

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting—Teleconference
April 19, 2017**

Present: Robert Wolff, President Doug Stowe, Vice-President† J.R. Ford†
David Guilliams† Rusty Hingert† Monte Naslund†
Don Schwindt Charlie Smith†

Absent: Jenny Russell

Staff: Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director

Guests: Carrie Lile, Harris Water Engineering†
Darlene Marcus, U.S. Representative Scott Tipton†
Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woods†

†Participated by phone.

Robert Wolff called the teleconference to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Questions/Comments from Audience

(time: 00:02:20)

There were no comments or questions.

Old Business

Legislative Update & Position on Bills

(time: 00:02:30)

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on April 10 and 17 to discuss water legislation. Bruce Whitehead explained the bills and relayed CWC discussion of the bills to the board. He referenced the most recent legislative summary report. The following bills were discussed:

SB 040 – Public Access to Government Files

CWC initially acted to oppose this bill. CWC agreed to support the bill if the amendment proposed by CWC is adopted.

SB 252 – Utility Cost-Saving Contract For Local Governments

CWC did not take a position on this bill.

SB 282 – Dedicate Reservoir Release Environmental Purposes

CWC did not take a position on this bill. There was significant SWCD board discussion regarding the application of this legislation and current negotiation of proposed amendments. Monte Naslund moved to take a neutral position on SB17-282, should the amendments proposed by SWCD be included. Doug Stowe seconded. The motion passed.

HB 1273 – Real Estate Development Demonstrate Water Conservation

CWC has not taken a position. Charlie Smith moved to support HB17-1273. JR Ford seconded. The motion passed.

HB 1291 – Alternate Storage Not Change If Already Quantified

CWC is discussing the bill.

HB 1321 – Parks and Wildlife Financial Sustainability

CWC supported the bill.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, May 3	9:00am	Board Teleconference
Thursday, June 15	10:00am	Special Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 8	10:00am	Special Regular Board Meeting



Robert Wolff, President