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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Workshop  
WWDO Conference Room  
6920 Yellowtail Rd., Cheyenne, WY  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

Workshop was called to order at 1:32pm.

Commission attendance:  
Floyd Canfield, Chairman  
Sheridan Little, Vice-Chair  
Nick Bettas, Secretary  
Jeanette Sekan  
Travis Brockie  
Karen Budd-Falen  
Todd Werbelow  
Rodney Wagner  
David Evans

Select Water Committee attendance:  
Senator Gerald Geis  
Senator Stan Cooper  
Senator Driskill  
Representative Robert McKim  
Representative Stan Blake  
Representative John Eklund  
Representative Hans Hunt

- 1. State Engineer's Office Update – Philip Stuckert, Deputy State Engineer**  
Deputy State Engineer Phil Stuckert gave a comprehensive area update.
- 2. Online Web Mapping Tool – WRDS, Chris Nicholson**  
Chris Nicholson presented the Online Mapping Tool to the Commission and SWC.
- 3. Draft Recommendations to the SWC on the Weather Modification Project and Midvale Bull Lake Project**  
Draft recommendations were presented.
- 4. WWDC budget discussion**  
Director LaBonde presented and discussed the budget with the Commission

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**5. Executive Session to receive legal advice**

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice at 4:44pm, seconded by Karen Budd-Falen, the motion carried unanimously.

Return from executive session 5:44pm at which time the workshop adjourned.



Nick Bettas, Secretary

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Wyoming Water Development Commission & Select Water Committee  
Cheyenne, Wyoming  
June 4, 2015

1. Chairman Floyd Canfield called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
2. Secretary Nick Bettas called the roll of commissioners:

Commission Attendance:  
Floyd Canfield, Chairman  
Sheridan Little, Vice-Chairman  
Nick Bettas, Secretary  
Jeanette Sekan  
Travis Brockie  
Rodney Wagner  
Todd Werbelow  
David Evans  
Bill Resor (via phone)  
Karen Budd-Falen (via phone)

Advisors in Attendance:  
Abigail Boudewyns, Attorney General's Office  
Greg Kerr, University of Wyoming, Office of Water Programs

Select Water Committee Attendance:  
Senator Gerald Geis  
Senator Stan Cooper  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator John Hastert  
Senator Curt Meier (via phone)  
Representative Robert McKim  
Representative Stan Blake  
Representative John Eklund  
Representative Hans Hunt

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the June 4, 2015 agenda. Sheridan Little seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

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*Agenda*

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#### 4. Approval of Minutes

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve the May 8, 2015 minutes; seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the May 8, 2015 Executive Session minutes; seconded by Sheridan Little. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. Audience Introductions

#### 6. Planning Amendments

##### Eden Valley (Farson) Master Plan, Level II Study, Amendment No. 1

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with JFC Engineers & Surveyors was presented. The amendment serves to extend the Contract expiration date from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment. An explanatory memo from the project manager was also provided outlining the cause and need of a contract extension.

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Jeanette Sekan. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Interstate Canal and Reservoir, Level I, Final Amendment

A final amendment to the engineering contract with Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc., was presented. The amendment serves to document the WWDC acceptance of the final report, to document the actual cost of each task, and to document the final Contract amount of \$157,177.03, a reduction of \$5,991.74. Discussion followed.

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve the final amendment, seconded by Rod Wagner. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7. Discussion between the WWDC and SWC regarding SWC amendments to the Omnibus Planning and Construction Bills

Director LaBonde presented and read the two special conditions in the 2015 Omnibus Water Bill – Construction pertaining to the Weather Modification project and the Midvale Bull Lake Rehabilitation project. In order for the projects to proceed, Director LaBonde presented the following two motions for Commission consideration:

1. Weather Modification Project: I move the Water Development Commission approve the “Weather Modification Big Horn, Laramie, Medicine Bow and Sierra Madre Mountains – 2016” Project contract with the following enhancements:
  - a) Use of a radiometer in the Big Horn and Laramie Ranges for the identification of supercooled liquid water over the target areas;

