

MINUTES¹

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

September 15, 2010

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special joint meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) was held on Wednesday September 15, 2010 at the offices of the Ute Water Conservancy District, 2190 H 1/4 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

CRWCD Directors present during all or part of the meeting:

Andrew A. Mueller, President	Thomas R. Sharp, Vice President
David H. Merritt	James L. Newberry
William S. Trampe	Warner Dewey
Tom Gray	Stephen M. Mathis
John Ely	Jon Stavney
Richard Proctor	

CRWCD Directors not present:

Forrest F. Nelson	Gary Martinez
Rebie Hazard	Tom Alvey

CRWCD staff present 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
Jason Turner, Associate Counsel, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication & Education Specialist, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Ray Tenney, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD

CWCB Directors present during all or part of the meeting:

Geoff Blakeslee, Chair	Travis Smith
John Redifer	April Montgomery
John McClow	Barbara Biggs
Carl Trick	Dick Wolfe
Jennifer Gimbel	Reed Dils

Alexandra Davis (for Director Mike King)

Convene.

Chairman Blakeslee convened the joint meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Discussion of State and Regional Water Issues.

A discussion ensued between the Boards that included: 1) the future role that the CWCB may play in the potential settlement agreement between Denver Water and West Slope entities on various water issues. 2) The development of a compact water bank to meet the challenges of a future Colorado River Compact curtailment. The River District is currently involved in this effort with the Southwestern Water Conservation District, the Nature Conservancy, the State of Colorado, and the Front Range Water Council. It was noted that the Compact Compliance Study being conducted by the CWCB has considered the water bank as a component of its study. 3) Phase I of the CWCB-sponsored Colorado River Water Availability Study has been completed and the comments received from various entities will be posted on the CWCB website. The focus of the CWCB will now be to refine phase I of the study for accuracy before engaging in phase II. 4) The role and future direction of the IBCC was discussed. The IBCC is currently examining water supply and demand scenarios with the goal of identifying future water management and development strategies.

Concerns expressed by the River District ranged from how to preserve both West Slope and East Slope agriculture to creating viable water management strategies and avoidance of a compact curtailment. President Mueller also expressed the River District's appreciation for Jennifer Gimbel's assistance with the River District's 10,825 federal legislation and the CWCB's support of the Wild and Scenic stakeholders process.

Adjourn.

CWCB Chairman Blakeslee adjourned the joint meeting at 12:08 p.m.



Andrew A. Mueller, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager