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**SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

MINUTES

March 21, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 10:11 a.m., at the District office, 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado.

President Long announced a quorum was present.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Bill Long	Ann Nichols	Vera Ortegon
Gary Bostrom	Kevin Karney	Reed Dils
Gibson Hazard	Greg Johnson	Carl McClure
Howard "Bub" Miller	David Simpson	Shawn Yoxey
Tom Goodwin	Leonard Pruett	
Alan Hamel-Advisory Board Member		

DIRECTOR(S) ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Harold Miskel.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Executive Director James Broderick; General Counsel Lee Miller; Administrative Manager Toni Gonzales; Project Engineer Kevin Meador; Finance Manager Tina White; Director of Engineering and Resource Management Bob Hamilton; Project-Program Coordinator Jean Van Pelt; Special Water Counsel Steve Leonhardt and Sarah Shechter; and Federal Lobbyist Ray Kogovsek.

VISITORS PRESENT:

David Mau, U.S. Geological Survey; Chris Woodka, The Pueblo Chieftain; Steve Witte, Colorado Division of Water Resources-Division 2; Dwight Gardner, Senator Michael Bennet's office; Doris Morgan, Congressman Cory Gardner's office; Jim Baldwin, Otero County; Brett Gracely, Colorado Springs Utilities; Terry Book, Board of Water Works of Pueblo; Brian McCain, Congressman Scott Tipton's office; Christina Thiebaut, Senator Mark Udall's office; Bob Hartzman, City of Canon City Water Department; Terry Dawson, Bureau of Reclamation; Tom Simpson, Aurora Water; Roy Heald, Security Water District and Fountain Valley Authority; Daniel Rice and Lee Lindeen, Providence Infrastructure; Terry Scanga, Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District; Scott Lorenz, Arkansas Groundwater Users Association; Bill Vaupel, Jacobs Engineering Group; Curt Thompson, Merrick & Company; Jennifer Gimbel and Ted Kowalski, Colorado Water Conservation Board; Tim Payne, Fremont County; Kevin Bergschneider, HDR Engineering; and Erin Wilson, Wilson Water Group.

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INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

President Long welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization they represented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Long asked if the members of the Board had received their copy of the minutes of the January 17, 2013 Board meeting, and if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none, Mrs. Ortegon moved, seconded by Mr. Howard “Bub” Miller, to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Ann Nichols reported the financial statements for January and February were posted to the Board website for review. Treasurer Nichols moved, seconded by Mr. Pruett, for acceptance of the January and February 2013 financial statements and payment of the March 2013 bills. Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

Legal Matters

COLORADO RIVER BASIN STUDY

Lee Miller introduced Colorado Water Conservation Board, Executive Director Jennifer Gimbel and Interstate and Federal Section, Section Chief Ted Kowalski.

Ms. Gimbel thanked the District for their support of the Projects Bill, SB181. She also noted that the District requested funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account Grant for an Arkansas Basin Study that was approved by the CWCB at its Board meeting two days earlier. Ms. Gimbel also thanked the District for the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project 50th Anniversary tapestry that was presented to the CWCB Board.

Ms. Gimbel thanked the Board for the opportunity to update them on the Colorado River Basin Study. She said the Colorado River Basin Study is a planning study, and it is meant to be a tool, which can be used to pick out pieces of the study. Ms. Gimbel said they did not look at artificial boundaries. She said a lot of activity happened last year. Erin Wilson from the Wilson Water Group helped on the River Basin Study.

Mr. Kowalski presented a PowerPoint titled, *Colorado River Basin Study*, reviewing the following:

- Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study
- Scenario Planning: Addressing an Uncertain Future
- Water Supply Scenarios/Water Demand Scenarios
- Quantification of Water Supply
- Water Demand Quantification Results

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- Historic Colorado River Water Supply and Use/Projected Future Supply and Demand
- Law of the River Allocations
- Current Use Estimates
- System Reliability Analysis Identities Risk and Risk Triggers
- System Response Variables
- Portfolio Development
- Key Points
- Next Steps

ACTION ITEMS:**STIPULATION WITH ACA PRODUCTS INC. (CASE NO. 11CW93)**

Steve Leonhardt reported ACA Products, Inc. filed its Application in Case No. 11CW93 in December 2011 and the District filed its Statement of Opposition in February 2012. The Application seeks approval of a plan for augmentation to replace depletions from a gravel pit located near the Fry-Ark Project's diversion from Halfmoon Creek in Lake County. The District's primary concerns include: (1) protection of Fry-Ark Project diversions and yield on Halfmoon Creek; and (2) use and exchange of Twin Lakes water to the Applicant's gravel mining operations.

Later engineering, reviewed by Bob Hamilton, confirmed that no depletions would occur to Halfmoon Creek, thus alleviating that concern. This proposed decree (in ¶¶11-14) adequately addresses the use of Twin Lakes water, including provisions that sufficient water must be secured before depletions occur. Paragraph 18 in the proposed decree requires that, in the event that Applicant's depletions cause any loss in yield to the Fry-Ark Project, any such loss will be replaced to the Fry-Ark Project from the Twin Lakes shares that the Applicant has committed to in this plan.

Mr. Dils moved, seconded by Mr. Bostrom, to authorize special water counsel to execute a stipulation with ACA Products, Inc. stipulating to entry of a decree that is no less restrictive on ACA Products, Inc. and no less protective of the District than the proposed decree dated February 28, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

STIPULATION WITH LOWER ARKANSAS WATER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (LAWMA) (CASE NO. 12CW37)

Mr. Leonhardt reported LAWMA filed this Application in Case No. 12CW37 (Water Division 2) in April 2012, and the District filed its Statement of Opposition in June 2012. Case No. 12CW37 is LAWMA's application to add twenty-one wells to LAWMA's blanket augmentation plan decreed in Case No. 02CW181. The District's primary focus in this case is to ensure that neither Project water nor return flows therefrom are used to augment wells that are either located outside of District boundaries or water from which is used outside District boundaries.

LAWMA circulated a proposed decree in December 2012 that included all of the terms and conditions to which the District stipulated in its blanket augmentation plan in Case No. 02CW181. Accordingly, the only remaining issue was to ensure that LAWMA and the District agree which structures can be

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augmented by Project water or return flows. LAWMA then provided a proposed stipulation that: (1) acknowledges that any use of Fry-Ark Project water, including return flows, is subject to the District's Allocation Principles and policies; and (2) ensures that Fry-Ark Project water and return flows are only used to augment wells that are located within and have depletions that occur within the District's boundaries, which wells are listed in an attachment to the stipulation. Mr. Bostrom moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize special water counsel to execute a stipulation with LAWMA consistent with the Stipulation provided. Motion unanimously carried.

COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES: AGREEMENT CONCERNING EXCHANGE, STORAGE, AND USE OF FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER; STIPULATIONS IN CASE NOS. 07CW122 AND 12CW31

Mr. Leonhardt reported Colorado Springs is seeking to exchange Project water for storage in non-Project facilities. The District and Colorado Springs negotiated an Agreement that accomplishes the District's objectives to clarify the conditions on which CS-U may exchange and store its allocated Project water, consistent with the District's obligations under federal reclamation law and contracts.

In Case No. 07CW122, Colorado Springs applied for a conditional exchange right from Pueblo Reservoir and the proposed Williams Creek Reservoir to points upstream on Fountain Creek and its tributaries. Project water is one of the several sources of water Colorado Springs seeks to exchange. Case No. 12CW31 is a similar case for storage of water (including Project water) in the proposed Upper Williams Creek Reservoir and exchange into that reservoir. In each case, the District was concerned with protecting its water rights and interest in allocating Project water and return flows; use of Project facilities; and protection for currently applied-for exchanges as well as future exchanges.

In both cases, CS-U has proposed decrees that address the District's concerns, consistent with previous CS-U exchange decrees to which the District has stipulated, and with the current recommended Agreement. Both proposed decrees include appropriate references to the Agreement to the extent it affects CS-U's exchanges and storage of Project water in each case.

