. Pursuant to the Governor’s drought declaration, money was made available to the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to purchase augmentation water to assist irrigators in the drought-stricken areas of the State. The River District currently has 677 acre-feet of water available for the purposes in Elkhead Reservoir. Accordingly, Mr. Mueller sought Board approval to enter into a contract with the Colorado Water Conservation Board for the lease of 677 acre-feet of water from Elkhead Reservoir. This water will then be made available as a source of augmentation, pursuant to individual contract, to River District constituents, free of charge. Mr. Mueller further requested that the Board agree to waive the River District’s \$250 application fee for these individual contracts.

*Director Vanden Brink moved, seconded by Director Curry to authorize a contract with the Colorado Water Conservation Board in the amount of 677 acre-feet from Elkhead Reservoir to provide augmentation supplies to River District constituents and to waive the \$250 water application fee associated with those augmentation contracts. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Adjourn.**

There being no other business before the Board, President Whitmore adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.



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Martha Whitmore, President

ATTEST:



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Andrew A. Mueller, Secretary/General Manager