

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

**February 10, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the District offices, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado, commencing at 1:00pm, notice having been given by posting of Notice and Agenda on February 9, 2022, 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	Tim C. Canterbury	Brett McMurry
Ken Baker	Greg W. Felt	Warren Diesslin
Tom French	Thomas Goodwin	Mike Shields
Mannie Colon	Tim Payne	Albert Eggleston
Richard Hilderbrand		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Robert B. (Bill) Donley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Telck

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)

Jord Gertson, Hydrologist	Jennifer A. Scanga, Administrative Assistant
Kendall Burgemeister, Attorney	Gracy Goodwin, Projects Manager

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

Denise Sanchez, Office Manager	Wendy Ryan, Engineer
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DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Brown, Legislative Consultant

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

None

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None

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Brian Sutton, Augmentation Coordinator	Will Scott, Water Commissioner, District 11
Bill Tyner, Division Engineer	Dan Henrichs, Water Commissioner, District 12

GUESTS PRESENT

Kevin Day, Custer County Commissioner
Travis Payne, Canon City Water Superintendent

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Joe Stone, Heart of the Rockies Radio
Dave Schneider, Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District Manager
Sarah Mudge, Lake County Commissioner
Bobby Banham, Pueblo West Utilities
Dwayne McFall, Fremont County Commissioner

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 13, 2022

The minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2022 were approved upon motion by committee member French with second by committee member Colon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Goodwin with second by committee member Felt, the committee approved the financial reports dated January 31, 2022.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Terry Scanga

Augmentation Report

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation report for January 2022. As of the end of January, total State approvals for augmentation were 730.70 acre-feet. Replacements were 26.87 acre-feet including transit loss.

Lake County Phase 1 Administrative Agreement:

Manager Scanga informed Board members about the discussion taken place among himself, Atty Burgemeister and Lake County Commissioners regarding the potential for UAWCD to administer the Lake County umbrella augmentation plan. Manager Scanga explained that the discussion involved management of their water supplies and how best to structure the administrative tasks versus legal tasks revolving around their plan. It was decided that any legal matters would be handled by Lake County's own legal advisors and not UAWCD consultants and administrative tasks would be handled by the UAWCD with basic guidelines established and approved by Lake County. Manager Scanga stated that he suggested a cost structure like the UAWAE's with components that include an application fee, annual accounting fee, annual storage and maintenance fee, and a one-time augmentation fee. UAWCD will retain the application and account fees paid directly to UAWCD by the applicant. He added that Lake County would pay a monthly fee to the District for establishment and maintenance of a presence and outreach source for potential clients and fielding question.

Committee member French asked if any interest was shown or any comments made during the meeting with Lake County to join the District? Manager Scanga explained that it was discussed some and he assessed the cost of being included within the District and the potential for waiving the cost to get in.

Manager Scanga said that if Lake County decides to agree to the contract, then an intergovernmental agreement would be developed setting forth the provisions in the agreement and presented to the Board for consideration. He added that we are trying to conceptualize what the agreement would look like, and he would like some guidance from Lake County as to what is acceptable. Manager Scanga concluded that once we know what is acceptable to them and they are aware of the District expectations, then we can proceed with drafting an agreement for presentation to the Board.

Committee member Felt asked if there is already an augmentation plan in place for Lake County? Manager Scanga explained that they do have their own decree, but they do not know how to administer it which is where the District comes in. He explained that when our District started the augmentation plan, there were only some basic things in place and a purchase price for water had to be determined and applications had to be drafted. He said that it has been through time that numerous provisions and procedures have been added. Manager Scanga stated that the District's administration procedures for augmentation have been developed since 1994 and Lake County is starting from where we began many years ago. He added that the Lake County plan is much more complex than the one the UAWCD started with in 1994. Manager Scanga stated that much of the cost other than the \$1000/month he proposed to them will be borne by the applicant and water augmentation users. He said that Leadville's water tap fee is roughly \$10,000-\$12,000/ tap and the augmentation water fee is like a tap fee even though you aren't supplying the water directly to the user but instead are supplying the legal right to divert water and that is how you judge your water fee cost. Manager Scanga gave a comparison to the annual augmentation maintenance and storage fee and the city's monthly water cost and said that is how it can be related to figure out what a reasonable cost is.

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Atty Burgemeister expressed that whatever Lake County decides, the District has been a learning tool for them and provided value to them through the information that has been shared including how to think conceptually about pricing.

County Commissioner Mudge explained that the proposal is in the evaluation stage and she will be in touch with the District after it has been reviewed.

Arnold Gulch Weather Station:

Manager Scanga explained that he was approached by Blue Triton asking the District to take ownership of a weather station, collect data, and display the findings on the District website along with the other weather stations the District currently operates and displays. He said that Blue Triton would provide all costs associated with permitting, construction, physical operations, maintenance, and repairs and the data would be transmitted to the District GOES satellite and downloaded onto our website. Manager Scanga stated that the cost to the District would be minimal and the station would be located upon United States Forest Service (USFS) lands and require a special use permit that the UAWCD would obtain. Manager Scanga recommended the approval of this proposal and added that an agreement would be presented to the Board upon completion of a final draft.

Chairman Canterbury asked about the weather station location. Manager Scanga said it is above Ruby Mountain Springs and drains down into the lower end of Trout Creek Park.

Director Colon asked if it is the same type of weather station as the others the District operates? Hydrologist Gertson said it is different and consists of a 20-foot tower with a higher atmospheric perimeter and a snow radar.

Hydrologist Gertson clarified for Director Felt that they are trying to establish a recharge component and Director Eggleston offered assistance with location.

HYDROLOGIST REPORT

Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 2.9 acre-feet of native water and 31.1 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water. Pueblo reservoir had 2432.0 acre-feet of project carryover and 599.0 acre-feet of project water. Total storage was at 4673.4 acre-feet.

Committee member Shields asked about DeWeese Reservoir and the correlation between what is coming in and going out and whether the District can determine what is released? Hydrologist Gertson explained that the DeWeese Dye Ditch Company holds all winter water and through an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) the District can use some of their water rights to help them store water on an if and when basis in DeWeese. He stated that the District stores approximately 50-acre feet to help BLM maintain fishery flows during winter months. Mr. Gertson added that DeWeese stores all native flows and they must pay a percentage of that storage to Colorado Canal.

Committee member Colon asked if Oxford's ponds are larger than Valco ponds due to the evaporation difference? Hydrologist Gertson explained that Valco is only one transaction. Manger Scanga clarified that there is water from other entities included in the evaporative loss coverage.

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

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm

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Respectfully submitted,


Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., General Manager


Ken Baker


Thomas Goodwin, Treasurer

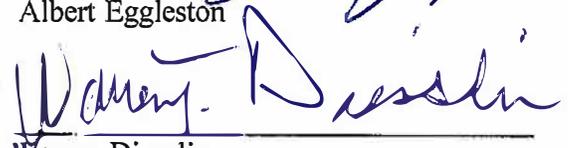
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