

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference
April 15, 2015**

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

Absent: Monte Naslund

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

Guests: 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: 00:01:25)

There were no questions or comments.

Old Business

Legislative Update & Position on Bills

(time: 00:03:00)

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on April 6 to discuss water legislation introduced thus far during the 2015 Legislative Session. No meeting was held on April 13. Bruce Whitehead explained the bills and relayed CWC discussion of the bills to the board. He referenced the latest summary document he prepared (Legislative Report #2015-14). The following bills were discussed:

SB 224 – Building Foundation Well Permit Exemption

A two-thirds majority could not be achieved, so CWC took no position on the bill.

SB 253 – Co Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Project

As part of the CWCB “Projects Bill,” there was a proposed increase in funding for weather modification to \$300,000, which was decreased to \$175,000 in response to concerns expressed by State Senator Sonnenberg. CWC voted to support the bill.

HB 1278 – Use Ag Water Rights to Cultivate Marijuana

This bill was withdrawn by the sponsor after the State Engineer issued the “Written Instruction and Order 2015-01” regarding administration of water rights decreed for irrigation.

HB 1159 – Instream Flow Incentive Tax Credit

CWC did not take a position on this bill, which was postponed indefinitely on April 14.

HB 1222 – Water Efficiency Savings Instream Use Pilot

This bill was assigned to the House Finance Committee, which acted to postpone the bill indefinitely.

HB 1259 – Residential Precipitation Collection Rain Barrels

The bill is scheduled for the Senate Ag Committee on April 16.

SB 212 – Stormwater Facilities Not Injure Water Rights

This bill is scheduled for the Senate Ag Committee on April 16.

SB 255 – Deposit Severance Tax Revenues in General Fund

CWC voted to oppose the bill; the bill has passed to the House.

There was discussion of draft legislation regarding a watershed health tax credit.

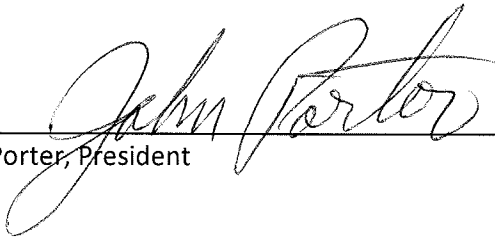
Next Meetings

Wednesday, April 29	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference (Cancelled)
Wednesday, May 13	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
Tuesday, June 9	10:00 a.m.	Special Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 11	10:00 a.m.	Special Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment

President John Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

John Porter, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Porter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.