

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference
March 25, 2015**

Present: John Porter, President† Steve Fearn, Vice-President† Bob Wolff, Secretary-Treasurer
J.R. Ford† Preston Goetzke Rusty Hingert
Jenny Russell†

Absent: Monte Naslund Doug Stowe John Taylor, Director Emeritus

Staff: Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director†
Laura Spann, SWCD Office Manager
Adam Reeves, Maynes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel (MBSS)
Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering

Guests: James Lambert, Montezuma County Commissioner†

†Participated by phone.

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

Questions/Comments from Audience

(time: 00:01:05)

There were no comments or questions.

Old Business

Legislative Update & Position on Bills

(time: 00:03:30)

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on March 16 and 23 to discuss water legislation introduced thus far during the 2015 Legislative Session. Bruce Whitehead explained the bills and relayed CWC discussion of the bills to the board. He referenced the latest summary documents he prepared (Legislative Report #2015-11 and #2015-12). The following bills were discussed:

SB 198 – Expand Following Pilot Program Non-Municipal Uses

CWC voted to take “no position” on this bill.

SB 212 – Storm Water Facilities Not Injure Water Rights

CWC did not take action at the most recent meeting because additional amendments were proposed.

HB 1159 – Instream Flow Incentive Tax Credit

CWC took “no position” on this bill. As of March 16, “or improve” was stricken from the bill.

HB 1178 – Emergency Well Pumping Damaging High Groundwater

CWC acted to reconsider this bill, and the position was changed to support with amendments as of March 16.

HB 1249 – Recodify Water Pollution Control Fees

CWC has not voted on this bill, and will continue to monitor it.

HB 1252 – Extend Healthy Rivers Fund Voluntary Contribution

CWC voted to support this bill.

HB 1259 – Residential Precipitation Collection Rain Barrels

A two-thirds majority could not be achieved. CWC did not take a position on the bill.

HB 1277 – Species Conservation Trust Fund Projects

CWC voted to support this bill, which may be the subject of controversy in Committee Hearing due to the position of the federal government on the Gunnison Sage Grouse.

HB 1278 – Use Ag Water Rights to Cultivate Marijuana

CWC did not take action on this bill at the most recent meeting.

SB 224 – Building Foundation Well Permit Exemption

CWC did not take action on this bill at the most recent meeting.

Next Meetings

Thursday, April 2	10:00 a.m.	Special Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 15	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
Wednesday, April 29	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
Wednesday, May 13	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference

Adjournment

Vice President Steve Fearn adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.



Steve Fearn, Vice President