Mr. Hazard moved, seconded by Mrs. Yoxey, to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Agreement between the District and the City of Colorado Springs Concerning Exchange, Storage, and Use of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water; and to authorize special water counsel to execute a stipulation with Colorado Springs Utilities in Case No. 07CW122 stipulating to entry of a decree that is no less restrictive on CS-U and no less protective of the District than the proposed decree dated February 12, 2013; and a stipulation with Colorado Springs Utilities in Case No. 12CW31 stipulating to entry of a decree that is no less restrictive on CS-U and no less protective of the District than the proposed decree dated March 1, 2013. Motion passed with Mr. Bostrom abstaining.

STIPULATION WITH CITY OF VICTOR AND CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR GOLD MINING CO. (CASE NO. 10CW98-WATER DIVISION 2)

Sarah Shechter reported the City of Victor and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co. (CC & V) filed an application in December 2010 for exchanges of non-Project water from Pueblo Reservoir to facilities

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on upstream tributaries that are owned and/or operated by the City of Victor or CC & V. The District's primary concerns were ensuring the District had appropriate information regarding the sources of water to be exchanged and ensuring that the terms and conditions for use of Project facilities were consistent with other out-of-District entities' use of the same Fry-Ark facilities. The final proposed decree, dated February 19, 2013, included the necessary language.

Mr. Goodwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Yoxey, to authorize special water counsel to execute a stipulation with the City of Victor and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co. stipulating to entry of a decree that is no less restrictive on the applicants and no less protective of the District than the proposed decree dated February 19, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

Water Court Resume

CLIMAX (CASE NO. 12CW124)

Mr. Hamilton reported Case No. 12CW124 is an application by Climax Molybdenum Company (Climax) for Conditional Water Rights, Appropriative Rights of Exchange, and Approval of Plan for Augmentation. This application involves water rights in multiple Water Divisions, and exchanges with the Board of Water Works of Pueblo, Colorado (BWWP) involving water in many reservoirs from Turquoise, down the Arkansas River basin to Lakes Henry and Meredith in Crowley County. The District's primary concern is the application specifically describes delivery from Pueblo Reservoir to Climax which is outside of the District and the service area of the BWWP, which is contrary to BWWP's storage contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. The Resume also states that they may use Lake Henry and Lake Meredith, which are under the Colorado Canal Company. The Resume also states the Colorado Canal Company owns Lake Henry and Lake Meredith. Those two reservoirs are owned by the respective reservoir companies, and BWWP does not own shares in either of those companies. Because of the abovementioned issues special water counsel filed a Statement of Opposition in this case.

Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by Mr. Dils, the Board ratify staff and special water counsel's action of filing a Statement of Opposition in Water Division 2, Case No. 12CW124. Motion passed with Mr. McClure abstaining.

BLM/PARK CENTER (CASE NO. 12CW125)

Bob Hamilton reported Case No. 12CW125 is an application by the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Park Center Water District (Park Center) Plan for Augmentation, which proposes to use Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water (Project water) as one source of water to be used to augment a BLM well and associated depletions located outside of the District's boundary. The District has commented on a Substitute Water Supply Plan (SWSP) based on this application stating Project water cannot be used for augmenting this well. Use of Project water to augment a well located outside of the District is the basis for filing the Statement of Opposition. Based on the abovementioned issues special water counsel filed a Statement of Opposition in this case.

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Mrs. Ortegon moved, seconded by Mr. Goodwin, the Board ratify staff and special water counsel's action of filing a Statement of Opposition in Water Division 2, Case No. 12CW125. Motion unanimously carried.

