

**ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 2, 2023**

A meeting of the Allocation Committee was held on Thursday, February 02, 2023 at 11:21 a.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, Tom Goodwin, Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell, and James Broderick

Via Zoom: Howard “Bub” Miller, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Bill Long

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mike Holmberg, Bureau of Reclamation; Garrett Markus, Kevin Meador, Margie Medina, Mark Scott, Peter Levish, Lee Miller, Chris Woodka, and Leann Noga Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) staff.

Zoom participants: Patty Rivas, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Colosimo confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the November 10, 2022 Allocation Committee minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Tom Goodwin moved, Alan Hamel seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

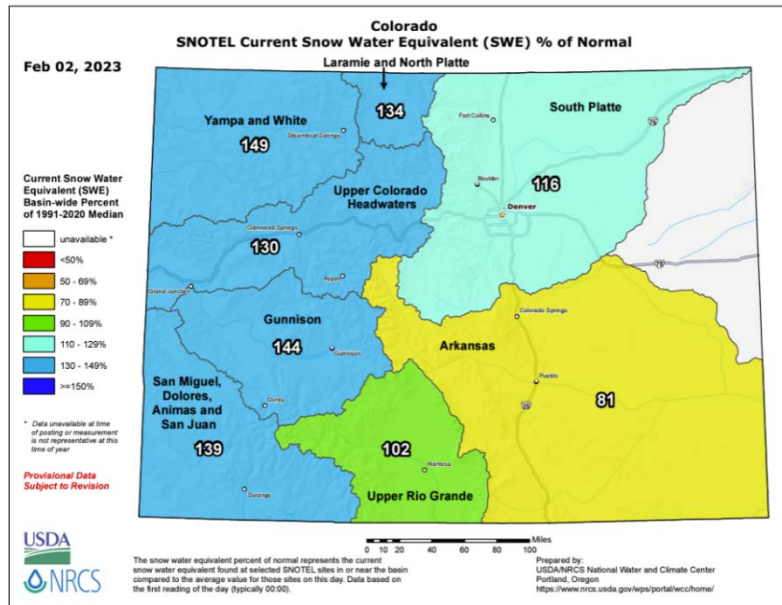
FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Garrett Markus reviewed the Upper Colorado River Basin snow conditions, the Colorado snow conditions, and the five sites associated with the Fryingpan-Arkansas (Fry-Ark) collection system.

Fry-Ark Collection Basin Snowpack vs Annual Basin Average w/Assoc. Fry-Ark Imports graph at 123 percent of median and 73 percent peak. Individual site graphs were provided with Kiln at 119 percent, Nast Lake at 146 percent, Chapman at 99 percent, and Ivanhoe at 141 percent. February 1 Bureau of Reclamation unofficial forecast for the Fry-Ark is 59,900 AF.

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AGRICULTURAL PROJECT WATER CARRYOVER PILOT PROJECT

On September 15, 2022 the Southeastern Colorado Water Activity Enterprise approved the District staff to initiate the Agricultural Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water Carryover Storage Pilot Project to investigate initial parameters of the storage conditions and allow Agricultural Project Water to be stored May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 if storage parameters are met.

The parameters consist of 1.) Project water will accrue evaporation after April 30 in the Carryover account. 2.) any Project water balance in the Carryover account will be charged the Carryover cost (currently \$3.00/AF. 3.) Conditions for Ag Project Water Carryover will be dependent on storage levels in Pueblo Reservoir and the “risk for spill” per Bureau of Reclamation operations.

Conditions for Ag Project Water Carryover will be dependent on storage levels in Pueblo Reservoir and the “risk for spill” per Bureau of Reclamation:

- Eminent Risk of Spill (Spill likely of the Joint Use Pool)
 - 80% of Ag Water would be used by November 15 of the allocation year
- Likely Risk of Spill (Spill likely of the Conservation Pool prior to April 15)
 - Ag Project Water can be stored during off-season (winter) but not be used by April 15
- Marginal Risk of Spill (Spill may, but not likely occur of the Conservation Pool prior to April 15)
 - Ag Project Water can be stored during off-season (winter) but must be used by May 1
- Unlikely Risk of Spill (Spill unlikely as of May 1 following the allocation year)
 - Ag Project Water can be stored during off-season (winter) and stored in Project Water Carryover after May 1

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ACTION ITEM:

None

INFORMATION ITEM

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman Colosimo adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garrett J. Markus, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer