

**Southwestern Water Conservation District  
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference  
November 18, 2016**

**Present:** John Porter, President Steve Fearn, Vice-President† David Guillian†  
Rusty Hinger† Doug Stowe†

**Absent:** J.R. Ford Monte Naslund Jenny Russell  
Bob Wolff

**Staff:** Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director  
Laura Spann, SWCD Programs Coordinator

**Consultants:** Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woods†

**Guests:** Darlene Marcus, U.S. Representative Scott Tipton’s Office†  
Mike Preston, Dolores Water Conservancy District†

*†Participated by phone.*

President John Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

**Questions/Comments from Audience**

*(time: 00:00:40)*

Darlene Marcus added that U.S. Representative Scott Tipton was reelected, and the 2017 legislative agenda is already being developed. Mike Preston expressed interest in the future of the Water Information Program, as Dolores Water Conservancy District is a participating entity.

**New Business**

**Contract Matters: RFQ for Water Information Program Coordination**

*(time: 00:02:00)*

Bruce Whitehead provided brief background on the termination of the contract for Water Information Program (WIP) coordination in early November. The executive committee met with general counsel, staff, and the WIP coordination chair on November 10 to provide input on a draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit the services of a new consultant to coordinate WIP. The board is committed to WIP, current and past programs and offerings, and expanding the program’s reach in southwestern Colorado. Bruce summarized the content of the RFQ, including the scope of services and desired qualifications.

Beth added that the draft RFQ is for an independent contractor, with a contract beginning February 2017 through December 2017 that could be renewed at the desire of both parties.

Staff proposed that a notice be published in newspapers in all nine counties. The full RFQ would be distributed to WIP participating entities, SWCD and WIP websites, and statewide networks via the Colorado Foundation for Water Education, Colorado Water Congress, and Colorado Watershed Assembly. RFQs would be requested by December 19, with potential interviews in early January 2017.

Rusty Hinger moved to accept the final Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Water Information Program Coordination, and authorized staff to distribute the RFQ widely in southwestern Colorado and around the state. Doug Stowe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session (No Session)**

*(time: 00:22:00)*

General Counsel and staff recommended discussion of a draft contract for WIP coordination at the December board meeting. There was no Executive Session convened at the November 18 teleconference.

**Other Announcements**

*(time: 00:25:00)*

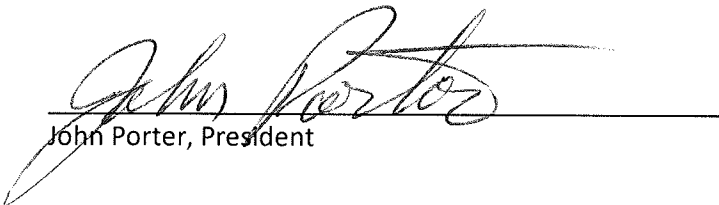
Bruce summarized initial discussions regarding a request from Montezuma County for weed management removal at local reservoirs. A board member commented that weed management is a long-term commitment and one-time grant funding may not be ideal.

**Next Meetings**

Tuesday, December 6                      10:00am                      Special Regular Board Meeting

**Adjournment**

President John Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.



John Porter, President