

**UPPER ARKANSAS WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Water Activity Enterprise Committee

**June 13, 2019
1:07 P.M.**

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the District offices, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado, commencing at 1:07 P.M., notice having been given by posting of Notice and Agenda on June 12, 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	Mike Shields
Franklin J. (Jay) Moore	Timothy C. Canterbury	Tim Payne
Robert B. (Bill) Donley	Brett A. McMurry	Thomas Goodwin
Tom E. French	Richard Hilderbrand	Mannie Colon
Tony Telck		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Gregory W. Felt Jeff Ollinger

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jord Gertson, Hydrologist	Kendall K. Burgemeister, Attorney
Chris Manera, Engineer	Kimberly Kerschke, Secretary
Gracy Goodwin, Projects Manager	

DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STATE OFFICIALS PRESENT

Brian Sutton, Water Commissioner
Jerry Livengood, Water Commissioner
Rachel Zancanella, Assistant Division Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT

Dick Shea, Penrose
John Sandefur, Penrose
Vic Barnes, Custer County
Valda Terauds, San Isabel Land Protection Trust
Dave Schneider, Round Mountain Water and Sanitation District
Robert & Carol Allison, Allison Ranch LLC
Tom Flower, Custer County Commissioner
Bob Hartzman, Canon City Water Superintendent
Joel Benson, Town of Buena Vista Senior Policy Advisor

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 9, 2019

The minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2019, were unanimously approved upon motion by committee member Donley with second by committee member Hilderbrand.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Goodwin with second by committee member Moore, the committee unanimously approved the financial report dated May 31, 2019.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Terry Scanga

Augmentation Report

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation report for May. As of the end of May total State approvals for augmentation were 624.82 acre-feet. Replacements for the month were 69.67 acre-feet including transit loss.

Committee member Canterbury drew attention to the augmentation replacement summary and noted that these are actual replacements being made for the month. For the benefit of those present he said that this is real water, not paper water.

Committee member Payne asked about the difference between Project carryover and 1st use Colorado River water. Manager Scanga explained that 1st use Colorado River water is water that is stored in Twin Lakes and it can either be Project water or Twin Lakes water. Project carryover is Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water that was allocated the previous year. Manager Scanga explained that the water sits in the same place but uses separate accounting.

HYDROLOGIST REPORT

Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 1.4 acre-feet of native water, 14.0 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water, and 15.0 acre-feet of project carryover. Pueblo reservoir has 1525.5 acre-feet of project carryover and 0 acre-feet of project water for this year's allocation although we will receive 1500 acre feet later this year. Total storage is at 3458.2 acre-feet.

Committee member Canterbury asked how reservoirs were filling and Hydrologist Gertson said that he has been filling by exchange and currently has 8 exchanges in process. Hydrologist Gertson also reported that Friend Ranch water is being captured in Pueblo Reservoir and captures for the Town of Poncha Springs are helping to keep their reservoirs full.

Commissioner Flower asked about the upper bay of Conquistador Reservoir, having noticed that it had been drained. Hydrologist Gertson said that there was an issue with the gate valve and that more detail would follow during Engineer Manera's report.

Hydrologist Gertson said that our new allocation of Project water will show up next month. Committee member Donley asked if we will be able to keep the water if we get 1500 acre feet in Project water on top of what we already have. Manager Scanga said that Project water cannot spill.

Committee member Colon asked what is happening with Pueblo and John Martin Reservoirs and Hydrologist Gertson said that he didn't have information as this is out of his area.

Assistant Division Engineer Rachel Zancanella said that Pueblo is filling fast, but there is tons of space in John Martin as it was low going into this year. Ms. Zancanella said that Pueblo is not likely to spill because of the space in John Martin and the fact that it is coming up at a slower rate. Manager Scanga asked what the fill priority is for John Martin and Ms. Zancanella said that it was decreed for conservation storage in 1948.

Water Commissioner Sutton spoke about a free river situation and said that, to get a free river, you have to spill at John Martin Reservoir and have usable flows at Garden City. Based on the information provided by Assistant Division Engineer Zancanella, this does not seem likely this year.

With regards to exchange potential on Cottonwood Creek, Hydrologist Gertson reported that the potential would not be there until later in June.

With regards to DeWeese, Water Commissioner Livengood said that the reservoir is not in priority to store with its 1901 priority date. It is currently at 79.2% of capacity. Winter water is being released for DeWeese Dye Ditch and Reservoir Company (DDDRC) downstream diversions. If the District had space to store in DeWeese, Manager Scanga asked if an exchange could be made on what is being released. Commissioner Livengood said that an exchange could be made on the amount released minus the DDDRC diversion. That diversion is between 20 and 22 cfs.

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

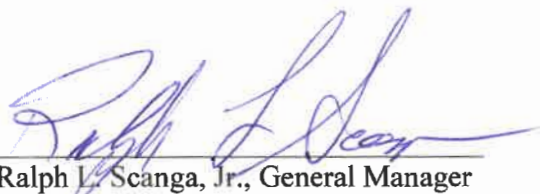
ADJOURN

No further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

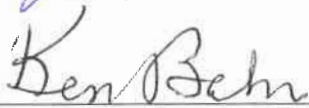
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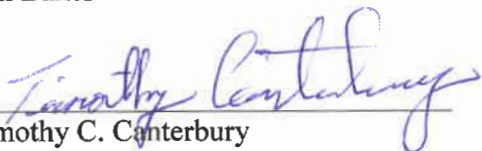
Respectfully submitted,



Ralph L. Scanga, Jr., General Manager



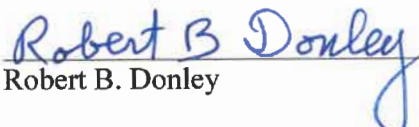
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Mannie Colon



Robert B. Donley

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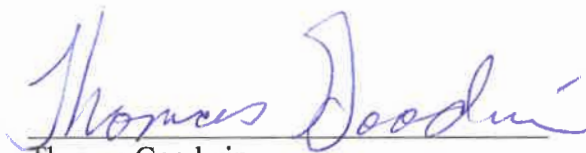
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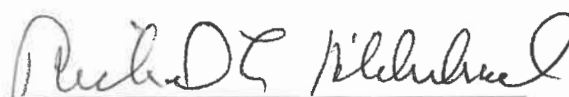
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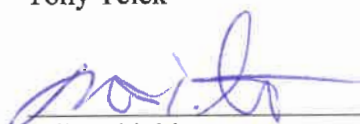
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