

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference
April 17, 2013**

Present: John Porter* Steve Fearn* Bob Wolff*
J. R. Ford* April Montgomery* Doug Stowe*
John Taylor*

Absent: Tim Kelly* Monte Naslund* Fred Kroeger (Emeritus)

Staff: Bruce Whitehead, Executive Director
Jane Maxson, Office Manager
Adam Reeves, MBSS
Steve Harris, Harris Water Engineering

Guests: Ken Beegles*

**Indicates participation 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

There were none.

New Business

Legislative Update and Positions

Bruce Whitehead reported on the following based on Report #11:

HB1283 Species Conservation Trust Fund

CWC will support

SB236 JBC Transfer of Moneys Capital Construction (\$30 Mill CWCB Construction Fund)

CWC will support

HB1248 Pilot Projects for leasing of water for municipal use

CWC will support with amendments

SB41 Protect Water Storage Long-term Use

Has been signed by Governor

SB74 Irrigation Water Right Historical Use Acreage

Amended and Signed by Governor

SB181 Projects Bill

Will likely move forward as originally written (Sec 15 ISF \$'s to improve natural environment).

The Water Bank Grant Application Phase 2B submitted to CWCB by the Colorado River District.

BLM Lower Dolores ISF

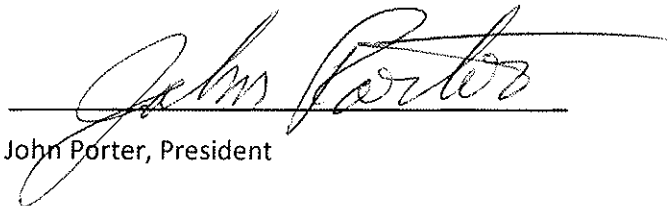
The BLM is proposing a finding of “preliminary suitability” for Wild & Scenic on two reaches of the Lower Dolores below the confluence of the San Miguel River. Wild & Scenic findings of eligibility or suitability are part of US Forest Service Plans or BLM Plans. The BLM in this case is adding to the reach upstream from the Mesa County line and halfway to Gateway as Wild & Scenic and an additional reach near the Colorado-Utah state line. Part of the CWCB’s concern is Wild & Scenic designation in the lower reaches, especially if it extends to the state line, might have some compact issues associated with it. The CWCB will address this at their May meeting. SWCD will have this next teleconference meeting agenda prior to the CWCB meeting. Discussion occurred.

Next Meetings

May 1	9:00 am	Teleconference
May 15	9:00 am	Teleconference
Jun 12 (Wed)	10:00 am	Board Meeting
Aug 14 (Wed)	10:00 am	Board Meeting

Adjournment

President John Porter adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.



John Porter, President