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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

**December 5, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 11:01 a.m. at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Bill Long	Curtis Mitchell	Ann Nichols
Carl McClure	Tom Goodwin	Dallas May
Seth Clayton	Alan Hamel	Andy Colosimo
Patrick Garcia	Pat Edelmann	

**DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:**

Greg Felt, Kevin Karney, Howard "Bub" Miller, and Mark Pifher

**DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Principal Engineer Kevin Meador; Water Resources Engineer Garrett Markus; Senior Policy and Issues Manager Chris Woodka; Finance Manager Leann Noga; Accountant Stephanie Shipley; and Federal Lobbyist Christine Arbogast.

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

George Hanzas, Catlin Canal; Curt Thompson AECOM; and Berniece McClure

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:**

President Long welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization they represented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Long said the minutes of the November 21, 2019 Board meeting were posted to the Board website for review, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mr. Hamel moved, seconded by Mr. May, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None

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**CONSENT ITEMS:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**2020 PROPOSED BUDGET AND RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

President Long called the Enterprise meeting to order to be held in conjunction with the District meeting for the 2020 Proposed Budget and Resolution approval.

Leann Noga reported the Board received the 2020 Proposed Budget on October 15, 2019. The 2020 Proposed Budget was presented to the Board of Directors and the general public at the November 21, 2019 Public Hearing. Since the November Public Hearing there has been no changes to the 2020 Proposed Budget.

There was a large increase in assessed value of property in the District for the 2020 budget period, the taxation increased 13 percent from the prior year. This poses an issue when complying with the Statutory Property Tax limitation or the 5.5 percent limitation rule (CRS 29-1-301), which limits tax revenues. The District will process a temporary mill levy rate reduction for the 2020 certification of mills to ensure that the District stays within all regulations in regards to tax revenue collections.

Final assessed valuation figures are anticipated to be received from all counties by December 10, 2019. Staff will then certify the full mill levy including temporary mill levy reductions by December 15, 2019. Because this process occurs after approval of the 2020 Budget, staff will adjust the mill levy tax revenues for the Final 2020 Budget Publication.

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mr. Edelman, the Board approve Resolution and Order No. 2019-01DF for the adoption of the 2020 Proposed Budget as presented, and authorize the Budget Officer to make any necessary adjustments to the stated mill levies and budgeted amounts by December 15, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board members were provided the December 5, 2019 version of the 2020 Proposed Budget.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

None

**MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

**U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

Roy Vaughan provided a written report reviewing the following:

- Imports were the third highest on record with the average at 95,722 AF. That is approximately 170 percent of our 40 year average.
- This is after 4 out of 5 years of above average imports.
- Snowpack in the collection system was well above average for all of the winter with significant accumulations into May and snow still occurring in late June.

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- The collection system opened May 3, runoff peaked in June, and continued into August.
- Charts illustrating storage amounts in Turquoise, Pueblo, and Twin Lakes.
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 122%; Twin Lakes 103%; Pueblo 121% as of November 27, 2019.
- Boustead Stored Cumulative Imports 2019.
- Arkansas River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary – November 25, 2019
- Colorado River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary – November 25, 2019

Reclamation is currently releasing 200 cfs from Twin Lakes and 3 cfs from Turquoise to Pueblo. Reclamation anticipates moving a total of 60,000 AF from their upper reservoirs to Pueblo. Movement of water will be adjusted according to the forecast and customer's needs.

**DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT**

None

**U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

None

**STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE**

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The Board was provided written material on the following topics, which were posted to the Board website:

- Water Court Resume
- Holiday Luncheon
- Arkansas River Compact Administration 2019 Annual Meeting – December 5 – La Junta
- CRWUA Annual Conference – December 11-13 – Las Vegas, NV
- Four States Irrigation Council 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – January 9-11 – Fort Collins
- Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention – January 29-31 – Denver

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales  
Administrative Manager

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Secretary

