

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting—Teleconference
July 12, 2018**

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

Absent:

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

Legal & Engineering: Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woods†
Carrie Padgett, Harris Water Engineering†

Guests: Marcel Gatzambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance†

†Participated by phone.

Robert Wolff called the work session to order at 10:30 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Questions/Comments from Audience

(time: 00:00:50)

There were no questions.

Old Business

Upper Basin & Intra-State Drought Contingency Planning Efforts

(time: 00:01:00)

Beth Van Vurst summarized recent efforts by the seven Colorado River basin states to finalize drought contingency plans by year end. Infighting in Arizona has calmed. Within the Upper Basin, the drought contingency plan consists of reservoir reoperations, supply augmentation efforts (specifically phreatophyte removal and weather modification), as well as temporary, voluntary demand management. At the Upper Colorado River Commission meeting in Santa Fe in late June, a resolution was passed to temporarily cease to be the contracting entity for the System Conservation Pilot Program (SCPP) as of December 2018, and instead focus on answering technical, legal, and economic questions raised by demand management efforts such as the SCPP. Beth recommended discussing aspects of drought contingency planning negotiations in executive session.

Executive Session

(time: 00:05:20)

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Colorado River matters, specifically upper basin and intra-state drought contingency planning efforts. The statutes covering this session are § 24-6-402(4)b, C.R.S., "conferences with an attorney for the district for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions" and § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S., "determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators". Rusty Hinger moved that the board go into executive session. Monte Naslund seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session, during which no action was taken. The board developed strategy for negotiations and instructed negotiators on Colorado River matters, specifically upper basin and intra-state drought contingency planning efforts.

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Next Meetings

Tuesday, August 7

9:00am

Regular Board Meeting (Hinsdale County)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Wolff', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Wolff, Board President