# UPPER ARKANSAS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

#### Water Activity Enterprise Committee

February 8, 2018 1:00 P.M.

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District Water Activity Enterprise committee held its regular meeting Thursday, February 8, 2018, at the District offices, 339 East Hwy 50, Salida, Colorado, commencing at 1:00 P.M., notice having been given by posting of Notice and Agenda on February 7, 2018, 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

Robert M. Senderhauf

Franklin J. (Jay) Moore

Timothy C. Canterbury

Tim Payne (phone)

Richard Hilderbrand

Mannie Colon (phone) Dennis Giese Robert B. (Bill) Donley

Tom E. French Jeff Ollinger

John H. Sandefur

Thomas Goodwin

# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gregory W. Felt

#### DISTRICT OFFICIALS/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chelsey Nutter, Project Manager

Chris Manera, Engineer

Jord Gertson, Hydrologist

Kimberly Kerschke, Secretary

Brian Sutton, Water Commissioner

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Joe Stone, Ark Valley Voice Kristie Nackord, Fremont County Bob Hartzman, Canon City Water Department Lucas Babbitt, Watervation

Tom Flower, Custer County

## CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

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

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF January 11, 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2018, were unanimously approved upon motion by committee member Donley with second by committee member Sandefur.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by committee member Goodwin with second by committee member Moore, the committee unanimously approved the financial report dated January 31, 2018.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT - Terry Scanga

#### **Augmentation Report**

Manager Scanga displayed the augmentation reports for December and January. As of the end of January total State approvals for augmentation were 517.12 acre-feet. Replacements for the month were 31.57 acre-feet including transit loss.

## **HYDROLOGIST REPORT**

#### Reservoir Storage

Hydrologist Gertson reported that in our Twin Lakes account, we have 7.1 acre-feet of native water, 82.8 acre-feet of Twin Lakes, Transmountain water, and 13.5 acre-feet of project carryover. Pueblo

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reservoir has 509.7 acre-feet of project carryover and 1,000 acre-feet of project water. Total storage is at 3475.6 acre-feet.

Manager Scanga noted that we provide accounting for other entities and we should consider changes in terminology with regards to our Pueblo accounts. It was suggested, due to different spill categories, that we re-name our Pueblo accounts to Pueblo If and When for the out of SE District account and Pueblo Long-Term Excess Capacity for our in SE District account.

Director Hilderbrand asked the price associated with types of storage at Pueblo Reservoir. Manager Scanga detailed cost breakdowns and associated charges for each account.

Hydrologist Gertson reported that although we are in the midst of a relatively dry year, reservoirs are full. Predictions for Fry-Ark Imports are below historic median, but above 2002 drought year averages. Hydrologist Gertson reported that individual Snotel sites across the Ark Basin have a wide range of snow water equivalency averages, with Fremont Pass sitting at 100% of median and Glen Cove at 13% of median. The Upper Basin as a whole is at 75% of median compared to 169% at the same time last year.

Manager Scanga provided a cursory explanation of spill priorities for Pueblo Reservoir.

Director Goodwin commented that, at the Colorado Water Congress, meteorologist Brian Bledsoe reported that we may see no significant precipitation until July/August. It should be noted that we have water storage vessels that will spill, though we may need that water later into the season. It is for this reason that we need more storage in the Upper Basin.

Hydrologist Gertson provided the Board with an overview of precipitation and temperature probabilities. For February through April there is a 30% chance of below average precipitation and a 50% chance of above average temperatures. Hydrologist Gertson also brought a new website to the attention of the Board, Windy.com. He also asked the Board if they would be interested in a tour of the soon to be de-commissioned Xcel Energy hydropower generation facilities on the South Arkansas.

## 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 1:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,	
Ralph L. Scanga, Vr., General Manager  Ken Baker	Thomas Goodwin
Timothy Contulory Timothy C. Canterbury	Richard Hilderbrand
Mannie Colon	Franklin J. Moore
Robert B. Donley	Jeff Oltinger
Absent- No signature  Gregory W. Felt	Tim Payne
Tom French Tom E. French	John H. Sandefur
Dennis Giese	Robert M. Senderhauf