

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

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

Absent:

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

Guests: Marcel Gatzambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance†
John Porter, SWCD Director Emeritus†
Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woods†

†Participated by phone.

Robert Wolff called the work session to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Questions/Comments from Audience

(time: 00:01:10)

There were no comments or questions.

Old Business

Legislative Update & Position on Bills

(time: 00:01:30)

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on February 26 and March 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 #2018-07) was referenced. The following bills were discussed:

SB 143 – Parks & Wildlife Measures to Increase Revenue

CWC supported this bill. Doug Stowe moved that SWCD support SB 143 – Parks & Wildlife Measures to Increase Revenue. David Guilliams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 167 – Enforce Requirements 811 Local Underground Facilities

CWC took no position on this bill due to lack of a 2/3 majority, and a subcommittee was formed to further discuss stakeholder concerns.

SB 170 – Reservoir Releases for Fish and Wildlife Mitigation

CWC supported this bill. Don Schwindt moved that SWCD support SB 170 – Reservoir Releases for Fish and Wildlife Mitigation. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SB 176 – Board Meeting Dates SWCD

CWC supported this bill.

HB 1147 – Sunset Process Weather Modification

CWC supported this bill. Monte Naslund moved that SWCD support HB 1147 –Sunset Process Weather Modification. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 1151 – CWCB Approve Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects

CWC took no position on this bill, which was amended to include only Divisions 2 and 3, as well as the Upper Gunnison River Basin. Don Schwindt moved that SWCD monitor HB 1151 – CWCB Approve Deficit Irrigation Pilot Projects. Monte Naslund seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 1199 – Aquifer Storage-and-Recovery Plans

CWC supported this bill.

HB 1201 – Severance Tax Voter Approved Change

CWC will monitor this bill.

HB 1215 – Safe Disposal Naturally Occur Radioactive Material

CWC tabled action on this bill.

HB 1249 – Anvil Points Federal Mineral Lease Distribution

CWC discussed this bill.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, March 21	9:00am	Board Teleconference
Thursday, April 5	9:00am	Special Regular Board Meeting
Friday, April 6	8:00am	SWCD Annual Water Seminar



Robert Wolff, Board President