

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference
February 24, 2016**

Present: John Porter, President† Steve Fearn, Vice-President† Bob Wolff, Secretary-Treasurer†
J.R. Ford† Rusty Hingert† Doug Stowe†

Absent: David Guilliams Monte Naslund Jenny Russell

Staff: Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director
Laura Spann, SWCD Office Manager
Adam Reeves, Maynes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel

Guests: None

†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

There were no comments or questions.

Old Business

Legislative Update & Position on Bills

(time: 00:01:25)

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on February 16 and 22 to discuss water legislation introduced thus far during the 2016 Legislative Session. Bruce Whitehead explained the bills and relayed CWC discussion of the bills to the board. He referenced the summary document (Legislative Report #2016-06). The following bills were discussed:

HB 1005 – Residential Precipitation Collection

CWC could not reach a majority to oppose, support or take no position on the bill. In effect, CWC has no position on the bill.

HB 1109 – Application of State Water Law to Federal Agencies

CWC may reconsider support of the legislation, with the condition of addressing concerns with the reserved rights portion of the bill.

HB 1228 – Ag Protection Water Right Transfer Mechanism

CWC has not taken a position on this bill at this time. There was board discussion regarding this legislation. Steve Fearn moved to oppose HB 1228 in general, and support amendments made thus far. Doug Stowe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 1255 – Manage Forest to Improve Water Supply Conditions

CWC acted to monitor the bill.

HB 1256 – South Platte Water Storage Study

CWC has not taken a position on this bill at this time. Bob Wolff moved to support HB 1256 as introduced. Steve Fearn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 1283 – Water Loss Audit Report Performance Standards

CWC has not taken a position on this bill at this time. Colorado Water Resources & Power Development Authority will be meeting in early March to discuss this legislation.

SB 097 – Use Mineral Severance Revenue for Local Govts

CWC has not taken a position on this bill at this time. There was consensus to instruct Bruce to limit the reallocation of severance tax funds in any way.

SB 128 – Amend Augmentation & Substitute Water Supply Plans

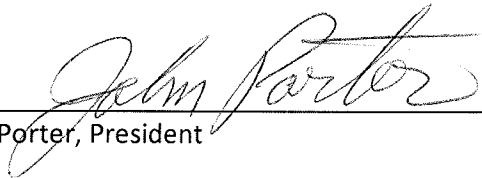
CWC has not taken a position on this bill at this time. Steve Fearn moved to oppose SB 128 as introduced. Doug Stowe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meetings

Friday, March 4	9:30am	Board Work Session
Wednesday, March 9	9:00am	Teleconference
Thursday, March 10	8:30am	Board Work Session
Wednesday, March 23	9:00am	Teleconference

Adjournment

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



John Porter, President