ALLOCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 4, 2021

A meeting of the Allocation Committee was held on Thursday, March 04, 2021 at 01:01 p.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 via Zoom virtual conference.

Chairman Carl McClure announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Carl McClure, Chairman; Howard "Bub" Miller, Vice Chairman; Andy Colosimo, Alan Hamel, Curtis Mitchell Bill Long and James Broderick

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:
Tom Goodwin

OTHERS PRESENT:
Dan Dilts, Fountain Valley Authority/Colorado Springs Utilities; Kalsoum Abbasi, Colorado Springs Utilities; Alan Ward, Pueblo Water; Ann Nichols, Dallas May, Pat Edelmann, SECWCD Board; Garrett Markus, Margie Medina, Leann Noga, Patty Rivas and Chris Woodka, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Chairman McClure confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the November 5, 2020 minutes, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Alan Hamel moved, Andy Colosimo seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:
FRYINGPAN-ARKANSAS PROJECT WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

Garrett Markus provided a PowerPoint looking at the current hydrology of the Upper Colorado River basin, Colorado River basin in Colorado, and the contributing basin to the Fryingpan-Arkansas (Fry-Ark) Project collection system. System wide, the Upper Colorado River basin is experiencing low soil moisture content and below average snow pack conditions. However, the basins attributed to the Fry-Ark system has higher snowpack than most other basins.

The Fry-Ark Project utilizes the Boustead Tunnel to import Fry-Ark Project water (Project water) for allocation each year. The 20-year average for Project water imports is 58,157 acre-feet (AF) and has been historically 70 percent dependent on snow pack prior to May 1. The Fry-Ark collection basin snowpack vs 30 year basin average is at 96 percent of median and 77 percent of peak. Even though Project water imports are highly dependent on snow pack, there are several key variables that highly effect the actual import amount.

These variables are:

1. How fast the snow melts and whether we are legally and available to divert those amounts,
2. Excessive sublimation (evaporation of snow without runoff),
3. Weather during diversion season,
4. Local and basin wide river calls, and
5. Precipitation not associated with snow pack.

Based on the hydrology at the beginning of each month, Bureau of Reclamation models a forecast of deliveries for February 1 and March 1, producing 40,200 AF and 44,100 AF respectively.

ACTION ITEM:

None

INFORMATION ITEM

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, Arpil 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman McClure adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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