

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SOUTH METRO WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY**

**HELD:** Monday, July 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. by remote meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/92384057609?pwd=c0NFdWxORzZzcjFkK3hhMGRHOG8vZz09>  
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**ATTENDANCE:**

This regular meeting of the Board of Directors of South Metro Water Supply Authority ("Authority"), Douglas and Arapahoe Counties, Colorado, was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present and acting:

Eric Hecox, Meridian Metro District  
Dave Kaunisto, East Cherry Creek Valley  
Ron Redd, Parker Water & Sanitation District  
Mark Marlowe, Castle Rock Water  
John Kaufman, Centennial Water & Sanitation District

Also present:

Lisa Darling, SMWSA, Executive Director  
Mikal Martinez, SMWSA  
Erik Jorgensen, SMWSA  
Chris Muller, SMWSA  
Sheila Giusti, SMWSA  
Kate Stephens, SMWSA  
Russ Dykstra, Spencer Fane LLP  
Pat Ratliff, Ratliff Associates  
Heather Beasley, Pinery Water  
Mark Harding, Rangeview MD  
Sandor Rebek, ACWWA  
Sarah Stone, Dominion W&SD  
Luis Tovar, Cottonwood / Inverness  
Sarah Stone, Dominion W&SD  
Matt Benak, Castle Rock Water  
Steve Coffin, Steve Coffin Strategies  
Austa Parker, PhD, Denver Water  
Grady O'Brien, NEIRBO Hydrogeology

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice President David Kaunisto noted that a quorum was present for the purpose of conducting a meeting of the Board of Directors and called the meeting of the South Metro Water Supply Authority to order at 1:05 p.m.

**APPROVE/REVISE AGENDA:**

The Board reviewed the Agenda. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Agenda as presented.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from May 2020 were reviewed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Minutes.

**CLAIMS:**

The Board reviewed interim claims in the packet. The Board reviewed May and June 2020 financial statements in the packet. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the claims as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Legislative Report** – Pat Ratliff provided a final legislative report covering the end of session activities in the legislative committees. The bills covered were as follows: HB20-1119 (passed); HB20-1143 (amended and passed); HB20-1215 (passed); HB20-1263 (dead); HB20-1265 (amended and passed); HB20-1308 (dead); HB20-1344 (dead); SB20-155 (passed); SB20-201 (passed); SB20-204 (amended and passed); SB20-218 – details provided by Pat on this last one. Members discussed water congress budgeting, resources, and Lisa Darling mentioned that Pat Pfaltzgraff with CDPHE will be leaving his position as Water Quality Control Division Director.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Direct Potable Reuse:** Erik Jorgensen explained that National Water Research institute (NWRI) completed “Guidelines for Direct Potable Reuse in Colorado” in December 2019. The next step to developing DPR regulations is to complete the formal Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) stakeholder process. Staff recommends a commitment of \$5,000 to this formal stakeholder process. Austa Parker, PhD, with Denver Water and President of WateReuse Colorado provided an overview of the regulatory stakeholder project and she answered questions from members. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the letter of support and contribution of \$5,000 and support to this next phase of the process. Rulemaking is expected to occur in approximately two years.

**South Platte River Salinity Study:** Erik Jorgensen provided an overview of the South Platte River Salinity Study completed by NEIRBO, who will also be completing a more focused study this year. Grady O’Brien provided a presentation on water quality and salinity conditions and sources along the river, the stakeholder process, technical tasks and review, and possible solutions such as reducing salt loading or treatment/blending options. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the letter of support and \$2,500 to the study.

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**2021 Draft Budget:** Lisa Darling provided an introduction of the goals, dues, and expenses expected for the 2021 budget. She covered decreases in master plan and staff expenses, Water Ambassadors, and QWEL/Conservation due to changes related to COVID-19 concerns. Dues are anticipated to be closer to \$375,000, down from \$470,000 in 2020. Lisa Darling answered questions and responded to comments from the Board and members. An updated budget worksheet as shown in past years will be presented at the September meeting

**UPDATES: A written report was provided to the Board and Members. The following items were highlighted during the meeting:**

Lisa Darling provided an update to the Strategic Planning goals.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- WEco/CAWA Executive Committees 7/21
- South Platte BIP Update 7/22
- QWEL Trainer Meeting 7/22
- City of Aurora Facebook Live with Francoise Bergen 7/22
- Water Availability & Flood Task Force Meeting 7/23
- SPROWG Meeting 8/5
- WISE Legal Negotiations Meeting 8/6
- WEco Executive Committee 8/11
- Metro Basin Roundtable 8/13
- WISE Board Meeting 8/19
- Water Educator Symposium 8/20

**OTHER BUSINESS:** John Kaufman thanked everyone who helped provide water in response to the Chatridge fire. Mark Marlowe mentioned that Castle Rock has their draft ASR permit now.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. The next board meeting will be scheduled for **September 21, 2020** at 1:00pm by remote meeting only.

The foregoing minutes constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the above-referenced meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the South Metro Water Supply Authority.

  
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Director of the Authority