

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 10, 2022**

A meeting of the Allocation Committee was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 11:13 a.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 and via Zoom virtual conference.

Chairman Andy Colosimo announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Colosimo Chair, Howard "Bub" Miller Vice Chair, Matt Heimerich, Tom Goodwin (virtual disconnected at 11:21), Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, Bill Long and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kassidy Davis and Noah Friesan, Division of Water Resources; Garrett Markus, Kevin Meador, Margie Medina, Mark Scott, Peter Levish, Lee Miller, Chris Woodka, and Leann Noga Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) staff.

Zoom participants: Patty Rivas, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Colosimo confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the September 1, 2022 Allocation Committee minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Curtis Mitchell moved, Alan Hamel seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Garrett Markus provided a PowerPoint presentation expounding on how the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water (Project Water) and storage revenue is projected for the 2023 budget. The use of the 20-year running average of Project Water import yield, less the deductions and losses, project 45,350 acre-feet (AF) of water and associated Project Water Return Flows as projected revenue for the 2023 budget.

Ag and Municipal Project Water, Project Water Return Flows, and well augmentation surcharges were charted and reviewed for Safety of Dams (SOD), Water Activity Enterprise (WAE) and the Environmental Stewardess (ESS). Excess Capacity contracts for long-term and annual contracts were also reviewed.

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The inflationary expenses over 2021 and 2022 created approximately a 12 percent increase of additional funding needed for the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise. Staff suggested a \$1.00 increase of the WAE surcharge applied over every unit of water sales both Project Water and Storage unless contractually obligated (WWSP and Aurora). The projected revenue increase of \$218,685 will increase Enterprise Revenue an estimated 12 percent.

The committee had a discussion on the subject.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Garrett Markus provided a presentation titled, *Storage Conditions in the Arkansas Basin*, also presented at the Pueblo Winter Water Storage Program Annual Meeting in October by Lonnie Spady. The Winter Water Storage Program (WWSP) yield is highly dependent on the irrigation return flows and available storage of pre-Winter Water storage vessels. This presentation looked at the upper Arkansas River basin reservoirs, WWSP reservoirs, Pueblo Reservoir, and John Martin Reservoir. The Division of Water Resources projected the 2022-2023 WWSP would be below average based on three different projections.

ACTION ITEM:

None

INFORMATION ITEM

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman Colosimo adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer