

**Southwestern Water Conservation District
Board of Directors Special Meeting & Teleconference
January 15, 2020**

Present: JR Ford† David Guiliamst† Rusty Hinger†
 Jenny Russell† Don Schwindt† Charlie Smith†
 Bob Wolff

Absent: Monte Naslund Doug Stowe

Staff: Frank Kugel, Southwestern Water Conservation District (SWCD) Executive Director
 Laura Spann, SWCD Programs Coordinator

Consultants: Beth Van Vurst, Fairfield and Woods†

Guests: Orla Bannon, Western Resources Advocates†
 Ken Beegles, Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District
 Elaine Chick, Water Information Program
 Marcel Gaztambide, San Juan Citizens Alliance†
 Ryan Unterreiner, Colorado Parks & Wildlife†

†Participated by phone.

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Review and Approve Agenda

(time: 00:01:40)

There were no changes to the agenda.

3.0 Questions and Comments from Audience

(time: 00:01:45)

There were no public comments or questions.

4.0 Legislative Update & Position on Bills

(time: 00:02:15)

The Colorado Water Congress (CWC) State Affairs Committee met on January 13 to discuss water legislation introduced thus far during the 2020 Legislative Session, which convened on January 8. Frank Kugel explained the bills, relayed CWC discussion of the bills to the board, and referenced the summary document (Legislative Update 1-14-20).

The following bills were discussed: SB 008 (Enhance Penalties Water Quality Criminal Violations), SB 024 (Require Public Input on Water Demand Management Program), SB 048 (Study Strengthening Water Anti-Speculation Law), HB 1037 (Augmentation of Instream Flows), HB 1042 (PFAS Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Manufacturer Notice Requirements), HB 1069 (Add Water Well Inspectors Identify High-Risk Wells), and HB 1072 (Study Emerging Technologies for Water Management).

There was board consensus to direct State Affairs representatives to advocate for an amendment to SB 024 to clarify that the implementation of demand management program in Colorado is currently undergoing a feasibility investigation and it is not a foregone conclusion that such a program will ultimately be adopted by either the State of Colorado or through the Upper Colorado River Commission. There was consensus that SWCD support HB 1042.

At the next teleconference, the board will likely discuss other recently introduced legislation, including a bill to permit Water Conservancy Districts' participation in beautification projects. Staff also informed the Board that some stakeholders from southwestern Colorado may bring forward a legislative concept during the session to expand the current water conservation program to Water Division 7.

5.0 2020 WIP Contractor Agreement

(time: 00:39:15)

Beth Van Vurst directed the board to a short confidential memo and the proposed draft of the 2020 WIP contractor agreement with Elaine Chick Consulting. JR Ford moved to direct staff to execute the 2020 WIP Contractor agreement as proposed. Rusty Hinger seconded. The motion passed.

6.0 Executive Session

(time: 00:42:00)

There was no need for executive session.

7.0 Adjournment

Bob Wolff adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Next Meeting

January 28, 2020	9:00am	Special Board Meeting & Teleconference
February 12-13, 2020	TBD	Regular Board Meeting
February 26, 2020	9:00am	Special Board Meeting & Teleconference



Robert Wolff, Board President