

WINTER WATER STORAGE PROGRAM
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Annual Meeting
October 21, 2011

Chairman Jim Broderick called the annual Winter Water Storage Program meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 10:33 a.m. introductions were made. The meeting was held at Otero Junior College, Banquet Room, 2001 San Juan Avenue, and La Junta.

Winter Water Board of Trustees Voting Members:

Glenn Wilson, Amity Mutual Irrigation Company; Mike Klun, Bessemer Irrigating Ditch Company; John Schweizer, Catlin Canal Company; Scott Campbell, Colorado Canal Company; Wesley Eck, Fort Lyon Canal Company; Dan Henrichs, High Line Canal Company; Donny Hansen, Holbrook Mutual Irrigating Company; No representative for Las Animas Consolidated Canal Company; Ray Smith, Oxford Farmers Ditch Company; Tom Pope, Riverside Dairy Ditch; and, Alan Ward, West Pueblo Ditch.

Others in Attendance: Carl McClure, SECWCD Director; Abby Ortega, Colorado Springs Utilities; Greg Williams, Mary Alice Whittaker, and Wayne Whittaker, Catlin Canal; Bob Barnhart, Holbrook Canal; Lonnie Spady, John Van Oort, Jeanette Myers, Phil Reynolds, and Steve Witte, Division of Water Resources; Kevin Salter, Kansas Division of Water Resources-KDA; Manny Torrez, Phil Hemphil, Mike Downy, and Kim Siefkas, Fort Lyon Canal; Terry Howland, Amity Canal; Russ Livingston, Livingston Professional Services-Hydro Sciences; John Tonko, Colorado Division of Wildlife; Michael Hill, Bessemer Ditch; Dr. Perry Cabot, Colorado State University; Jim Broderick, and Margie Medina, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District.

Minutes

Scott Campbell moved to approve the October 15, 2010 Winter Water Storage Program (Program) minutes, motion was seconded by Dan Henrichs. Motion passed with all in favor to approve the minutes.

Fry-Ark Operations – U. S. Bureau of Reclamation

Roy Vaughan reported as of October 13, 2011:

- 165,384 a/f stored in Pueblo
- 111,898 a/f of Project water
- 44,311 a/f of excess capacity water
- 9,188 a/f of Winter water
- 145,051 a/f of Project space in Pueblo
- 6,221 a/f of Project space in Twin and Turquoise
- 85,800 a/f of space available for Winter water

Project reservoir levels as of October 13 were - Turquoise - 109%, Twin Lakes - 107% and Pueblo Reservoir - 118%. The Bureau of Reclamation is currently moving 100 cfs from Twin Lakes to Pueblo Reservoir and will be moving 55 to 60 thousand acre-feet from October thru March. Movement of water will be adjusted according to the forecast and customer's needs.

Division of Water Resources – Division Engineer

Steve Witte introduced Phil Reynolds who is in charge of tracking the Winter Water Program. Mr. Witte reviewed the final Winter Water Program report dated November 15, 2010 through March 14, 2011.

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Steve asked for input from the canals regarding winter water operations or maintenance that may have some effect on the program.

Aurora Rocky Ford Ditch Water Estimate of Return Flow Storage Availability

Jim Broderick informed the group the delivery of Rocky Ford Ditch historic winter return flows by the City of Aurora will be delivered at Pueblo Reservoir. Aurora calculated the total winter return flow obligation (2011-2012) to be 1,618 acre-feet.

The meeting recessed for lunch and resumed at 12:05 p.m.

Abstract of Transit Loss and Travel Time Study Update

Jim Broderick introduced Russ Livingston of Livingston Professional Services. Mr. Livingston reported on the final results of the "TLAP" (Transit Loss Application Program) which is Excel based consisting of three components 1) Data Input 2) Simulations 3) Data analysis.

The study was done strictly to aid in the reservoir release timing. As a result of the study, for diversions a 10 percent rule will be adopted and for reservoir-reservoir the 5 percent rule will continue to be used.

Future Use of the Livingston Study

Steve Witte is working with US Geological Survey (USGS) on addressing how the TLAP tool will be used. In accordance to the Winter water decree the Board of Trustees must unanimously approve the study.

Reclamation Reform Act (RRA) Explanation of RRA Program Handouts

Margie Medina provided an update of the Reclamation Reform Act and the Water District Review completed by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). A total of 238 files were reviewed during the first part of the review that consisted of those landholders from 240 acres to 960 acres. At the February 17, 2011 Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board meeting the Directors authorized the District to pay Reclamation \$8,990.00 in Reclamation Reform Act Administrative Fees. The District informed the landholders and canal companies that this is a one-time only occurrence, and in the future, the landholder will be responsible for the fees. At this time Reclamation Reform Act certification forms of those landholders over 960 acres are being reviewed by the Great Plains office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Staff is implementing procedures and protocols for the Reclamation Reform Act that will be addressed by the District Board of Directors. On May 1, 2012 Reclamation Reform Act training will be offered at the District office. Targeted audience for this training is a maximum of two representatives from each canal.

CoAgMet Outreach Program

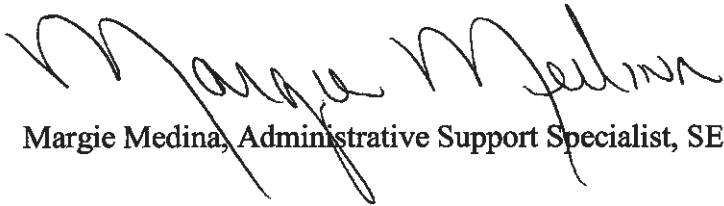
Dr. Perry Cabot with Colorado State University updated the group on the CoAgMet Outreach Program, there are 78 stations statewide that have crop water use information. Crop water reports are not only available on the internet but through text messaging as well. For more information on the program go to <http://climate.colostate.edu/~coagmet/about.php>.

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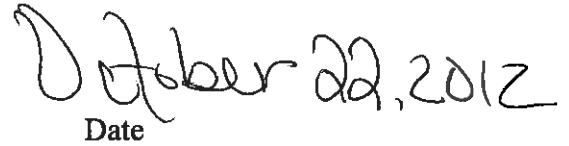
Next Meeting

Mr. Broderick presented the Winter Water Primer to the group. The next scheduled meeting of the Winter Water Storage Program Board of Trustees Annual meeting will be October 19, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



Margie Medina, Administrative Support Specialist, SECWCD



Date