TOWN OF FOWLER (CASE NO. 13CW7)

Mr. Hamilton reported Case No. 13CW7 is an application by the Town of Fowler (Fowler) for the change of 8.7 shares out of the 1,196 total shares of the Oxford Farmer's Ditch on the Arkansas River. The applicant seeks to change its direct flow rights from irrigation to augmentation of all municipal uses. The changed water rights will be included as an augmentation source in Colorado Water Protective and Development Association's Rule 14 Plan. This proposed change does not include any Project water allocated to the Oxford Farmer's Ditch for irrigation. However, under its policies the District will need to address the issue that the changed shares will not be able to receive such Project water, and that the allocation of Fry-Ark to the Oxford Farmer's Ditch will be reduced in proportion to the number of shares changed to augmentation for municipal uses. The Resume also states "*This application is not intended to affect the participation of Fowler's shares in the Winter Water Storage Program.*" Fowler will have to make other arrangements for the storage of its share of the Winter Water Storage Program because Winter water stored in Pueblo Reservoir may only be used for irrigation. Based on the above issues, staff and special water counsel recommend the Board authorize special water counsel to file a Statement of Opposition in Water Division 2 Case 13CW7.

Mr. Bostrom moved, seconded by Mr. Hazard, the Board authorize special water counsel to file a Statement of Opposition in Water Division 2, Case No. 13CW7. Motion unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS:**U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION REPORT**

Terry Dawson provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the following:

- As of March 19, there were 176,850 acre-feet stored in Pueblo Reservoir; 127,477 acre-feet of Project water; 27,619 acre-feet of Excess Capacity water; 21,631 acre-feet of Winter water.
- There is currently 129,472 acre-feet of Project space in Pueblo Reservoir and 58,075 acre-feet of space in Turquoise and Twin Lakes Reservoirs.
- Project Reservoirs: Turquoise 47%; Twin Lakes 84%; Pueblo 87%
- West Slope Snowpack: 83%

DIVISION ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Witte reviewed the following:

- River and Reservoir Reports
 - Reference Arkansas River Daily Report. River Call is:
 - 4/15/1884 Fort Lyon
 - 1/29/1885 Buffalo
 - <http://www.dwr.state.co.us/div2/aras/arascal.asp>
- Current River/Reservoir Operations
 - Winter Water Storage Program

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- Storage in Pueblo ended 3/15/2013
- Overall storage under the Winter Storage Program for the year is 67,168 acre-feet. Showed a graph that indicated this is the lowest on record. (There was no program during the winter of 1977-78.)
- Compact Storage in John Martin Reservoir is only 5,733 acre-feet and is about 25 percent of the 1950-1975 average.
<http://www.dwr.state.co.us/div2/jmas/jmascal.asp>
- Division Engineer's Office staff are currently reviewing Rule 14 Replacement Plans to replace well depletions
 - Well associations are expected to carry forward un-replaced depletions into the new plan year, which must be replaced before April 30, 2013 or else pumping will be curtailed until the deficit can be made up.
 - The Division Engineers Office is trying to determine the amount of replacement supplies that will be needed to preserve the ability of municipal and domestic well users to continue pumping given their available resources and assuming conservation measures to curtail outdoor use
- Two applications for approval of Rule 10 Plans have been submitted, one by the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District (LAVWCD) and a second plan specifically addressing improvements under the Ft. Lyon Canal system under the auspices of the LAVWCD. Both plans state their intention to rely on Fry-Ark return flows to be used as a source to maintain return flows associated with surface water irrigation improvements. Additionally, the LAVWCD intends to utilize two recharge ponds as means of maintaining return flow patterns.
- Super Ditch / Interruptible Water Supply Agreement

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

Mr. Mau presented a PowerPoint titled, *Summary of Water Conditions in the Arkansas River Basin-*, reviewing the following:

- Current Streamflow Condition in Colorado
- Colorado SNOTEL Snow Water Equivalent Percent of Normal
- Arkansas River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary
- Mountain Snowpack as of March 1, 2013
- Colorado SNOTEL Year-to Date Precipitation Update Graph
- Colorado Reservoir Storage Map
- Arkansas, Colorado, Rio Grande Spring and Summer Streamflow Forecasts as of March 1, 2013
- U. S. Drought Monitor
- Calculated Soil Moisture-March 19, 2013

NRCS COLORADO BASIN OUTLOOK REPORT March 1, 2013

Mr. Hamilton reported the Colorado Basin Outlook Report for March 1, 2013 was posted to the Board website and a copy was in their Board binders. The monthly report will be posted and provided in their binders each month.

