

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting—Teleconference
May 3, 2017**

Present: Robert Wolff, President David Guilliams Rusty Hingert
 Jenny Russell† Don Schwindt†

Absent: J.R. Ford Monte Naslund Charlie Smith
 Doug Stowe

Staff: Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director

Guests: Steve Fearn, SWCD Director Emeritus†
 Carrie Lile, Harris Water Engineering†
 Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woodst†

†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: 00:02:15)

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 24 and May 1 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:

HB 1289 – State Engineer Rules Historical Consumptive Use

CWC did not take a position on this bill. Don Schwindt moved to support review of the concepts in HB17-1289 by the Interim Water Resources Review Committee. David Guilliams seconded. The motion passed.

SB 282 – Dedicate Reservoir Release Environmental Purposes

CWC did not take a position on this bill. SWCD took a neutral position on SB17-282, should the amendments proposed by SWCD be included. Those amendments were included. Bruce testified at the Senate Ag Committee hearing. The bill did not pass out of committee, and was postponed indefinitely.

SB 040 – Public Access to Government Files

CWC initially acted to oppose this bill, but then supported it once an amendment addressing security concerns was adopted.

HB 1364 – Authority Local Government Master Plan Include Water Plan Goal

CWC is discussing the bill.

HB 1366 – Measurable Goals Deadlines Colorado Climate Action Plan

CWC is discussing the bill.

SB 290 – Engineer Excavator Stamp Plan Underground Facility

CWC is discussing this bill.

HB 1291 – Alternate Storage Not Changed If Already Qualified

CWC did not take a position.

HB 1233 – Protect Historical Consumptive Use Analysis

CWC acted to support the bill, which initially applied statewide. The bill was amended to exclude Division 7.

Bruce announced several summer water events and meetings, including the CWCB meeting in Pagosa Springs, CFWE President’s Reception, and the CWC Conference in August.

Next Meetings

Thursday, June 15	10:00am	Special Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 8	10:00am	Special Regular Board Meeting



Robert Wolff, President