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WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT



OFFICIAL MEETING NOTICE

**The Lower Arkansas Valley Water
Conservancy District Regular Monthly
Meeting of the Board will be held**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Work Session 1:00 p.m.**

**801 Swink Avenue
Rocky Ford, CO 81067**

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June 15, 2016 WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

A Work Session meeting of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., at the District office located at 801 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067.

Chairman Gill announced a quorum is not present with Directors Mauch, Esquibel, Nunez and Brown being excused.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Lynden Gill-Chairman
Wayne Whittaker-Treasurer
Jim Valliant

DIRECTIORS ABSENT:

Leroy Mauch-Vice-Chairman
Melissa Esquibel-Secretary
Anthony Nunez
Reeves Brown

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Jay Winner-General Manager
Jack Goble, P.E.-Engineer
Carla Aragon- Quezada – Office Manager
Brenda Fillmore – Finance/Water
Mike Weber – E.I.T.
Bart Mendenhall-In House Counsel
Peter Nichols-Special Counsel

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Bill Hancock-Conservation Program Manager

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: Chairman Gill welcomed each of the visitors to the Work Session meeting, asked them to introduce themselves and identify the organization which they represent.

VISITORS PRESENT: Bill Tyner, Division II Office; Hoss Forman, Avondale, Tom Rulser, Avondale; Norman Kincaide, Rocky Ford; John Schweizer, Super Ditch; Alan Frantz, Rocky Ford Farmer; Don McBee, CACD; Carey Suto, Rocky Ford Farmer.

General Manager Winner stated that the Lower Ark wanted to get with the group (farmers etc.) and discuss the ponds that Bill Tyner, Assistant Division II presented to the Lower Ark Board of Directors at their regular monthly Board Meeting, today at 10:30 am. General Manager Winner stated that Mr. Tyner did a great powerpoint presentation on Ponds, Lakes, Reservoirs and Impoundments in the Arkansas Basin in Colorado. The presentation was extensive. Mr. Winner stated by having this work session, we could as a group come up with a solution.

Alan Frantz, farmer and the spokesperson for the group indicated that everyone had a copy of the draft report that he had presented on May 18, 2016 work session.

General Manager Winner introduced Peter Nichols, Special Counsel for the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District who gave an update on the detention ponds. Special Counsel Nichols stated that he practices Water Law throughout Colorado and this problem is not only in Division II. Special Counsel Nichols stated the ponds were statewide. He stated that what the Lower Ark needed to do was to contact the water committee to seek funding for a statewide study. He suggested on asking the Colorado Water Institute (CWI) out of Pueblo, Colorado to perform the study. Lower Ark would have to contact Executive Director, Reagan Waskom, Colorado Water Institute. He felt that this study would show the whole picture of the detention ponds statewide. He indicated that such an exclusively study on Fountain Creek would be an issue on a selective enforcement.

Bill Tyner, Assistant Division II Engineer stated we will learn something from the study.

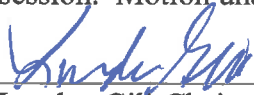
Mr. Frantz suggested to form a committee that consist with maybe 2 from LAVWCD, 1 or 2 people from each of the ditch companies. We could come up with a scope of work. It was a bird eye view of the data that I took and my draft that I presented last month and for what I can see lower than average peak flows on the Fountain Creek. I don't know if that is true from the 2 data sources that I have. But I wanted to verify it.

General Manager Winner and Special Counsel Nichols replied they will get everything organized and talk to the right people who could help get this study done.

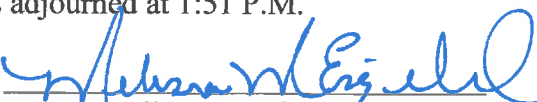
Bill Tyner, Assistant Division II Engineer, stated that the people who can help would be USGS, Bill Banks.

General Manager stated that he will contact Bill Banks, USGS. To see if he could help with the study.

Chairman Gill asked if there were any other questions to be heard; hearing none, motion was made by Director Valliant seconded by Director Whittaker to adjourn the work session. Motion unanimously carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:51 P.M.



Lynden Gill-Chairman



Melissa Esquibel-Secretary