

TRI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

May 15, 2024

Present: Ted Collin, Jack Sibold, Steve Glammeyer, Richard Wojciechowski, Vicki Ripp, Jack Flowers, Jim Hokit, Norman Brooks, Wayne Schieldt, David Kienholz, Leslie Brown, Zack Ahlberg, Jan McCracken, Joanne Fagan, Glen Black
TCW Staff: Jerry Young (Jerry), Mike Berry (Mike), Kyle Thompson, Sandy Flowers
Attorney: David Skarka (David)
Public: Update of P7 Resiliency Program – Miles Graham, Sagrado Sparks, Rick Huggins, Adam Turner

Call Session to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Vicki Ripp. A quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

- Move Agenda Item Number 5 to Manager’s report E.

Approval of Minutes

Richard Wojciechowski moved to approve the minutes. Jack Flowers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Handouts

Vicki asked for questions or comments on the handouts. Jerry circulated an additional handout regarding an upcoming seminar on “Life Without Oil”.

Project 7 Report – Vicki Ripp

Vicki Ripp deferred to the Project 7 team to report.

Update of P7 Resiliency Program – Miles Graham, Sagrado Sparks, Rick Huggins, Adam Turner

The group from Project 7 provided an update on the status of the new water treatment plant south of Montrose including projected costs, timelines for startup and completion and the potential impact on future Project 7 water treatment rates.

Attorney’s Report

Ouray County Water Rights Application (2019 Application)

David reported on the status of the Ouray County Water Rights Application.

Ram’s Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Case (2021 Application)

David reported on the status of the Ram’s Horn / Dallas Divide Diligence Case.

Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence (2023 Application)

David reported on the status of the Sneva Reservoir and Dallas Divide Reservoir Enlargement Diligence Application.

Attorney's Report Continued:

Exchange Agreement Water Rights (2023 Application)

David reported on the status of the Exchange Agreement water rights application.

2024 Ouray County Irrigation Water Lease w/Reclamation – Ridgway Reservoir

David reported on the status of the 2024 Ouray County Irrigation Water Lease w/Reclamation – Ridgway Reservoir.

Augmentation Contract Renewal – Elk Mountain Resort Partners LLC

David introduced the renewal contract for Elk Mountain Resort Partners LLC to purchase 5 AF of augmentation water. Wayne Schieldt moved to approve the augmentation contract for 5 AF of water for Elk Mountain Resort. Jan McCracken seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report

Ouray County Letter - 2025 O&M Charges

Jerry stated Tri-County is preparing an MOU / Agreement between Tri-County and Ouray County to address the issue of O&M Charges for water year 2025.

May 1 CBRFC Runoff Forecast

Jerry stated the runoff forecast remains steady at 76% of average.

Ridgway Reservoir Operations and ROC Update

Jerry reported on the status of the Ridgway Reservoir Operations sharing that UVWUA has used one third of their allocated pool or approximately 8,000 AF. Mike reported the reservoir is 4,800 AF below the 30 year average and expects, based on current conditions, the reservoir will get close but not quite fill. The current plan is to fill to approximately 90% and then slow the fill.

Gunnison Basin Round Table Appointment

Jerry inquired if anyone in the room might be interested in filling the seat at the Round Table being vacated by Mike or if the group would like to appoint him as the representative. Steve Glammeyer moved to appoint Jerry as the Tri-County Water representative to the Gunnison Basin Round Table. Glen Black seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Customer Mr. George Davis, Jr.

Tri-County Water customer, Mr. George Davis, Jr. was not able to attend the meeting as planned. Jerry briefly described a complaint received from Mr. Davis, Jr. regarding water pressure at his home.

Other

The details of Mike's retirement celebration were discussed.

Announcements

- Board Meeting – June 19, 9:00 am – Tri-County

Public Comment / Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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Vicki Ripp, President

Joanne Fagan, Secretary