

COLORADO RIVER AND WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2024

A meeting of the Colorado River and Water Supply Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 11:43 a.m. at the District office.

Chairman Tom Goodwin announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Goodwin – Chairman, Seth Clayton, Pat Edelmann, Mark Pifher, Bill Long and Leann Noga

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Kevin Karney – Vice-Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, Justin DiSanti, Andy Colosimo (remote), Southeastern Board members; Lee Miller, Peter Levish, Garrett Markus, Chris Woodka, District staff; Roy Vaughan, H2O Consultants; Christopher Olney, Colorado Springs Utilities (remote); Rick Kienitz, Aurora Water.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Tom Goodwin confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the July 8, 2024 minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Pat Edelmann moved, seconded by Seth Clayton, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION:

Lee Miller gave the Committee a preview of the 2024 Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) annual conference, which will be held December 4-6, 2024, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Miller said an announcement of five alternatives for Colorado River management after 2026 were announced the previous day (November 20, 2024), which was sooner than expected. He said this would make some of the presentations at CRWUA more interesting than usual because of unresolved

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differences between Upper Basin and Lower Basin states. Mr. Miller highlighted those sessions for the Committee.

The five alternatives include a no-action alternative that would return Colorado River management to pre-2007 practices. Another would put control into federal hands, which the Upper Basin states have never agreed to. The other three require negotiations and further agreements between the states, which have been contentious since the 20-year agreement in 2007 was reached.

He said he would provide Committee members with a news release on the proposed alternatives, and an article published in the Colorado Sun, requested by Committee Chairman Tom Goodwin.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2025, 30 minutes after the Enterprise Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURN

Chairman Goodwin adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Woodka
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