

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

**February 13, 2025
1:00 PM**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday February 13, 2025, 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 12, 2025, at the offices of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)

Gregory W. Felt	Timothy C. Canterbury	Tony Telck
Tom E. French	Brett A. McMurry	Warren Diesslin
Thomas Goodwin	Robert B. (Bill) Donley	Albert Eggleston
Richard Hilderbrand	Mike Shields	Ben Lenth

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Mannie Colon

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)

Ralph L.(Terry) Scanga, Jr., District Advisor	Gracy Goodwin, Project Manager
Jord Gertson, Hydrologist	Kendall Burgemeister, Attorney
Chris Manera, Engineer	Jennifer A. Scanga, Administrative Asst.

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

Richard Brown, Legislative Consultant	Denise Sanchez, Office Manager
---------------------------------------	--------------------------------

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dan Henrichs, Water Commissioner, District 12
Talon Canterbury, Deputy Water Commissioner, District 12
Jerry Livengood, Water Commissioner, District 13

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

None

STATE OFFICIALS ABSENT

Rachel Zancanella, Division Engineer
Joe Crabb, Augmentation Coordinator
Will Scott, Water Commissioner, District 11

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Stone, Heart of the Rockies Radio News
Allen Keeling, Division of Water Resources
Travis Payne, Canon City Water Superintendent
Luke Javernick, Director of River Science
Kyle Horne, Executive Director of Canon City Area Recreation and Park District
Maggie Gointa, Colorado River Engineering
Joel Benson, Senior Policy Advisor & Project Advocate for Town of Buena Vista

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

GUESTS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Dwayne McFall, Fremont County Commissioner
Erin Minks, Regional Director at Congressman John Salazar
Andy Klakalak, USGS

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The introduction of guests will be held over to the Board meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 9, 2025

The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2025, were approved upon motion by committee member French with second by committee member Telck.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Director Goodwin with a second by Director Telck, the Board approved the monthly financial reports dated January 31, 2025.
Committee member McMurry asked about the Water Shed Ranch. Advisor Scanga stated that it is a pond near the old Springer Ranch.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Greg Felt

Augmentation Report

Manager Felt displayed the augmentation report for January 2025. As of the end of January total State approvals for augmentation were 760.59 acre-feet. Replacements were 25.18 acre-feet including transit loss.

Advisor Scanga clarified that the 'Curtaillable New Pond line' in the augmentation report addresses situations where water is scarce. In those cases, ponds used for domestic purposes might need to be temporarily reduced. He also noted the District hasn't yet implemented this type of water augmentation plan.

HYDROLOGIST REPORT

Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 5.5 acre-feet of native water and 72.1 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water. Pueblo reservoir had 3325.0 acre-feet of project carryover and 1500.0 acre-feet of project water. Total water in storage was 6691.9 acre-feet.

Hydrologist Gertson detailed to Director Hilderbrand the water and cost aspects of project storage. He specified that the new allocation incorporates a storage fee, with carryover applying to the following year. Advisor Scanga elaborated on this, noting that this storage fee is a recent development. He cited a Southeast District study on storage costs, which he had long requested to address the problem of unused stored water. He explained that water was being purchased and stored without use, resulting in evaporation and preventing others from accessing it. This led to the implementation of the carryover storage charge. He further illustrated this issue with an example involving the City of Salida and North Fork Reservoir, where the city stored water that was never utilized.

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 1:20pm.

[The remainder of this page is intentionally left blank.]

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory W. Felt, General Manager



Timothy C. Canterbury

absent - no signature

Mannie Colon



Robert B. Donley



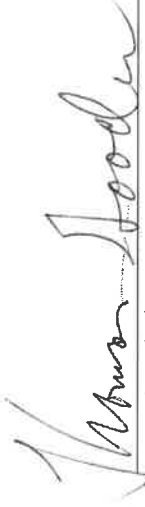
Ben Lenth



Tom E. French



Brett A. McMurry



Tom Goodwin, Treasurer



Richard Hilderbrand



Albert Eggleston



Warren Diesslin



Tim Payne



Tony Telck

absent - no signature

Mike Shields