

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 2, 2024**

A meeting of the Allocation Committee held on Thursday, May 02, 2024 at 11:02 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, Tom Goodwin, Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, Bill Long and Leann Noga

Zoom participants: Howard “Bub” Miller Vice Chair and Matt Heimerich

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Garrett Markus, Chris Woodka, Lee Miller and Margie Medina, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) staff.

Zoom participants: Greg Felt, SECWCD Director; Bob Hamel, Arkansas River Outfitters Association; Patty Rivas, Peter Levish, Gordon Dillon, and Kevin Meador District staff; Tom Waters, Division of Natural Resources.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Colosimo confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the April 4, 2024 Allocation Committee minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Alan Hamel moved, Curtis Mitchell seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

AGRICULTURAL FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER CARRYOVER STORAGE PILOT PROJECT
Garrett Markus reviewed the agricultural carryover project water as it related to space in Pueblo Reservoir. In 2023, the Allocation Committee recognized the need to allow all agricultural allocations to have the ability to be stored during the off-season storage until spring of 2025. The Agricultural 80/20 Rule is typically enacted to prevent excessive pressure on Pueblo Reservoir around the April 15 timeframe when the Joint Use Pool is evacuated. With the current storage levels in Pueblo Reservoir and the value of water in below-average scenarios, District staff have been tasked to investigate how agricultural Project Water Carryover would maximize the utilization of Project Water.

With the current “use it or lose it” condition, ag entities choose to use their Project Water at less opportune times to maintain some utilization, but they do not optimize this resource

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during dry conditions when they are likely to receive limited allocations. To investigate Agricultural Project Water Carryover, District staff proposes the following parameters to the pilot project and not interfere with other Fryingpan-Arkansas operations. The initial framework to implement an Agricultural Project Water Carryover program would be as follows:

- Project Water will accrue evaporation after April 30 in the Carryover account.
- Any Project Water balance in the Carryover account will be charged the Carryover cost currently \$4.52/AF)
- Conditions for Ag Project Water Carryover will be dependent on storage levels in Pueblo Reservoir and the “risk for spill” per the Bureau of Reclamation operations.
 - o Eminent Risk of Spill (Spill likely of the Joint Use Pool)
 - 80% of Ag Water would be used by November 15 of the allocation year.
 - o Likely Risk of Spill (Spill likely of the Conservation Pool prior to April 15)
 - Ag Project Water can be stored during off-season (winter) but not be used by April 15
 - o Marginal Risk of Spill (Spill may, but not likely occur of the Conservation Pool prior to April 15)
 - Ag Project Water can be stored during off-season (winter) but must be used by May 1
 - o Unlikely Risk of Spill (Spill unlikely as of May 1 following the allocation year)
 - Ag Project Water can be stored during off-season (winter) and stored in Project Water Carryover after May 1

Given the Pueblo Reservoir storage content and not many water reservoir releases, the District staff is paying close attention to how the Pilot Project affects a possible summer spill. The Committee did not determine a definite time frame for the pilot project.

ACTION ITEM:

2024 FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER AND PROJECT WATER RETURN FLOW

Garrett Markus explained this year we are working with a new rate structure. Garrett Markus presented on the Upper Colorado River Basin snow conditions, precipitation, and unregulated inflow into Lake Powell. The May 2, 2024, Fry-Ark collection basin snowpack vs annual basin average with Fry-Ark imports were shown, 120 percent of median and 90 percent of peak. The Fry-Ark Collection Basin snowpack with individual sites was shown, with Ivanhoe at 10,400 ft highest snowpack and Nast Lake at the lowest with 8,700 feet. The import projections for Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water (Project Water) are driven by five Snotel sites throughout the collection system: Kiln, Nast Lake, Ivanhoe, Chapman, and Independence Pass. The May 1, official forecast is 60,600 AF from the Bureau of Reclamation. The amount available for Allocation after deductions is 46,494 AF, water available for allocation at 70 percent is 31,768 AF. Based on allocation requests, the following entities received Project Water Allocations

Forecast	Acre-Feet
May 1st Import Basis for Allocation	60,600
<i>Twin Lakes Exchange</i>	<i>(3,000)</i>
<i>Fish Hatchery</i>	<i>(200)</i>
Before Moving to Pueblo Reservoir	57,400
<i>less 10% Transit Loss</i>	<i>(5,740)</i>
Before Storage Evaporation	51,660
<i>less 10% Evaporation Loss</i>	<i>(5,166)</i>
Net Project Water to Pueblo	46,494
Project Water Adjustment for Allocation	-
Water Available for Allocation	46,494
Water Available for Allocation @ 70%	31,768

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FRY-ARK MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION

Entity	1st Right of Refusal	Request	Authorized Allocation	Initial Release	Return Flow Credit	May 1 Allocation	Return Flow Credit
Fountain Valley Authority							
Colorado Springs Utilities	Yes	2,536	8450	2,536	-	2,536	-
City of Fountain	Yes	354	1177	354	-	354	-
Security	Yes	291	969	291	-	291	-
Stratmoor Hills	Yes	106	354	106	-	106	-
Widefield	Yes	265	883	265	-	265	-
Totals		3,551	11,833	3,552	-	3,552	-

Entity	1st Right of Refusal	Request	Authorized Allocation	Initial Release	Return Flow Credit	May 1 Allocation	Return Flow Credit
West of Pueblo							
Acres of Ireland	Yes	4	3	4	-	4	-
Buena Vista, Town of	Yes	200	43	200	-	200	-
Canon City, City of	Yes	150	543	150	-	150	-
Florence, City of	Yes	100	146	100	-	100	-
Meadow Lake Mountain Estates	Yes	3	1	3	-	3	-
Poncha Springs, Town of	Yes	50	12	50	-	50	-
Salida, City of	Yes	400	84	400	-	400	-
Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District	Yes	1,500	1097	1,500	-	1,500	-
Totals		2,407	1,929	1,231	-	1,231	-

