

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

**January 14, 2021
1:00 P.M.**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, January 14, 2021 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 January 13, 2021, at the offices of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)

Ralph L. (Terry) Scanga	Ken Baker	Timothy C. Canterbury
Franklin J. (Jay) Moore	Tom E. French	Thomas Goodwin
Mike Shields	Richard Hilderbrand	

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO
CONFERENCING)**

Gregory W. Felt	Richard Hilderbrand
Mannie Colon	Robert B. (Bill) Donley
Tim Payne	Tony Telck

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Warren Diesslin
Brett A. McMurry

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)

Jord Gertson, Hydrologist
Jennifer Scanga, Secretary

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO
CONFERENCING)**

Chris Manera, Engineer	Gracy Goodwin, Projects Manager
Kendall Burgemeister, Attorney	

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Bill Tyner, Division Engineer
Brian Sutton, Augmentation Coordinator/Water Commissioner

STATE OFFICIALS ABSENT

None

GUESTS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Joe Stone, Heart of the Rockies Radio
Richard Brown, Denver, Colorado
Dwayne McFall, Fremont County Commissioner
Tom Flower, Custer County Commissioner
Joel Benson, Town of Buena Vista

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

Introduction of guests will be held over to the Board meeting.

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF November 12, 2020

The minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2020, were approved upon motion by committee member French with second by committee member Hilderbrand.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Goodwin with second by committee member French, the committee approved the financial reports dated November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Terry Scanga

Augmentation Report

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation report for November and December 2020. As of the end of December 2020, total State approvals for augmentation were 686.57 acre-feet. Replacements for the month of November 2020 were 33.14 acre-feet including transit loss. Replacements for the month of December 2020 were 26.93 acre-feet including transit loss.

Manager Scanga stated in a written memorandum to Board Members that administration of the District umbrella augmentation plans is a continuous operation and progresses each year. The past year demands for augmentation have increased and he expects it to continue to increase this year especially for the augmentation of ponds and reservoirs that are coming under administrative scrutiny by the Division.

Annual Meter Reading Reporting

Manager Scanga discussed a new policy which was adopted in May of 2020. The new policy requires submission of the annual meter reading request form along with a photograph of the meter dial face showing the actual reading at the time of form completion and signed by owner of the structure. Manager Scanga explained that the policy also outlines a new requirement for over-pumping or exceeding allowable water use. The policy states that UAWCD Augmentation Plan Participants who exceed their allowable water use allocation pursuant to their augmentation certificate and permit, will be required to purchase additional augmentation.

Manager Scanga explained that in the past over-pumpers were charged a fee to discourage over-pumping. The new policy was modified to bring participants into compliance with the terms and conditions of the UAWCD decree and augmentation participant agreements.

Manager Scanga added that this new requirement is to confirm an accurate meter reading. He said the photo will help indicate inconsistent meter readings and urge consistent over-pumpers to come into compliance. Manager Scanga also stated that the requirement assists the District in facilitating proper water replacements. Manager Scanga went on to explain that in this digital age there are many options for submitting a photo and the photo eliminates human error when transcribing numbers onto paper. He added that there are some customers who have already purchased additional augmentation due to over-pumping. Manager Scanga then explained another portion of the policy which covers meter certification. He said the policy states that at the time of initial installation, the meter is to be certified by the installer and verified by the District. If meter readings show uncharacteristic attributes such as overuse or large amounts of overuse, the structure and usage will be investigated further. The owner will be notified, and the District will require meter testing and verification of accuracy. If the usage has been consistent with the allowed uses and no leaks are found, then the water user's meter will be re-certified and re-certification will be provided to the District. If the meter is found to be faulty then it must be replaced, and accuracy of the new meter certified with the District. The policy was officially approved by Board Members in May 2020 during the monthly Board Meetings.

HYDROLOGIST REPORT

Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 3.9 acre-feet of native water and 1136.5 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water. Pueblo reservoir had 3316.4 acre-feet of project carryover and 1,500 acre-feet of project water. Total storage was at 5284.6 acre-feet.

Committee Member Shields questioned how the water in the project water account is used. Manager Scanga explained that the amount of water in the project carry over account is totally dependent upon the individual entities purchases of that water. Based on water needs, the amount needed to purchase changes from year to year. Manager Scanga expressed that it is not a function of what the diversion is producing but a function of what the entity foresees for future needs, and how much water is available to be purchased.

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Committee Member Canterbury asked when the maintenance work on the Cottonwood Lake Project would begin? Hydrologist Gertson said it is a priority for the District. Manager Scanga added that the Cottonwood dam and spillway require a lot of work and that a preliminary design was prepared by Engineer Manera in 2017 and has been submitted to United States Forest Service for issuance of a long-term permit. Manager Scanga said he received an update from the District Ranger who asserted that it is in the regional office and a decision should be made by late spring. Manager Scanga stated that in the application made to the U.S. Forest Service, the District asked for dam reconstruction and the ability to utilize more of the space in the reservoir by having a non-spill conservation pool to remain in the reservoir leaving all the space above the reservoir for District use. Manager Scanga said once approved, the next phase would be design and construction drawings and then contracting and the goal is to start construction in the fall. Hydrologist Gertson added that he has put tarps in the dam to move water over instead of through the dam.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Chris Manera, Colorado River Engineering

Deferred to next meeting

LEGAL REPORT - Kendall Burgemeister, Law of the Rockies

Deferred to next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

None

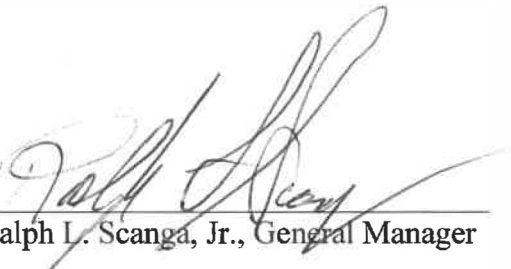
ADJOURN

No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm

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Respectfully submitted,


Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., General Manager


Ken Baker


Timothy C. Canterbury

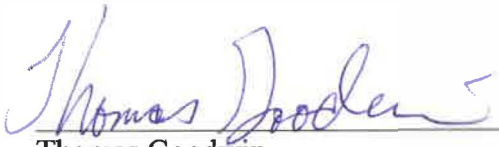
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