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- b) Determination of a climatology tailored for operational seeding in the Medicine Bow and Sierra Madre Ranges; and
  - c) Completion of a model-based evaluation of the Wyoming Weather Modification Pilot Program Randomized Statistical Experiment.
2. Midvale Bull Lake Rehabilitation: I move the Water Development Commission approve the "Midvale Bull Lake Rehabilitation 2015" project contract with the following enhancements:
- a. The WWDO staff shall inform the Bureau of Reclamation of the pending WWDC "Big Wind River Storage Study" and the possibility that the WWDC may pursue an enlargement of Bull Lake dam in the near future; and
  - b. The WWDO staff shall coordinate with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding interim dam safety measures that may be required should the spillway rehabilitation project be placed on hold while a reservoir enlargement project is pursued.

Todd Werbelow made a motion to accept the proposed motions as read. Nick Bettas seconded. Discussion followed, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **8. New Planning Contracts**

- Bear River Watershed Study, Level I  
An engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering, Inc., of Afton, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$ 365,795.00.
- Broken Wheel Ranch Master Plan, Level I  
An engineering contract with Sunrise Engineering, Inc., of Afton, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$97,400.00.
- Byron Master Plan, Level I  
An engineering contract with TREC, Inc., of Casper, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$128,990.00
- Centennial Well and Master Plan, Level I  
An engineering contract with Camp Creek Engineering, Inc., of Laramie, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$ 174,000.00
- Clearmont Test Well Study, Level II  
An engineering contract with Weston Engineering, Inc., of Upton, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$ 567,400.00.

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- Cowley Master Plan, Level I  
An engineering contract with Morrison-Maierle, Inc., of Cody, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$133,000.00.
  - Deaver Irrigation District Master Plan Update, Level I  
An engineering contract with Sage Civil Engineering of Cody, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$155,000.00
  - Dry Creek Irrigation District Master Plan, Level II  
An engineering contract with Forsgren Associates, Inc., of Evanston, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$143,400.00.
  - Green River, Rock Spring, Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board Pipeline Feasibility Study, Level II  
An engineering contract with Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc., of Midvale, Utah was presented. The budget is \$122,030.00.
  - Greybull Valley Irrigation District Storage Enlargement, Level II  
An engineering contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., of Denver, Colorado was presented. The budget is \$298,000.00
  - Heart Mountain Canal Rehabilitation, Level II  
An engineering contract with Engineering Associates of Cody, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$90,000.00
  - High Meadow Ranch, Level II  
An engineering contract with Jorgensen Associates, P.C., of Jackson, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$ 490,000.00.
  - Instream Flow Hydrologic Study, Big Horn Mountains, Level I  
An engineering contract with Arrow Land and Water, LLC, of Big Piney, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$73,950.00
  - LeClair Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I  
An engineering contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., of Gillette, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$172,960.00.
  - Meeks Cabin Dam Enlargement, Level II  
An engineering contract with Trihydro Corporation of Laramie, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$293,500.00.

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- Middle North Platte – Glendo Watershed Study, Level I  
An engineering contract with RESPEC, Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$368,900.00.
  - New Fork Lake Dam Enlargement, Level II  
An engineering contract with RJH Consultants, Inc., of Englewood, Colorado was presented. The budget is \$296,000.00.
  - Newcastle Madison Well, Level II  
An engineering contract with Wester-Wetstein and Associates, Inc., of Laramie, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$1,175,790.00.
  - Opal Master Plan, Level I  
An engineering contract with Forsgren Associates, Inc., of Evanston, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$75,555.00.
  - Powder/Tongue & Northeast River Basin Plan Updates  
An engineering contract with RESPEC Inc., of Rapid City, South Dakota was presented. The budget is \$368,600.00.
  - Powder/Tongue & Northeast River Basin Plans Groundwater Update, Interagency Agreement between WWDC and WSGS  
An engineering contract with Wyoming State Geological Survey of Laramie, Wyoming was presented. The budget is \$275,000.00
  - Upper Laramie River Watershed Study, Level I  
An engineering contract with Anderson Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Fort Collins, Colorado was presented. The budget is \$347,000.00
  - Upper Snake River Watershed Study, Level I  
An engineering contract with Olsson Associates of Lincoln, Nebraska was presented. The budget is \$368,000.00
  - Weather Modification – Big Horn Range, Siting & Design Study AND Medicine Bow/Sierra Madre Ranges, Final Design & Permitting  
An engineering contract with University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) of Boulder, Colorado was presented. The budget is \$739,878.00
  - Weather Modification – Laramie Range – Siting & Design Study  
An engineering contract with Desert Research Institute of Reno, Nevada was presented. The budget is \$323,065.00

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Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve all planning contracts with the exceptions of: Broken Wheel Ranch Master Plan, Greybull Valley Irrigation District Storage Enlargement and High Meadow Ranch. Rod Wagner seconded, the motion carried unanimously. Nick Bettas made a motion to approve the Broken Wheel Ranch Master Plan planning contract. Discussion followed. Todd Werbelow seconded the motion. The motion carried with Nick Bettas and Jeanette Sekan opposed.

Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the Greybull Valley Irrigation District Storage Enlargement planning contract. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion. The motion carried with Todd Werbelow recused.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the High Meadow Ranch planning contract. Sheridan Little seconded the motion. The motion carried with Nick Bettas and David Evans recused.

#### **9. UW Water Research Program**

Director LaBonde and Greg Kerr presented the 2016 RFP which was developed directly in line with the Governor's Water Strategy.

Todd Werbelow made a motion to approve the 2016 RFP. Sheridan Little seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **10. Consideration and ranking of Colorado River Basin MOA applications**

Director LaBonde presented the projects currently under consideration for the CRB MOA funds as ranked by the WWDO staff.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the rankings in the following order: 1. Farson Lateral Phase I, 2. Fontenelle Dam Riprap, 3. Wind River Range Operations, 4. CO River basin Weather Mod Coordination. Bill Resor seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **11. Intended Use Plan (IUP) – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - SWC**

Wade Verplancke outlined the program and process to the Select Water Committee. He indicated the priority rankings of the projects didn't matter at this point in time as the program was adequately funded to cover all project applications. Representative John Eklund made a motion to approve the IUP, Representative Robert McKim seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **12. Small Water Project Operating Criteria – recommendation to seek public comments**

Director LaBonde outlined several proposed changes to the SWP Operating Criteria.

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Todd Werbelow made a motion to send the criteria out for public comment. Floyd Canfield seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Todd Werbelow rescinded his motion. Jeanette Sekan made a motion to table the issue until the August 2015 meeting. Travis Brockie seconded the motion. The motion to table carried unanimously.

**13. Late Small Water Project Application from Saratoga-Encampment Rawlins Conservation District**

An application for the *East Arkansas Pipeline Extensions & Point of Rocks* project was presented to the commission. Based on circumstances beyond the sponsor's control the application was late arriving.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to accept the application given the unique circumstances. Rod Wagner seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

**14. Operating Criteria of the WWDC**

The WWDC Operating Criteria went out for public comment. No comments were received.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the revised Operating Criteria. Seconded by Todd Werbelow, the motion carried unanimously.

**15. Water Investment Accounts**

Director LaBonde discussed and outlined each account that was detailed in his memo. Discussion followed.

**16. Consulting Engineering Rate Schedules**

Director LaBonde prepared a memo for the Commission and Select Water Committee outlining standard fees and procedures for engineering firms. Item for discussion only.

**17. Any other new business**

- Liquidated Damages in future contracts

Jeanette Sekan suggested this for a workshop topic in August. Nick Bettas supported the idea.

**18. Discussion**

Director LaBonde announced the retirement of Jon Wade after 35 years with the State of Wyoming.

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**19. Future Meetings Schedule**

The next meeting will include the Summer Tour in Worland, Wyoming, August 19-21, 2015

Director LaBonde also informed the group the Customer Satisfaction Survey was issued electronically and responses are due July 10, 2015.

**20. Adjournment** – Todd Werbelow made a motion to adjourn 11:33 a.m., seconded by Sheridan Little, the motion carried.



Nick Bettas, Secretary