

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

February 19, 2009

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special joint meeting telephone conference 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 19, 2009.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

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| Andrew A. Mueller, President | Thomas R. Sharp, Vice President |
| Warner Dewey | David H. Merritt |
| Tom Gray | Richard Proctor |
| Thomas Alvey | Forrest Nelson |
| William S. Trampe | |

Directors not participating:

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| Stephen M. Mathis | Rebie Hazard |
| John Ely | Thomas A. Long |
| James Newberry | |

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Eric Kuhn, General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Associate Counsel, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Education Specialist, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Mary Kalmes, Sr. Accountant/Admin. Chief, CRWCD
Audrey Hughes, Human Resources Manager, CRWCD
Laura Locke, Williams & Locke
Shanna Koenig, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Quorum.

President Mueller found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Review and Approve Agenda and Meeting Objectives.

Director Dewey moved, seconded by Director Alvey, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes and Actions Taken.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Dewey, to approve the minutes and actions taken at the Special Joint Meeting, Telephone Conference, February 5, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

External Affairs.

State Issues:

SB 09-119: CONCERNING HAZARDOUS WASTE DUMPING CONSEQUENCES.

Recommendation: Support.

Chris Treese relayed that SB 09-119 would make the penalties associated with dumping hazardous waste in water equal to the penalties for dumping hazardous waste on land..

Director Sharp moved, seconded by Director Nelson, to support SB 09-119. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 09-216: CONCERNING INCREASES IN THE FEES PAID TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Recommendation: Support full funding for the Division of Water Resources, but minimize impact to water users.

Mr. Treese reported that SB 09-216 contains substantial fee increases for well permits, dam design reviews and substitute supply plans.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Proctor, to accept support full funding for the Division of Water Resources, but minimize impact to water users regarding SB 09-216. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 09-1289: CONCERNING THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND.

Recommendation: Support.

Mr. Treese noted that funding for selenium studies in the Gunnison River Basin and the 10,825 alternative are contained in HB 09-1289, as well as programs for various species of sage grouse.

Director Trampe, moved, seconded by Director Dewey, to support HB 09-1289. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal Issues:

Mr Treese reported that the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District efficiency improvement project as well as the Uncompahgre Water Users selenium project are strong candidates for receiving federal funds from the recently signed stimulus bill. Other projects within the River District are being explored for possible funding.

General Counsel's Report.

Peter Fleming reported that the following matters qualify for discussion in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(4)(a)(property acquisition):

Potential Acquisition of Real Property.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Dewey, to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried

unanimously.

President Mueller reconvened into public session at 12:48 p.m.

Public Session:

Peter Fleming reported that during Executive Session, the Board provided guidance to staff and General Counsel on the following matter:

Potential Acquisition of Real Property.

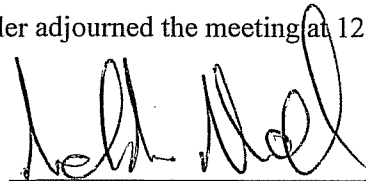
Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Proctor, to authorize counsel and staff to enter into negotiations for a contract to acquire real property in the Grand Junction area for the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District efficiency improvements project. Motion carried unanimously.

Aspinall Unit Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

Mr. Fleming relayed that the Aspinall draft EIS has been published. The River District will be submitting comments.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Mueller adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.



Andrew A. Mueller, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager

