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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

March 31, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special meeting telephone conference of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD) was held on Wednesday March 31 201, 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:

Thomas R. Sharp, President	James Newberry, Vice President
Jon Stavney	David H. Merritt
William S. Trampe	Steve Acquafresca
Warner Dewey	Gary Martinez
Forrest F. Nelson	Tom Alvey
Andrew A. Mueller	Tom Gray

Directors not participating:

Jon Ely	Rebie Hazard
Stephen M. Mathis	

Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication & Education Specialist, CRWCD
Mary Kalmes, Sr. Accountant/Administrative Chief, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Sr. Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Audrey Hughes, Human Resources Specialist, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Denise Hussain, Records Specialist, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Lorra Nichols, Paralegal, CRWCD
The Honorable John Hickenlooper
John Stulp, Chair, Interbasin Compact Committee
James Eklund, Govenor's Staff
Tyler Smith, Governor's Staff
Heather MacGregor, Post Independent
Dennis Webb, Daily Sentinel
Christina Mazzarra, KREX, Channel 5

Quorum.

President Sharp found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

Discussion with Governor Hickenlooper.

President Sharp welcomed Governor Hickenlooper and expressed the River District's appreciation for his ongoing support of the Denver Water-West Slope negotiations regarding long-standing disputes over transmountain diversions and the resultant legal issues. A wide-ranging discussion then ensued covering topics such as: the viability of the HB-1177 Roundtables/IBCC process; conservation and reuse; the benefit of projects such as Denver Water's proposed WISE Project that would market reusable effluent to south-metro water providers that are dependent upon non-renewable groundwater as well as other East Slope providers; implementation issues surrounding the "global settlement" between Denver Water and the West Slope; the importance to the West Slope of reaching a settlement with Denver on issues connected to the Shoshone Power Plant water rights and operations; water quality; and, the future role of the state in the creation and implementation of a statewide water supply plan.

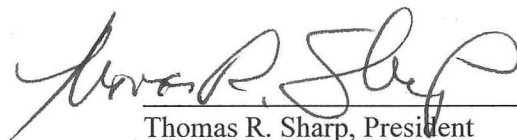
The Board relayed concerns to Governor Hickenlooper including: the divisions and potential conflicts that may arise as the result of the state endorsing any specific water project; the possibility of state agencies hindering the implementation of the Denver Water-West Slope settlement as well as special interest groups; the Shoshone Power Plant issues being disregarded after implementation of other portions of the settlement as well as reaching an agreement with Xcel Energy on the Shoshone Power Plant issues; the increasing expense and difficulties being encountered by smaller municipal water providers to comply with ever-increasing water quality standards issued by the Environmental Protection Agency; the continuation and protection of agriculture both on the West and East Slopes; and, the potential consequence of accelerating a Colorado River Compact curtailment as a result of a new transmountain diversion.

Governor Hickenlooper relayed the state's support for the Denver Water-West Slope settlement and commended the River District, its West Slope partners, and Denver Water for undertaking the negotiations and mediation process. He also noted that the process should serve as a model for future negotiations and settlements on water issues throughout the state, and praised Denver Water for its successful conservation efforts. John Stulp relayed that the Department of Natural Resources saw "no red flags" in the settlement, and encouraged the momentum on the agreement to continue, but also noted that the educational effort is a critical element for broad acceptance and success of the settlement.

The governor expressed his support of the HB-1177 Roundtables/IBCC process and viewed it as a venue to encourage participation from a broad range of people and positions to create a long-term and sustainable statewide water supply plan, voiced "cautious" optimism for the success of a such a plan, and expressed the opinion that keeping the rivers healthy was a critical factor to the economic health of the entire state.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Sharp adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a. m.


Thomas R. Sharp, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager