

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 1, 2022**

A meeting of the Allocation Committee was held on Thursday, September 01, 2022 at 01:00 p.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 and via Zoom virtual conference.

Chairman Andy Colosimo announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Colosimo Chair, Matt Heimerich, Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Howard "Bub" Miller, Vice Chair, Tom Goodwin, Bill Long

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bethany Arnold and Lonnie Spady, Division of Water Resources; Garrett Markus, Margie Medina, Mark Scott, Peter Levish, Lee Miller, and Leann Noga Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) staff.

Zoom participant: Patty Rivas, Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Colosimo confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the May 5, 2022 Joint Allocation and Resource & Engineering Committee minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Alan Hamel moved, Matt Heimerich seconded, to approve the minutes as is. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

2022 WATER YEAR SUMMARY

The Bureau of Reclamation has forecasted an import basis for allocation of 45,300 AF based on the snowpack of May 1, 2022 producing 32,848 AF available for allocation. The final Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water (Project Water) imports for allocation year 2022 are 47,194 AF and slow accruing from tunnel seepage.

As for storage, Project Water Carryover stored 114,041.9 AF and Winter Water stored 34,461.34 AF. There were 63,260 AF of In-District Excess Capacity contracts and 10,549 Out-of-District Excess capacity contracts for 2022.

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Garrett Markus provided a PowerPoint presentation covering Fryingpan-Arkansas import history, ranking imports comparing average versus design amounts. Graphically shown was a chart showing March 14 winter water accounts, May 1 carry over accounts, and November 14 the start of winter water. There was discussion regarding the 80/20 Rule, which would allow ag to store 20 percent of their ag water until May 1, 2023.

ACTION ITEM:

AGRICULTURAL PROJECT WATER-OFF SEASON STORAGE

Based on the previous discussion of the 80/20 Rule, dry weather patterns, and Pueblo Reservoir storage levels; a pilot project was discussed that would allow Agricultural stakeholders to store their allocated Project Water to May 1, 2023 with the option to store Agricultural Carryover Project Water after May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

The Allocation Committee consented to recommend to the Board of Directors approve an Agricultural Project Water Carryover Pilot Project. The action item recommended was not necessary since the program was expanded into a Pilot Project. The discussion lead to the Allocation Committee allow the 2022 agricultural allocations the ability to store 100 percent of agricultural allocation to be stored for the 2022-2024 agricultural off season to be used by April 30, 2024 with necessary program parameters be established by spring of 2023.

INFORMATION ITEM

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman Colosimo adjourned the meeting at 02:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer