

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 19, 2009

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 CRWCD Acting by and through its Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise was held by telephone conference on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the CRWCD office, 201 Centennial Drive, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, President	Stephen M. Mathis
Thomas Alvey	David H. Merritt
John Ely	Richard Proctor
Rebie Hazard	William S. Trampe

Directors not present:

Warner Dewey	James L. Newberry
Tom Gray	Thomas R. Sharp, Vice-President
Thomas A. Long	Jon Stavney
Forrest F. Nelson	

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager, CRWCD
Peter Fleming, General Counsel, CRWCD
Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Business Support Specialist, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Associate Counsel, CRWCD
Danny Williams, Williams & Locke

Quorum.

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

External Affairs.

State Issues:

SJR 09-023 CONCERNING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR EXISTING TERMS OF THE COLORADO RIVER COMPACT.

Chris Treese noted that the resolution passed the House and Senate.

Anticipated Produced Waters Legislation

Mr. Treese reported that the bill concerning produced waters has yet to be introduced; however, it is scheduled for a hearing next week. Provisions of the current draft limit the applicability to coal bed methane (CBM) production; will require a water well permit; and will be subject to an approved substitute water supply plan and eventual approval of an augmentation plan. In addition, the State Engineer's Office will be required to conduct a rule-making on how non-CBM wells will be addressed.

¹ 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.

SB 09-216 CONCERNING INCREASES IN THE FEES PAID TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE DNR, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 LONG APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

Mr. Treese reported that the bill was amended in the House Agriculture Committee to eliminate all proposed increases in permit and review fees paid to the Division of Water Resources.

HB 09-1308 CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FIRST TIER FUNDING FROM THE OPERATIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACTS FOR THE 2008-09 AND 2009-10 FISCAL YEARS.

Mr. Treese reported that the bill had passed the House Agriculture Committee.

Federal Issues:

Colorado Senator Michael Bennet has scheduled a meeting with our Board of Directors for April 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Colorado River District office.

S. 22: Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009

Mr. Treese reported that provisions of this bill include designating certain lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and authorizing certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. Of particular interest to the River District are the wilderness designation for Dominguez Canyons, funding for the Recovery Program and funding for the Arkansas Valley Conduit, which may involve implementing legislation concerning the Fry-Ark Project.

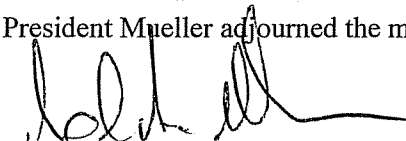
General Counsel Manager Informational Items.

Peter Fleming briefly reviewed the contract for purchasing property near Grand Junction, CO by the River District to assist in future efficiency improvements for the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Mathis, to ratify the contract to purchase property near Grand Junction, Colorado. Motion carried unanimously.


Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Mueller adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.



Andrew A. Mueller, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager