

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting—Teleconference
February 7, 2018**

Present: J.R. Ford† David Guillianst Rusty Hingert
Jenny Russell† Charlie Smith† Doug Stowe†
Don Schwindt† Bob Wolff

Absent: Monte Naslund

Staff: Bruce Whitehead, SWCD Executive Director
Laura Spann, SWCD Programs Coordinator

Guests: Orla Bannan, Western Resources Advocates†
Floyd Cook, Dolores County Commissioner†
Steve Fearn, Colorado Water Congress†
Sonny Frasier, Town of Dove Creek†
Steve Garchar, Dolores County Commissioner†
Marcel Gatzambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance†
Carrie Padgett, Harris Water Engineering†
John Porter, Director Emeritus†
Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woods†

†Participated by phone.

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

Questions/Comments from Audience

There were no comments or questions.

Old Business

Legislative Update & Position on Bills

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on February 5 to discuss water legislation introduced thus far during the 2018 Legislative Session. Staff explained the recently introduced bills and relayed the status of bills that were discussed previously. The summary document (Legislative Report #2018-03) was referenced. The following bills were discussed:

SB 134 – Public Utilities Commission Deregulate Nonprofit Water Utilities

CWC has discussed this bill.

SB 143 – Parks & Wildlife Measure to Increase Funding

CWC has discussed this bill.

HB 1073 – Water District Ability Contract Water Assets

CWC acted to support this bill.

HB 1093 – Reclaimed Water Use for Edible Crops

CWC acted to support this bill.

HB 1151 – CWCB Approve Deficit Irrigation Projects

CWC has discussed this bill.

The following legislative concepts were also discussed:

NISP Mitigation

A study group convened by Northern Water Conservancy District met several times over the summer to discuss potential legislation which may be needed to protect mitigation flow requirements for the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP). The draft legislation was brought to the State Affairs Committee for discussion on February 5. Several concerns were raised, so Northern scheduled another discussion for February 7, today. There was board discussion.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, February 13	2:00pm	Board Work Session
Wednesday, February 14	9:00am	Special Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 21	9:00am	Board Teleconference



Robert Wolff, Board President