Pueblo							
Pueblo	Yes	-	4,649	-	-	-	-

Individual Entities							
Manitou Springs	No	163	163	111	44	163	65
Pueblo West Metro District	Yes	-	158	-	-	-	-

East of Pueblo							
96 Pipeline Co.	Yes	80	24	80	-	80	-
Beehive Water Association	No	10	19	10	4	10	4
Bents Fort Water Company	Yes	100	112	100	-	100	-
Boone, Town of	Yes	44	43	44	-	44	-
Crowley County Water Association	Yes	433	440	433	-	433	-
Crowley, Town of	Yes	23	23	23	-	23	-
Fayette Water Association	Yes	10	8	10	-	10	-
Fowler, Town of	Yes	180	149	180	-	180	-
Homestead Improvement Assn.	Yes	14	8	14	-	14	-
La Junta, City of	Yes	2,000	937	2,000	-	2,000	-
Lamar, City of	Yes	1,079	1,098	1,079	-	1,079	-
Las Animas, City of	Yes	325	442	325	-	325	-
Manzanola, Town of	Yes	64	65	64	-	64	-
May Valley Water Association	Yes	20	169	20	-	20	-
McClave Water Association, Inc.	Yes	20	52	20	-	20	-
Newdale-Grand Valley Water Co.	Yes	10	57	10	-	10	-
Olney Springs, Town of	Yes	110	48	110	-	110	-
Ordway, Town of	Yes	321	155	321	-	321	-
Patterson Valley Water Company	Yes	10	12	10	-	10	-
Rocky Ford, City of, & Hancock Water	Yes	538	547	538	-	538	-
South Swink Water Company	Yes	15	72	15	-	15	-
St. Charles Mesa Water District	Yes	600	1,152	600	-	600	-
Sugar City, Town of	Yes	200	50	200	-	200	-
Swink, Town of	Yes	100	86	100	-	100	-
Valley Water Association	Yes	10	33	10	-	10	-
Vroman Water Company	Yes	10	18	10	-	10	-
Totals		6,326	5,821	6,326	4	6,326	4

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Agricultural Project Water Allocation						
Entity or Ditch	Eligible	Request	Initial Release	Return Flow Credit	May 1 Allocation	Return Flow Credit
	Acres	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF
Bannister Ditch	450	300	37		66	
Bessemer Irrigation Ditch Co.	18,133	10,000	2,500	1,000	4,407	1,763
Canaday Ditch	390	500	54		95	
Catlin Canal Co.	10,832	15,000	1,217	443	2,144	780
Collier Ditch	400	800	55		97	
Colorado Canal	3,272	4,000	451	172	795	303
DeWeese Dye Reservoir	1,060	195	146		195	
Everett Ditch Water Uses Assoc.	6	6	1		1	
Ewing Koppe Ditch	6	1	1		1	
Fort Lyon Canal Co.	57,308	40,000	7,902	2,782	13,927	4,902
Garden Park and Terry Ditch	160	20	20		20	
Highline Canal Co.	21,889	15,000	3,018	1,117	5,319	1,968
Holbrook Mutual Irrigation Co.	15,496	20,000	2,137	765	3,766	1,348
Lee Ditch	2	2	1		1	
Michigan Ditch	4	3	1		1	
Morrison & Riverside Ditches	4	1	1		1	
New Salida Ditch	806	212	111		196	
Otero Ditch	4,517	2,000	623	237	1,098	417
Ouray Mutual Ditch Co.	410	410	57		100	
Oxford Farmers Ditch Co.	5,679	2,000	783	290	1,380	511
Ree d Seep Ditch	479	100	66		100	
Riverside Dairy Ditch	60	15	8		15	
Steele Ditches (HR & MW)	160	50	13		23	
Sunnyside Park Ditch	607	195	84		148	
Talcott & Cotton Ditches	315	150	43		77	
Tom Wanless Ditch	640	118	53		93	
Wood Valley Ditch	274	50	38		50	
Totals	143,359	111,128	19,421	6,806	34,116	11,992

Agricultural Project Water Allocation					
Entity or Ditch	Eligible Augment	Request	Augment	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation
	Acres	AF	%	AF	AF
Catlin Canal Co.	10,832	15,000	18.54%	166	270
Herman Klinkerman Ditch	570	570	100%	47	77
AGRA	59,750	7,000	100%	5,256	7,000
LAWMA	12,818	2,300	100%	1,159	2,300
LAVWCD Rule 10	31,816	548	100%	146	548
AGRA Rule 10	6,987	7,000	100%	32	1,797
Totals	122,773	32,418		6,806	11,992

There was discussion about municipal not taking a full allocation, which diverts to agricultural entities. First use water has 60 percent usage and a 40 percent return flow for agriculture water. This applies to those ag entities that generate a return flow. If an entity does not generate a return flow or get a useable return flow for resale, then you do not get the first use

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value and pay \$21.90 per acre foot. The 70 percent of the initial allocation is of the water available for allocation, then modeled through the allocation process.

Alan Hamel moved, Curtis Mitchell seconded, the Allocation Committee recommend the Enterprise Board of Directors approve the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water and Project Water Return Flow allocation for 2024 as presented or amended. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

June 6, 2024, at 11:00 am

ADJOURN

Chairman Colosimo adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Principal Water Resources Engineer