MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PROJECT 7 WATER AUTHORITY

April 23, 2026

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Project 7 Water Authority was held April 23, 2026 in the conference room of the Project 7 Treatment Plant site, Montrose, Colorado.

Directors Present:
Vicki Ripp
Randy Meaker
David Bries
Matt Miles
Ron White
Leroy Foreman-Alt

Others Present:
Adam Turner, Gail Marvel
Courtney Convy, Scott Murphy
Adam Suppes, Greg Stunder
Tessa Scharf, Doug Glaspell
Jay Thoe, Wayne Schieldt
John McMillan, Chris McMillan
David White, Michael Badagliacco
Jerry Young, Kathy Calkins
(Remote-Amanda Gildea, Miles Graham, Rick Huggins, Greg Swartz, Andy Mitchell, James Silvestro)

Chairman Vicki Ripp called the Regular April 23, 2026 meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Following roll call, a quorum was declared present.

March Minutes
Following review of the minutes, Mr. Ron White moved to accept the March 26, 2026 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Meaker and passed unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda
There were no changes to the agenda

Chairman Vicki Ripp asked if there was any Public Comment.
There was none.

Consumption Report
Consumption Reports for March 2026 were reviewed. Mr. David Bries noted a miscalculation for the City of Montrose percentages in the 2025 historical numbers.

Cash Flow Report
The Manager discussed the March 2026 Cash Flow and said that interest income was double from the previous year.

Process Control Report
The Process Control Reports for March 2026 were reviewed.

Updates
Managers Report/Update handout: Manager Turner reported water levels at Blue Mesa, Ridgway, Silver Jack and Taylor reservoirs.
He said DOLA, CDPHE, and CWRPDA were informed about the change of direction in the resiliency Program.
The Consumer Confidence report is expected to be ready by May 1, 2026, and Fairview and Cerro Dams inspections May 7, 2026. Amanda Gildea was introduced to the Board.

Chairman Vicki Ripp directed the minutes reflect acceptance of the Manager's Reports.

Legal Update
Mr. James Silvestro said he was being kept in the loop with the RFQ’s and Meetings with the State agencies regarding the Resiliency Program.

Technical Advisory Group
Mr. Scott Murphy gave the TAG project update and what the agenda of the advisory group consisted of. Managers, staff, and members of all of the entities made up the TAG group. Several of the TAG representatives were in attendance at the Board meeting.

Mr. Murphy said they assessed risks, concerns and conditions of existing infrastructure including plant capacity, practical demand limits, long range growth planning, and population growth projection for the region. He said the TAG discussed plant operations, maintenance, treatment technologies. Capitalizing on the current available infrastructure, upgrading plant treatment methods and possible plant expansion.

The TAG group discussed funding and affordability, developing realistic ideas. Emergency operations including cooperating with Cerro, Bostwick Park, and UVWUA and having some coordination and planning strategies set up by all entities in place in the event of a supply disruption.

Mr. Murphy said a Facility Master Plan and an Emergency Plan were the recommendations of the TAG group. Procurement by putting a proposal out to public bid. TAG and Manager Turner and Project 7 employees would review proposals and conduct interviews. Mr. Murphy said it could take several weeks to put together the RFP, (3 months would be a reasonable timeline), and it could cost from $300,000 - $500,000.

Chairman Vicki Ripp said in the past funding was contingent on project need status. The inter-government contract that was set in the founding documents that created Project 7 need to be discussed and that the Board should hold a work meeting to discuss the matter. Mr. Randy Meaker said based on what Project 7 was charging at the current time what could we afford. Mr. Matt Miles said the affordability number should include the debt Project 7 already has.

There was a consensus by the Board to have an RFP for both the Facility Master Plan and Emergency Plan. Mr. Scott Murphy said the TAG Team would put together a general RFP for the work.

Old Business

Item A: Mr. Greg Swartz gave an update on the status of the day to day accounting support that will be created to compile and categorize data back to 2019. This report will facilitate future accessibility so that the Board can review expenses. Mr. Swartz and Ms. Gildea will both work together on this.

Mr. Matt Miles asked at this time if Attorney James Silvestro represented Mr. Swartz, Mr. Miles Graham, and Mr. Rick Huggins? Mr. James Silvestro answered that he only represented Project 7 Water Authority.

Item B: Mr. Greg Swartz reported on the Peer Rate Study Update. He presented the Board with a draft that included rate impacts, rate comparisons, cost allocation, investment grade rating and member agency action. He said the current draft included median household income data by zip code for precision on the impacts to the average household

Future Agenda Items

May's Board Meeting agenda items to include: possible real estate need for expanding existing plant and deferring contract discussion until June meeting.

Adjourn

They're being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary