

**Southwestern Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference  
January 26, 2016**

**Present:** John Porter, President†      Steve Fearn, Vice-President†      Bob Wolff, Secretary-Treasurer†  
David Guillianst      Rusty Hingert      Monte Naslund†  
Doug Stowe†

**Absent:** Jenny Russell      J.R. Ford

**Staff:** Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director  
Laura Spann, SWCD Office Manager  
Barry Spear, Maynes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel  
Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering

**Guests:** Cindy Dozier, Hinsdale County Commissioner†

*†Participated by phone.*

President John Porter called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

**Questions/Comments from Audience**

*(time: 00:02:15)*

There were no comments or questions.

**New Business**

**Legislative Update & Position on Bills**

*(time: 00:02:50)*

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on January 5, 19 and 25 to discuss water legislation introduced thus far during the 2016 Legislative Session, which convened on January 13. Bruce Whitehead explained the bills and relayed CWC discussion of the bills to the board. He referenced the summary document (Legislative Report #2016-03). The following bills were discussed:

**SJM 001 – Good Samaritan Remediation Abandoned Mines**

CWC acted to support the memorial.

**SJM 002 – Federal Funding for Catastrophic Wildfire Response**

CWC acted to support the memorial.

**HJR 1002 – Dam Restoration Access to Federal Lands**

CWC acted to support the resolution.

Regarding proposed legislation, State Affairs also discussed draft version of a water loss audit report performance standards bill.

**HB 1109 – Application of State Water Law to Federal Agencies**

CWC acted to support the legislation.

**HB 1004 – Measurable Goals Deadlines CO Climate Action Plan**

CWC acted to oppose the bill. There was SWCD board consensus to oppose the bill.

**HB 1005 – Residential Precipitation Collection**

CWC has not taken a position on this bill at this time. There was SWCD board consensus to support the bill.

**HB 1019 – Broadcast Burns Watershed Protection**

CWC acted to monitor the bill.

**SB 037 – Public Access Digitally Stored Data Under CORA**

CWC acted to oppose the bill. There was SWCD board consensus to oppose the bill.

**SJR 002 – Water Projects Eligibility List**

CWC acted to support the resolution. There was SWCD board consensus to support the resolution.

**Ballot Initiative 40 – Local Governance**

The Colorado Oil and Gas Association has appealed the ballot initiative to the Colorado Supreme Court.

**Ballot Initiative 63 – Right to a Healthy Environment**

The public trust doctrine has been removed from this initiative. The title has been approved, but a re-hearing will be scheduled.

CWC State Affairs Committee also discussed whether it was appropriate to take positions on water board appointments, in light of three board appointments to the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority up for Senate confirmation. There was consensus not to take a position on these particular board appointments.

Representative J. Paul Brown is drafting legislation to encourage additional storage on the East Slope.

**Announcements**

*(time: 00:41:00)*

Bruce Whitehead reminded the board about upcoming events, including the Colorado Water Congress Annual Conference on January 27-29 in Denver. All board members were invited to a brainstorming session for the seminar on Tuesday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m.

**Next Meetings**

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|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Friday, February 5     | 10:00am | Board Work Session            |
| Tuesday, February 9    | 10:00am | Special Regular Board Meeting |
| Wednesday, February 24 | 9:00am  | Teleconference                |
| Wednesday, March 9     | 9:00am  | Teleconference                |

**Adjournment**

President John Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.




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John Porter, President