

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**Water Activity Enterprise Committee**

**May 12, 2022  
1:00 P.M.**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, May 12, 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 May 11, 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	Gregory W. Felt (acting Chair)	Tony Telck
Ken Baker	Robert B. (Bill) Donley	Mike Shields
Tom French	Mannie Colon	Albert Eggleston
Thomas Goodwin	Rich Hilderbrand	

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

Tim C. Canterbury  
Tim Payne  
Mike Shields

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Warren Diesslin

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT (IN PERSON)**

Kendall Burgemeister, Attorney	Jennifer A. Scanga, Administrative Assistant
Chris Manera, Engineer	Gracy Goodwin, Projects Manager

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

Denise Sanchez, Office Manager  
Richard Brown, Legislative Consultant

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jord Gertson, Hydrologist

**STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT**

None

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Dan Henrichs, Water Commissioner, District 12  
Will Scott, Water Commissioner, District 11

**STATE OFFICIALS ABSENT**

Brian Sutton, Augmentation Coordinator  
Bill Tyner, Division Engineer

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Tom Flower, Custer County Commissioner

**GUESTS PRESENT (BY REMOTE VIDEO AND AUDIO CONFERENCING)**

Joe Stone, Heart of the Rockies Radio News  
Joel Benson, Town of Buena Vista

**CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION**

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

## RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF April 14, 2022

The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2022 were approved upon motion by committee member French with second by committee member Telck.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Goodwin with second by committee member Colon, the committee approved the financial reports April 30, 2022.

### MANAGER'S REPORT – Terry Scanga

#### Augmentation Report

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation report for April 2022. As of the end of April, total State approvals for augmentation were 643.77 acre-feet. Replacements for April were 37.86 acre-feet including transit loss. The end of the year total replacement is 731.98 acre-feet.

#### Castle Rock Construction Company of Colorado, LLC Water Lease:

Manager Scanga informed the Board of a proposal for a 2-year water lease agreement for 20 acre-feet of water for a project on state highway 115 with Castle Rock Construction Company of Colorado, LLC. Upon motion by committee member Hilderbrand, seconded by committee member Goodwin, the Board approved the long-term water lease with Castle Rock Construction of Colorado, LLC.

### HYDROLOGIST REPORT

#### Reservoir Storage

Projects Manager Goodwin reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 11.8 acre-feet of native water and 34.9 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water. Pueblo reservoir had 2372.8 acre-feet of project carryover and 599.0 acre-feet of project water. Total storage was at 4575.2 acre-feet.

Committee member Hilderbrand asked about the relationship between DeWeese Dye Ditch and DeWeese Reservoir. PM Goodwin explained that DeWeese Dye Ditch Company owns DeWeese reservoir and the water stored there is used primarily for irrigation. She added that the company has agreements with several entities for certain portions of the reservoir.

Manager Scanga clarified that the DeWeese Dye Ditch has native flow decrees and storage rights. Manager Scanga noted that Engineer Manera completed an efficiency study on DeWeese and a copy of report is available for review. He added that the report contains history and water rights that would give a broader understanding.

Engineer Manera explained that DeWeese Reservoir leases out storage space and some accounts are permanent while others are "if and when" space is available. He stated that DeWeese is part of the Winter Water Storage Program and per their decree, they can store water through winter months until March 15<sup>th</sup> when direct flow irrigators start calling on the river. He said that depending upon whether there is a large spring run-off period, the water is not legally available to top it off and they cannot fill the available space until the following November. Mr. Manera added that under the Winter Water Storage Program subsequent releases must be made to downstream reservoirs and part of the outflow is to satisfy water entitled to someone else. The reservoir may not fill all the way and some of the storage must be released right away, and in some years, there is space available for exchanges.

Committee member Colon asked where the inflow from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) comes from? Manager Scanga explained that BLM entered into an agreement with the District several years ago and exchanged 500 acre-feet of water into their space and the District would top off 50-100 acre-feet a year during that time. In exchange, the District received 50 acre-feet of their space under a contract the BLM had with the DeWeese Dye Ditch Company. He said 50 acre-feet was carved out for the "if and when" account. Manager Scanga stated that "if and when" is for times when water is not being stored and the District is able to utilize that space. He further explained that the way UAWCD operates that space is to exchange water into that 50 acre-feet of space and then evacuate that space before run-off begins again.

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Committee member Donley asked the date on the DeWeese Direct Flow Decree? Engineer Manera answered that the Direct Flow Decree for the DeWeese Dye Ditch near Canon City are 5 and 6 in priorities. He added that the earliest one is somewhere around 1866. He stated that their goal is to receive 20 cfs to distribute among their users. Mr. Manera stated that as the water right call on the mainstem changes, they have less direct flow water available. He said they use their reservoir to supplement their direct flow rights to meet their target of 20 cfs. Engineer Manera added that in a high run-off year if they are receiving their 20 cfs plus from their direct flow water rights, there is no need to release any water from their reservoir but as their direct flow water rights are called out then releases are made from their reservoir. Mr. Manera noted that goals are adjusted during drought periods. He clarified that DeWeese diverts their direct flow water rights seven days a week and several of their head stabilization ponds are filled and then distributed to their shareholders. He also noted that their water is released six days a week.

Committee member Goodwin asked if the low water levels on the Arkansas River have affected the District exchanges? PM Goodwin answered that some adjustments have been made and some exchanges out of Pueblo Reservoir have been moved to Twin Lakes but due to the beginning of run-off, normal exchanges are now able to be made.

### **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**

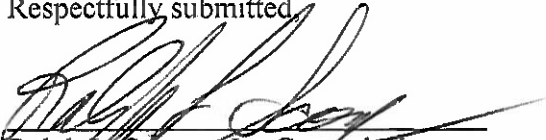
### **ADJOURN**


No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm

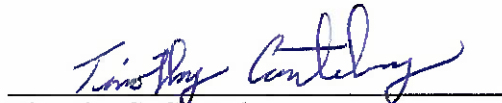
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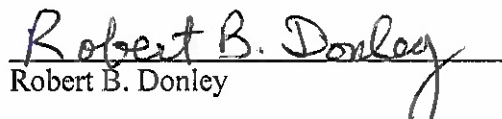
Respectfully submitted,

  
Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., General Manager

  
Ken Baker

  
Timothy C. Canterbury

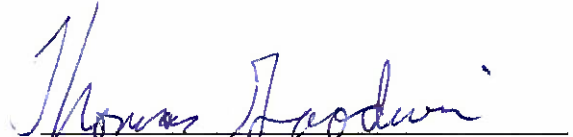
  
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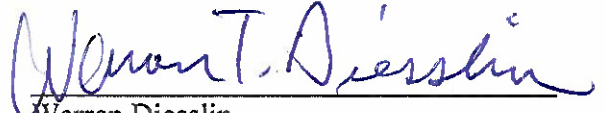
  
Tom E. French

  
Brett A. McMurry

  
Thomas Goodwin, Treasurer

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Richard Hilderbrand

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Albert Eggleston

  
Warren Diesslin

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Tim Payne

  
Tony Telck

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Mike Shields