

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 1, 2010

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, April 1, 2010, at the offices of the Colorado River Water Conservation District, 201 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Directors participating during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, President	David H. Merritt
Warner Dewey	Forrest F. Nelson
John Ely	Richard Proctor
Tom Gray	Jon Stavney
Rebie Hazard	William S. Trampe
Stephen M. Mathis	Thomas R. Sharp, Vice President
Gary Martinez	

Directors not participating:

Tom Alvey	James Newberry
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Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Dan Birch, Deputy General Manager, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication & Education Specialist, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Associate Counsel, CRWCD
Shanna Koenig, Water Quality/Quantity Committee, Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Quorum.

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

External Affairs.

State Issues:

HB 10-1388: CONCERNING THE AUGMENTATION OF THE GENERAL FUND THROUGH TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN MONEYS.

Mr. Treese reported that this bill, supported by the Joint Budget Committee and the Governor's Office would among other things transfer monies from the Perpetual Base Account of the Colorado Water Conservation Board to the State's General Fund.

Director Dewey moved, seconded by Director Mathis, to have staff seek to **amend HB 10-1388** by removing the section that transfers \$11M of the Perpetual Base Account of the Colorado Water Conservation Board to the State's General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

HB 10-13XX: CONCERNING THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND PROJECTS AUTHORIZATION.

Although this annual bill has not yet been assigned a bill number, Mr. Treese relayed that this year's bill would authorize only two projects, both of which are of interest to the River District. The first provides \$1.5 million for assistance with the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District improvements. The other, and larger, funds the South Platte species recovery project.

Director Sharp moved, seconded by Director Proctor, to **support HB 10-13xx** when introduced, so long as the introduced bill is consistent with the funding authorizations as outlined by Mr. Treese. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 10-1250: CONCERNING THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD (CWCB) CONSTRUCTION FUND.

This bill was pulled from the House Agricultural Committee's agenda to allow the CWCB to hold a special meeting to amend the bill approving the purchase of \$36M worth of water from the Animas-La Plata (A-LP) project over three-year period. The CWCB a held a special meeting by telephone this past Monday and approved the option.

Director Hazard moved, seconded by Director Nelson, to **support the amendment to HB 10-1250**. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 10-1051: ANNUAL REPORTING FOR WATER EFFICIENCY INFORMATION.

Ms. Moore reported that although the board initially opposed the bill due to concerns relating to incomplete language on the reporting of water conservation efforts, this bill is slated to be amended in the House Agriculture Committee on April 7th. The amendment is anticipated to provide for a process which will allow input from stakeholders to address such issues as the development of CWCB guidelines for reporting conservation data by "covered entities." Additionally more time is given for providing and analyzing the data.

Director Proctor moved, seconded by Director Martinez, to **support the amendment for HB 10-1051**. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Mueller adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.



Andrew A. Mueller, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager