

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

**March 14, 2019
1:00 P.M.**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, March 14, 2019, 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 March 13, 2019, at the offices of the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Ralph L. (Terry) Scanga	Ken Baker	Robert M. Senderhauf
Franklin J. (Jay) Moore	Timothy C. Canterbury	Tim Payne
Robert B. (Bill) Donley	Gregory W. Felt	Brett A. McMurry
Tom E. French	Richard Hilderbrand	Mannie Colon
John H. Sandefur	Thomas Goodwin	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Ollinger

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jord Gertson, Hydrologist	Kendall K. Burgemeister, Attorney
Chris Manera, Engineer (phone)	Kimberly Kerschke, Secretary
Wendy Ryan, Engineer (phone)	

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Sutton, Water Commissioner District 11
Dan Henrichs, Water Commissioner District 12
Jerry Livengood, Water Commissioner District 13

GUESTS PRESENT

See attached guest list.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 10, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2019, were unanimously approved upon motion by committee member Donley with second by committee member Sandefur.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Colon with second by committee member Hilderbrand, the committee unanimously approved the financial reports dated January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Terry Scanga

Augmentation Report

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation reports for January and February. As of the end of January total State approvals for augmentation were 612.91 acre-feet. As of the end of February total State approvals for augmentation were 614.76 acre-feet. Replacements for the month of January were 19.87 acre-feet including transit loss. Replacements for the month of February were 24.59 acre-feet including transit loss.

HYDROLOGIST REPORT

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Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 8.4 acre-feet of native water, 6.5 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water, and 99.9 acre-feet of project carryover. Pueblo reservoir has 553.7 acre-feet of project carryover and 1,000 acre-feet of project water. Total storage is at 3484.1 acre-feet.

Hydrologist Gertson offered a presentation of the Arkansas River Dashboard, specifically the Colors of Water for Division 2. The website shows different points along the stream and the different types, or colors of water, that are in the stream at any given time. The page also shows releases that are being captured in Pueblo Reservoir as you move downstream, along with exchanges that are taking place. The website would allow you to see what portion of the Voluntary Flow Management Program's water is in the stream, along with exchange potential. The Arkansas River Dashboard/Colors of Water can be found at <http://www.div2waterops.com/colorsofwater>.

Manager Scanga asked what happens after we send a request for a release or exchange to Division 2. Hydrologist Gertson said that we get a response from the system that says whether or not the request has been approved. Prior to that response being generated, the local water commissioner is notified that a request has been made and will approve or deny the request based on the conditions. That assessment is sent back to Division 2 and then an activation email is sent back from the system with approval or denial of the request.

Manager Scanga inquired as to the usability of the Dashboard for an entity with whom we have a stipulation on their decree, if they needed to know when things like exchanges were taking place. Hydrologist Gertson said that those entities could have a login to see stream conditions. While it was unclear if anyone could have an account, it was reported that the colors of water page is available to everyone.

Hydrologist Gertson provided a summary of the snowpack and reported that the state is at 112% of median and 154% of last year. The Arkansas River Basin is at 124% of median, 192% of last year, and 133% of average. The snow water equivalent is 154% of median.

Discussion followed on the allocation of Fry-Ark water and a forecast of 67,000 acre-feet had been projected by the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District as of March 1. A release of approximately 450 cfs from Twin Lakes is being done to make room for Fry-Ark imports.

Hydrologist Gertson offered a summary of the mountain precipitation and drought outlook. He said that, while the month of December was below average for precipitation, both January and February were above average. The probability for above average precipitation continues for the next couple of months. Hydrologist Gertson reported that the seasonal drought outlook shows drought remaining, but improving, with very little drought increase. This year the Arkansas River Basin is characterized as abnormally dry while last year the Basin was characterized as extremely dry.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Chris Manera, Colorado River Engineering

Deferred to next meeting

LEGAL REPORT - Kendall Burgemeister, Law of the Rockies

Deferred to District Board meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

None


ADJOURN

No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

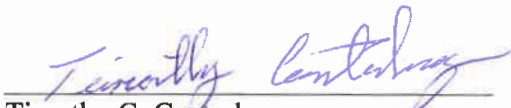
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Respectfully submitted,


Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., General Manager


Ken Baker


Timothy C. Canterbury



Mannie Colon

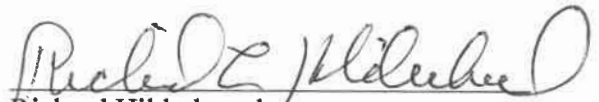

Robert B. Donley

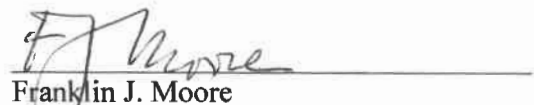

Gregory W. Felt

Absent for Approval - No signature
Tom E. French


Brett A. McMurry


Thomas Goodwin



Richard Hilderbrand


Franklin J. Moore

Absent from Meeting- No Signature

Jeff Ollinger

Approved By Phone
Tim Payne


John H. Sandefur


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