

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 31, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly and properly given, a special telephone conference joint meeting 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, March 31, 2011, 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
Andrew A. Mueller	Forrest F. Nelson
Tom Alvey	Gary Martinez
Warner Dewey	William S. Trampe
Stephen M. Mathis	David H. Merritt
Tom Gray	Jon Stavney
Steven Acquafresca	

Directors not participating:

John Ely	Rebie Hazard
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Others participating during all or part of the meeting:

Chris Treese, Manager, External Affairs, CRWCD
John Currier, Chief Engineer, CRWCD
Laurie DePaolo, Executive Assistant, CRWCD
Dave Kanzer, Senior Water Resources Engineer, CRWCD
Martha Moore, Public Affairs Specialist, CRWCD
Jim Pokrandt, Communication & Education Specialist, CRWCD
Laura Locke, Corporate Advocates, Inc.

Quorum.

President Sharp found a quorum and called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

External Affairs.

Staff was directed to prepare a letter of thanks for the visit to the River District by Governor Hickenlooper earlier today.

State Issues:

HB11-1289 CONCERNING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACTS WITH REGARD TO WATER SUPPLY STRUCTURES

Chris Treese noted that the bill provides every person with a property interest, including an interest in the water, an opportunity to object prior to a structure being nominated for the state or national register.

¹An 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.

Director Merritt moved, seconded by Director Mathis to **SUPPORT HB11-1289**. Motion carried unanimously.

SB11-203: CONCERNING THE SPECIES CONSERVATION TRUST FUND AND APPROVING THE SPECIES ELIGIBILITY LIST

Chris Treese reported that the annual project/program bill includes appropriations for assistance to the River District for contracting for 5412 AF of water from Ruedi Reservoir for endangered fish, selenium management and control in the Gunnison basin and continued conservation of sage grouse.

Director Mueller moved, seconded by Director Newberry to **SUPPORT SB11-203**. Motion carried unanimously.

State Budget

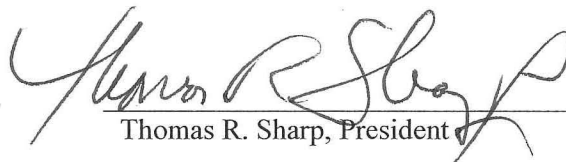
Chris Treese noted that although the projected state budget deficit has been cut in half by recent revenue projections most bills with fiscal notes remain stalled in either House or Senate Appropriations Committees. And a partisan divide is keeping the "Long Bill" (budget bill for FY 2012) from being introduced.

Federal Issues:

Chris Treese reported that during his recent visit to Washington, DC he met with Bureau of Reclamation and Congressional committee staff regarding the draft legislation authorizing and directing the Bureau to provide a permanent contract for 5,412.5 acre-feet of water for the West Slope's half of the Colorado River water users' 10,825 annual acre-feet obligation to the endangered fish under the 15 Mile Reach Biological Opinion. It was decided not to introduce the legislation until after a 40-year contract is executed and which can then be changed to a permanent contract without expiration. Treese indicated we expect contract execution for the 40-year contract in early 2012.

Adjourn.

There being no other business before the Board, President Sharp adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.


Thomas R. Sharp, President

ATTEST:



R. Eric Kuhn, Secretary/General Manager