

March 13, 2019

Water District voted unanimously to contribute additional water to Lake Mead if necessary to cover IID's share should IID elect not to participate in the DCP. While there is general concern for the Salton Sea issues, the basin states are anxious to move forward on the DCP before the Bureau of Reclamation's comment period ends on March 19.

At their March meeting, the CWCB board plans to discuss demand management. CWCB staff has provided a memo to the CWCB Board which sets forth a proposed work plan for investigating the feasibility of demand management in 2019.

3.3 Proposed Instream Flow Appropriations on Disappointment Creek

(time: 01:04:45)

Beth Van Vurst reported that SWCD has been monitoring CWCB's two proposed instream flow appropriations on Disappointment Creek, which together span approximately 60 miles. SWCD has been coordinating with Dolores County and CWCB staff regarding several specific concerns with these proposed appropriations. This item was recommended for executive session.

4.0 New Business

4.1 2019 Water Leaders Program Scholarship

(time: 01:06:50)

John Ott, Animas Water Company, was accepted in the 2019 Water Leaders Program. As part of SWCD's fiscal year 2019 budget, \$5,000 was appropriated to support a Water Leaders Program scholarship. Jenny Russell moved that SWCD provide a 2019 Water Leaders Program tuition scholarship for John Ott in the amount of \$3,250 on the condition that the recipient present on the Program to the board upon completion. Don Schwindt seconded. The motion passed.

4.2 SWCD October Board Meeting, Annual Water Seminar Proposed Dates

(time: 01:13:00)

There was discussion regarding postponing the Annual Water Seminar, and the event contract with the DoubleTree Hotel. There was consensus to reschedule the seminar for Friday, November 1 and hold the SWCD board meeting on the original date of Tuesday, October 1, based on hearing from the DoubleTree regarding their contractual obligations.

4.3 Coverage of Executive Director duties during the transition period

(time: 01:23:25)

Bob Wolff summarized the need for additional consulting services to cover Executive Director duties during the transition period. This item will be discussed further in executive session.

4.4 SWCD Committee Appointments and Representation

(time: 01:26:40)

Don Schwindt moved to appoint Beth Van Vurst as the Colorado Water Congress State Affairs Committee Representative for SWCD. JR Ford seconded. The motion passed.

Charlie Smith moved to appoint Beth Van Vurst as the primary representative and Laura Spann as the alternate for both the Colorado Water Congress Federal Affairs Committee and Water Stewardship Committee, and moved to appoint to Don Schwindt and Carrie Padgett to represent SWCD on the Water Bank Work Group. Monte Naslund seconded. The motion passed.

5.0 Executive Session

(time: 01:32:50)

Beth Van Vurst recommended that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing coverage of Executive Director duties during the transition period and the proposed instream flow appropriations on Disappointment Creek. 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." David Guilliams moved that the board go into executive session. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed.

Beth Van Vurst announced that the board was out of executive session, during which no action was taken. The board discussed coverage of Executive Director duties during the transition period and the proposed instream flow appropriations on Disappointment Creek.

Monte Naslund moved to direct general counsel to make arrangements for independent consulting agreements to cover Executive Director duties during the transition period. Doug Stowe seconded. The motion passed.

6.0 Adjournment.

President Bob Wolff adjourned the meeting.

Next Meetings

March 20, 2019	Board Teleconference
April 4-5, 2019	Regular Board Meeting



Robert Wolff, Board President