

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**

August 2, 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 Monday August 2, 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	Thomas R. Sharp, Vice President
Tom Alvey	David H. Merritt
James L. Newberry	William S. Trampe
Warner Dewey	Richard Proctor
Tom Gray	Stephen M. Mathis
Forrest F. Nelson	Gary Martinez

Directors not participating:

Jon Stavney	Rebie Hazard
John Ely	

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
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Mary Kalmes, Sr. Accountant/Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Jason Turner, Associate Counsel, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication & Education Specialist, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Mike Eytel, Water Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD

Quorum.

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

Approval of Amendment to River District/Summit County IGA on Old Dillon Reservoir.

Director Alvey moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to approve an extension of the River District/Summit County IGA on Old Dillon Reservoir to October 31, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Director Martinez abstained from the vote.

Federal Affairs.

Update on 10,825 Ruedi Legislation:

Eric Kuhn reported that the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has made a counterproposal to the River District on the District's 10,825 Ruedi federal legislation. The purpose of the legislation was to make non-reimbursable, the West Slope's share of water (5,412.5 a.f.) that the 15 Mile Reach Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) requires for endangered fish in the 15 Mile Reach.

Reclamation has offered a water service contract for the required water for approximately \$1,100,000 plus annual operations and maintenance costs of approximately \$18,000 (at the current rate). The State of Colorado is exploring a contribution of roughly \$500,000 for this effort. Mr. Kuhn and staff went on to recommend Board approval in concept, subject to the following conditions: 1) Discussion with Reclamation on why it proposed a water service contract, not a repayment contract. 2) An explanation of language regarding Reclamation's support of legislation to make the water service contract a permanent contract. 3) The State of Colorado provides a contribution of \$500,000 toward the contract. 4) The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Reclamation and others involved agree a 40-year water service contract satisfies the permanent water supply requirement of the 15 Mile Reach PBO.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Mathis, to approve in concept, a water contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, subject to the conditions presented by staff. Motion carried unanimously.

General Counsel's Update.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to authorize Counsel and staff to make any necessary revisions to the permanent 10,825 water supply agreement to be consistent with the proposed 10,825 water service contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Wild and Scenic Stakeholders Process:

Peter Fleming reported a proposed compromise will be discussed by the Wild and Scenic Stakeholders Group to the effect that the wild and scenic plan in place would not terminate, but lock into place, the resource guides that were in effect at the time should any interest group withdraw from the plan. The remaining groups would have the ability to decide if the plan should continue.

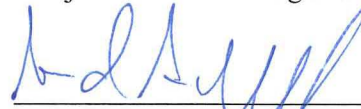
Approval of Participation in Water Quality Coalition, and Approval of Coalition Special Counsel.

Jason Turner reported a water quality coalition has been formed to consider and address, as necessary, the upcoming rulemaking regarding nutrient criteria scheduled for 2011. The River District has been invited to be a participant.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Trampe, to authorize the River District to participate in the water quality coalition, and to approve Tad Foster and John Hall, counsel for the coalition, to represent the River District as a member of the coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Mueller adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.



Andrew A. Mueller, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager