

***JOINT MEETING WITH ARKANSAS  
VALLEY CONDUIT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE AND THE EXCESS  
CAPACITY PARTICIPANTS***

**Tuesday, May 24, 2011  
10:00 a.m.**

Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District  
31717 United Ave.  
Pueblo, CO

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Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Approve Minutes – March 24, 2011 Joint AVC and Excess Capacity meeting
4. EIS Update
5. MOAs Received and Costs Review
6. Schedule next meeting

**Arkansas Valley Conduit Advisory Committee:**

Joe Kelley, Doug Montgomery, Clay Fitzsimmons, Joe Petramala, Ken Wagner, Matt Heimerich, Wayne Whittaker, and Claude Schultz.

**Alternates:** Leonard Talkington, Bill Rich, Bill McCurdy, Norman Noe, and Chuck Hitchcock.

**Excess Capacity Implementation Committee Members:**

Harold Miskel - Chairman, Gib Hazard,  
Bub Miller, Reed Dills, Kevin Karney, Vera Ortegon,  
Shawn Yoxey, James Broderick and Local Participants

**Joint Meeting Minutes  
Arkansas Valley Conduit Advisory Committee  
and  
Excess Capacity Participants Committee  
March 24, 2011**

Chairman Bill Long called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Long welcomed all in attendance.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Arkansas Valley Conduit Board Committee members present:** Chairman Bill Long, Kevin Karney, and David Simpson.

**Arkansas Valley Conduit Technical Advisory Committee members present:** Joe Kelley, City of La Junta; Bill Rich, Hasty Water District; Ken Wagner, Town of Las Animas; Norman Noe, South Swink Water and Homestead Improvement; Claude Schultz, May Valley Water; Leonard Talkington, Town of Crowley and Crowley County Water Association; Bill McCurdy, Crowley County Water Association; and Clay Fitzsimmons, St. Charles Mesa Water District.

**Excess Capacity Board Committee members present:** Chairman Harold Miskel, Kevin Karney, and Gibson Hazard.

**Excess Capacity Committee members present:** Dori Williams, City of Florence; Ron Gasser, Penrose Water District; Steve Harrison, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; Bob Hartzman, City of Canon City; Terry Scanga, Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District; Curtis Mitchell, City of Fountain; and Roy Heald, Security Water District; Jay Winner, Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; Jack Lewis, City of Salida; and Greg Smith, Town of Poncha Springs;

**SECWCD staff present:** Jim Broderick, Phil Reynolds, Tina White, Toni Gonzales, and Jean Van Pelt. Attorneys: Lee Miller and Alix Joseph.

**Visitors:** Barbara Berry, Shawna Wooten, Stephen Csogi, and Terry L. Ray, Town of Boone; Alan J. Leak and Tom Mullans, Pueblo West Metropolitan District; Roy Davis, Town of Las Animas; David Shuhet, City of Lamar; Steve Monson, Security Water District and Town of Poncha Springs; Keith Goodwin and Jim Baldwin, Otero County Commissioners; Matt Loose, Fountain, Widefield, Security, and Stratmoor Hills; Van Brown, Town of Eads; Jon B. Stone, Town of Swink; Lee Huffstutter, Board of Water Works of Pueblo and via telephone, Valda Terauds, Bureau of Reclamation.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Long asked if there were any questions regarding the Joint Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) Advisory and Excess Capacity Committees meeting minutes from

February 22, 2011. Hearing none Mr. Harrison made the motion to accept the February 22, 2011 minutes, seconded by Mr. Hartzman. The motion unanimously carried.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) REVIEW AND COSTS  
DISCUSSIONS**

Mr. Broderick provided an overview of the framework and purpose of the MOAs. He explained the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) is responsible for performing and determining the analysis that is necessary for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). He stated that the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) will act as liaison for the participants with USBR.

Ms. Joseph reviewed the Excess Capacity and AVC MOAs. She pointed out the changes made to the MOAs from comments received from the participants. The changes are illustrated in the "redline" version of the MOA that was distributed to the attendees.

Mr. Reynolds distributed a cost sheet that indicated the cost to participate in the AVC EIS and the cost to participate in the Excess Capacity EIS. Mr. Reynolds noted that some AVC participants are in both programs and the one cost sheet covered all the costs. He asked each participant to review and verify the cost(s) associated with participating in the EIS for their agency. A deadline for changes was set for Friday, March 25, 2011 by 5:00 pm.

The District attorneys will deliver both the "redline" and final MOAs to District on Monday, March 28, 2011. Mr. Reynolds will then distribute the MOAs and a finalized costs sheet to the participants. Participants should return the MOAs with signatures on or before May 15, 2011.

The next AVC Technical Advisory and Excess Capacity Participants Committees meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Van Pelt  
Conservation Outreach Coordinator