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Mr. Hamilton presented a PowerPoint reviewing the following:

- Upper Arkansas Basin Snowpack-March 21, 2013
- Arkansas River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary
- Arkansas River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary
- Fry-Ark Collection System Area Snowpack-March 21, 2013
- Upper Colorado River Basin Time Series Snowpack Summary
- Upper Colorado River Basin High/Low Snowpack Summary

STATE LEGISLATION UPDATE

Lee Miller reported the District participates in the Colorado Water Congress State Affairs Committee, which generally meets on Monday mornings in Denver before the Legislature begins its work for the week. The Board was provided the State Affairs Committee's water bill summary, status sheet, and notes of the meeting on March 11.

As discussed in the February State Legislative Update Information Report, of particular interest to the District is SB13-019, sponsored by Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Gail Schwartz. As introduced, the operative sections 3 and 4 provided an avenue for changing the difference between amount of agricultural water historically diverted and the reduced diversion amount achieved through efficiency measures to non-consumptive water uses below the original diversion point, denying upstream junior water rights (such as the Fry-Ark and Twin Lakes) the right to divert when water in priority is available. Significant concerns with the legislation were raised by many water users from various parts of the state. The State Affairs Committee formed a subcommittee, which the District participated in, that forwarded a suggestion to Senator Schwartz that only section 2, with some amendments, move forward at this time. Section 2 directs the water judge to disregard the decrease in use of water from certain conservation programs in its determinations of historical consumptive use in change of water right cases and adds to the list a decrease in water use to provide for compact compliance.

At a hearing in the Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee, Senator Schwartz offered an amendment that accepted most of the suggestions that the State Affairs subcommittee forwarded, but inexplicably limited the Section 2 direction to the water judge to cases in Water Divisions 4, 5, and 6. The bill, as amended by the Senate Agriculture Committee, restricts a water judge from determining a water user's historical consumptive use in Water Divisions 4, 5, or 6 based on water use reductions resulting from:

- enrollment in a federal land conservation program;
- participation in certain water conservation programs;
- participation in an approved land fallowing program or to provide water for compact compliance; or
- participation in a water banking program.

The bill has passed the Senate and has been assigned to the House Agriculture Committee.

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Another bill the District has been following is HB03-1130, sponsored by Representatives Fisher and Sonnenberg, with the Senate sponsor Senator Todd. This bill allows the state engineer to reapprove operation of an interruptible water supply agreement for up to two additional three years within ten year periods. Significant revisions to the bill were suggested by a State Affairs Committee formed subcommittee. The bill was amended in the House Agriculture Committee to require an applicant for preapproval to submit to the Water Clerk of each division where a loaned water right is located a resume of the application to the state engineer which shall be published. Other water right owners have four months to comment. The amended bill also provides that a borrower of a loaned water right may not rely on multiple interruptible agreements as its primary source of supply. Any renewal must be on terms and conditions that are no less stringent than in the original agreement and the state engineer's approval or disapproval is a final agency action for purposes of appeal; appeals to the water court shall be expedited. The bill has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

House Agriculture Chair Randy Fischer has again teamed up with Lower Ark District and the Super Ditch to introduce a lease/fallowing bill. HB03-1248 authorizes the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to administer a pilot program consisting of up to three (3) pilot projects, each up to ten (10) years in duration, in the Lower Arkansas River Basin to demonstrate the practice of fallowing agricultural irrigation land and leasing the associated water rights for temporary municipal use. The bill prohibits the CWCB from approving a project involving more than two thousand five hundred transferrable consumptive acre-feet per year; requires at least one project to be less than one thousand transferrable consumptive acre-feet per year. The bill also prohibits the fallowing of the same land for more than three years in a ten year period and prohibits fallowing more than 30 percent of a single irrigated farm for more than three consecutive years. HB03-1248 was introduced as a "late bill" and has not yet had any legislative action.

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Broderick gave a brief report on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable, which included subcommittee reports and updates on Executive Committee and the Non-Consumptive Needs Committee. He also gave a brief overview of the Presentation of the Colorado Water Availability Study Phase 2, the WSRA Grant Approval of the Arkansas Basin Modeling and Mapping, Two Rivers Water Company presentation, and the value of Water in Agriculture presentation.

COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Ann Nichols reported the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (Authority) closed on two large refunding issues in February – one in the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) that refunded \$58 million in par in six prior bond issues for 19 borrowers for a net present value savings of 7.50 percent, and one in the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF) that refunded \$92.9 million in par in 4 prior issues for 11 borrowers for a net present value savings of 7.02 percent. The Authority used the refundings to terminate the associated repurchase agreements that constituted the overfunded reserve funds and directed the excess reserve fund dollars to the refunding escrows. The Authority Board had become concerned about the stability of these repurchase agreements given the

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recent history of rating agency downgrades of the repo providers. The affected borrowers will see significant debt service savings as a result of the refundings.

In mid-March, the Authority closed on a Water Revenue Bond issue in the amount of \$12.2 million for the City of Fountain to fund portions of Fountain's Southern Delivery System obligations, renovation of a building for customer service functions and replacement of water lines.

At its March meeting, the Authority also approved a \$255,000 WPCRF direct loan to the Town of Crowley (at a 2 percent interest rate) for additional biosolids removal costs associated with the Town's recent upgrades to its lagoon system.

The Authority Board approved the 2013 DWRP and WPCRF Capitalization Grant Agreements requesting the same amount of funding as was approved for 2012 - \$15.9 million for DWRP and \$11.3 million for WPCRF. Authority staff was subsequently advised by EPA that the impact of the sequester is to reduce these amounts by \$795,000 and \$575,000 respectively. Applications for this funding – including the associated “principal forgiveness amounts – are due by June 15, 2013.

Authority staff informed the Board that the amount of loan requests that are likely for the DWRP for 2013 would exceed the lending capacity of that program and trigger prioritization of those requests, for the first time in the program's history.

Construction of Long Hollow Reservoir continues and is about 30 percent complete.

COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD (CWCB)

Alan Hamel thanked the District, Mr. Broderick, and Lee Miller for all their support to CWCB. Also, for Mr. Broderick joining and commenting at the CWCB Board meeting on the March 19 regarding the Arkansas Basin planning for the future and Lee Miller for his comments of support at the House Ag Committee on the March 18 on the Projects Bill and addressing the CWCB Board on the March 20 on HB-1248.

Mr. Hamel reported on the following CWCB Grants/Loans Awarded to the Arkansas Basin:

- Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Arkansas River Basin Study- State Fund; \$238,400 - Basin fund; \$59,600 - Total; \$298,000
- Fountain Creek Flood District- State Fund; \$75,000 - Basin Fund; \$30,000 - Total; \$105,000
- Ordway Feed Lot - Grants - State Fund; \$225,000 - Basin Fund; \$500,000 - Low Interest Loan (1.75 percent) \$2.525 million - Total Package; \$3.0475 million

Mr. Hamel reviewed the following regarding the State Water Planning:

- High priority
- Discussion at the January and March 2013 meetings. An April one day workshop exclusively set aside for this important topic.
- Governor wants to see a plan by 2015

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- The IBCC and basin Roundtables play an important role

Mr. Hamel reviewed the CWCB Strategic Framework:

- Adopted at the January meeting after a year of staff and Board development. It included two all day Board workshops.
- Available on the CWCB web site under the About Us and then Board headings.
- The Strategic Framework defines CWCB's action moving forward for the Board to be successful in meeting it's mission to conserve, develop, protect, and develop Colorado's water resources for present and future generations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

The Board was provided written material on the following topics, which were posted to the Board website:

- Water Court Résumé
- O M & R Update
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, April 24-25, Walsenburg

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS:

Mr. Johnson said the Colorado River Committee would convene their meeting at 1:00.

President Long asked if there were any other matters to come before the meeting, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Gonzales
Administrative Manager

Secretary

