

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

**April 10, 2025
1:00 PM**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday April 10, 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 April 9, 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	Ralph L. (Terry) Scanga, Jr.	Warren Diesslin
Tom E. French (acting Chair)	Tim Payne	Albert Eggleston
Robert B. (Bill) Donley	Tony Telck	Ben Lenth
Brett A. McMurry	Mike Shields	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Thomas Goodwin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Mannie Colon	Timothy C. Canterbury	Richard Hilderbrand
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DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)

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

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

Richard Brown, Legislative Consultant

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

Denise Sanchez, Office Manager

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dan Henrichs, Water Commissioner, District 12
Allen Keeling, Water Commissioner, District 13
Talon Canterbury, Deputy Water Commissioner, District 11
Robert Canda, Deputy Water Commissioner, District 12

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Will Scott, Water Commissioner, District 11

STATE OFFICIALS ABSENT

Rachel Zancanella, Division Engineer
Tanner Camper, Augmentation Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Stone, Heart of the Rockies Radio News
Bill Canda, Custer County Commissioner
Joel Benson, Town of Buena Vista
Robert Sakata, Colorado Agricultural Water Policy Advisor
Kristie Nackord, Lower Arkansas Valley Conservancy District (LAVWCD)
John Kuhlman, City of Colorado Springs

GUESTS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)

Katie Garrett, Colorado Springs Utilities

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2025

The minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2025, were approved upon motion by committee member Donley with second by committee member Shields.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Telck with a second by committee member Eggleston, the Board approved the monthly financial reports dated March 31, 2025. The April Quarterly Financial Statement was presented to the Board for review.

Manager Felt clarified for committee member McMurry, the over pumping fees on the financial report. He stated that individuals who pump more than their annual pumping allotment, incur an over pumping fee and hence required to purchase additional augmentation to compensate for the over pumping.

HYDROLOGY REPORTS

Augmentation Report

Hydrologist Gertson displayed the augmentation report for March 2025. As of the end of March total State approvals for augmentation were 780.74 acre-feet. Replacements were 32.39 acre-feet including transit loss.

Committee member Donley inquired about the Pueblo Reservoir water spill that occurred three years prior and questioned if measures were in place to prevent future occurrences. Advisor Scanga stated that the long-term solution to mitigate spill risk is the enlargement of the reservoir.

Hydrologist Gertson assessed the likelihood of another spill as low. Commissioner Henrichs clarified the current water management situation at Pueblo Reservoir, stating that all water being evacuated is currently stored water. He emphasized that no native water is being removed, with the exception of the Bessemer Ditch call. He concurred with Mr. Gertson's assessment regarding the low probability of a spill due to the significant volume of water being transferred from Pueblo Reservoir to John Martin Reservoir.

Reservoir Storage

PM Goodwin reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 7.5 acre-feet of native water and 70.0 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water. Pueblo reservoir had 3303.3 acre-feet of project carryover and 1500.0 acre-feet of project water. Total water in storage was 6721.1 acre-feet.

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 1:16pm.

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Respectfully submitted,



Gregory W. Felt, General Manager

Absent

Timothy C. Canterbury

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Tom French

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Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., District Advisor

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Thomas Goodwin, Treasurer

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Richard Hilderbrand

Albert Eggleston

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Warren Diesstin

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Tim Payne

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Tony Telck