UPPER ARKANSAS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

August 9, 2018
1:00 P.M.

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, August 9, 2018, at the District offices, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado, commencing at 1:00 P.M., notice having been given by posting of Notice and Agenda on August 8, 2018, at the offices of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ralph L. (Terry) Scanga	Ken Baker	Robert M. Senderhauf
Franklin J. (Jay) Moore	Timothy C. Canterbury	Tim Payne
Richard Hilderbrand	Mannie Colon	Robert B. (Bill) Donley
Tom E. French	Thomas Goodwin	Gregory W. Felt
John H. Sandefur	Brett A. McMurry	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT
Jeff Ollinger

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chelsey Nutter, Projects Manager	Kendall K. Burgemeister, Attorney
Jord Gertson, Hydrologist	Kimberly Kerschke, Secretary

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT
Chris Manera, Engineer

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT
Brian Sutton, Water Commissioner

GUESTS PRESENT
Joe Stone, Ark Valley Voice
Kristie Nackord, Fremont County
Wendy Ryan, Colorado River Engineering
Harald Kasper, City of Salida
Kimberly Parker

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION
Introduction of guests will be held over to the Board meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF July 12, 2018
The minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2018, were unanimously approved upon motion by committee member Colon with second by committee member French.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by committee member Goodwin with second by committee member Canterbury, the committee unanimously approved the financial report dated July 31, 2018.

Committee member Canterbury inquired about funds received from Danneberg and Manager Scanga reported that this was augmentation for a small subdivision.

Committee member Donley noted the increase in office rental income and Manager Scanga remarked that this was not an increase in rent prices but a reflection of moneys being received at different times.

Committee member Canterbury asked about the Colorado Climate Center expense and Manager Scanga reported that this is payment for maintenance on the CoAgMet stations.

Committee member French asked for an explanation of over-pumping fees. Manager Scanga stated that this line item is the combination of several received payments. Between $10,000 and $20,000 was budgeted for this year, some of which has yet to be received.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Terry Scanga

Augmentation Report

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation reports for June and July. As of the end of July total State approvals for augmentation were 531.36 acre-feet. Replacements for the month were 82.63 acre-feet including transit loss.

HYDROLOGIST REPORT

Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 0.0 acre-feet of native water, 42.9 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water, and 0.0 acre-feet of project carryover. Pueblo reservoir has 1166.4 acre-feet of project carryover and 1,000 acre-feet of project water. Total storage is at 4125.2 acre-feet.

Discussion followed regarding the 202 acre-foot lease with the Board of Water Works Pueblo (BWWP). This water can be taken from Pueblo Reservoir, Twin Lakes Reservoir, or Clear Creek Reservoir. Manager Scanga added that we lease 202 acre-feet per year but we have to take that water by the end of March and put it in our space. Director Colon asked if we pay evaporation when we move it and Manager Scanga said that we only pay evaporation when we put it in our space. We can also augment directly from BWWP's space.

Manager Scanga provided information on a new lease for Lake Ranch. Manager Scanga said that this lease is functioning as an experiment and, if it works, there is the potential to work with ditch owners in our District or possibly apply for Fry-Ark water for irrigation purposes.

A question was posed about the possibility of a winter storage program in conjunction with the effort to provide irrigation water to agricultural. Manager Scanga said we should move through the process one step at a time and that he believes a winter water storage program in the Upper Basin is not feasible.

Director Felt asked about the softening pool and if it is meant to forestall the 1974 Rocky Ford call. He also asked if we are approaching that call and, if so, could the softening pool be implemented this year. Manager Scanga said that we need space to implement the softening pool. Our alluvial storage project and other storage projects have to come on line, otherwise we have to go to the Bureau for a special classification. The possibility could exist for a long term excess capacity contract.

Regarding Project water for use on irrigated lands, those lands must fall within the Southeast District and that water can only be used as a supplemental supply. Project water cannot be a primary source of water. Director Colon asked what percentage is required for Project water to be used as a supplemental source. Manager Scanga responded that he has not heard of any specific percentage and does not believe a percentage has been defined by Southeastern.

Regarding flows on the Arkansas River, Director Goodwin asked Water Commissioner Sutton about the amount of native water currently in the river. Of the 400 cfs showing on the Parkdale gage, Commissioner Sutton reported that about 190 cfs is native.

Questions were posed about the state of DeWeese Reservoir. Hydrologist Gertson reported that the reservoir is currently at 37.9% capacity and there is concern about next year's refill.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Chris Manera, Colorado River Engineering
Deferred to next meeting

LEGAL REPORT - Kendall Burgemeister, Law of the Rockies
Deferred to District Board meeting

OTHER BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN
No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., General Manager

Ken Baker

Thomas Goodwin

Timothy C. Canterbury

Absent From Approval Meeting - no signature
Richard Hilderbrand

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Mannie Colon

Franklin J. Moore

Robert B. Donley

Absent- No Signature
Jeff Ollinger

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