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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Workshop  
Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Office  
2211 King Blvd., Casper, WY  
November 1, 2017**

1. Chairman Sheridan Little called the workshop to order at 1:36pm.

**Roll Call**

Commission attendance:

Sheridan Little, Chairman  
Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman  
Clinton Glick, Secretary  
Gerald Geis  
Karen Budd Falen  
Rodney Wagner  
David Evans  
Jeanette Sekan  
Kellen Lancaster via phone  
Larry Suchor – absent

Select Water Attendance:

Rep. Hans Hunt  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton  
Senator Glen Monz  
Senator Curt Meier  
Rep. Jerry Paxton  
Rep. John Eklund  
Rep. Dan Laursen

2. **Audience Introduction**

3. **Financial Status Report**

Director LaBonde reviewed the preliminary fiscal projections for Water Development Account I, II and III provided to the Commission and Committee,

4. **Executive Session**

Gerry Geis made a motion at 2:00pm to enter Executive Session to discuss a potential real estate purchase. Rod Wagner seconded the motion. Director LaBonde requested the Select Water Committee stay for the Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned at 2:25pm.

Public meeting resumed at 2:39pm after a short break.

5. **Funding Applications – Preliminary Review**

Director LaBonde briefly reviewed a number of the projects, specifically:

- Tabs D & T – Lusk Water System Improvements 2018 and Lusk Water Supply Study, Phase II
- Tab I – Weather Modification Wind River Mountains – 2019

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- Tab H2 – Sheridan Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Assessment
  - Tab J2 – Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program (PRRIP)
  - Tab K2 – UW Office of Water Programs
  - Tab L2 – UW Water Research Program
  - Tab M2 – West Fork Reservoir
  - Tab T2 – Eden Valley ID Improvements 2018
  - Tab U2 – Eden Valley ID Farson Lateral Phase III 2018
  - Tab C3 – Savery Creek Diversion Rehabilitation 2018
  - Tab J3 – Silver Lake Dam Rehabilitation

Director LaBonde outlined the project review process for new Commissioners and Committee members.

**6. Gillette-Madison Well Project Discussion**

Senator Driskill requested time to address the Commission and Committee regarding water well issues being experienced in Campbell County with yet to be determined causes. Various funding scenarios were discussed. Senator Driskill indicated a funding request, perhaps via emergency funds, would be coming forward.

The workshop adjourned at 5:58pm

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Glick, Secretary

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**Wyoming Water Development Commission/Select Water Committee  
Joint Meeting  
Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Office  
2211 King Blvd., Casper, WY  
November 2-3, 2017**

1. Chairman Sheridan Little called the workshop to order at 8:34am.

**2. Roll Call**

Commission attendance:  
Sheridan Little, Chairman  
Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman  
Clinton Glick, Secretary  
Gerald Geis  
Karen Budd Falen  
Rodney Wagner  
David Evans  
Jeanette Sekan  
Kellen Lancaster  
Larry Suchor

Select Water Attendance:  
Rep. Hans Hunt  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton  
Senator Glen Moniz  
Senator Curt Meier  
Senator Dan Dockstader  
Rep. John Eklund  
Rep. Dan Laursen  
Rep. Jerry Paxton  
Rep. David Northrup

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the agenda. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Senator Glenn Moniz made a motion to approve the SWC Meeting minutes of August 25, 2017, Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton seconded the motion; motion carried.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the October 19, 2017 WWDC Special Meeting minutes. David Evans seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**5. Audience Introductions**

**6. Planning Amendments**

- *Powder/Tongue and Northeast River Basin Plan Update, Level I, Amendment No. 1*

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with RESPEC, Inc., was presented. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the Contract from December 30, 2017 through March 31, 2018. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment.

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Rod Wagner made a motion to approve the time extension amendment.  
David Evans seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Shell Valley Storage, Level II Study, Amendment No. 5

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with Wenck Associates, Inc. was presented. The purpose of the amendment is to supplement existing Phase III tasks for permitting assistance on Leavitt Reservoir Expansion, increasing the total Contract amount by one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from one million, one hundred seventeen thousand, nine hundred seventy dollars (\$1,217,970.00); and extend the term of the Contract through March 31, 2020.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the amendment. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

In similar action, the Select Water Committee approved the Shell Valley Storage, Level II Study, Amendment No. 5.

- Weather Modification, Medicine Bow/Sierra Madre Ranges, Final Design & Permitting and Big Horn Range, Siting and Design Study, Amendment No. 1

An interim amendment to the engineering contract with UCAR was presented. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the Contract from December 31, 2017 through March 31, 2018. The Contract amount is not changed by this Amendment.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the amendment. David Evans seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Closeout of Planning Projects**

- Big Sandy Reservoir Enlargement Study, Level II

Jason Mead, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Rod Wagner moved acceptance of the Big Sandy Reservoir Enlargement Level II, Phase I report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: the continued support of the Reclamation process on completing the reservoir enlargement, through the involvement of the Office.
2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

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Larry Suchor seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Cottonwood Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I

Barry Lawrence, for Project Manager Chace Tavelli, provided a brief summary of project findings. Discussion followed. David Evans moved acceptance of the Cottonwood Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Eden Valley Irrigation and Drainage District Master Plan, Level I

Jodee Pring, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Discussion followed regarding the readiness to closeout. Karen Budd-Falen moved to delay the closeout until completed, but also recommended considering funding applications. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Hanover Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I, Phase I

Peter Gill, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Gerry Geis moved acceptance of the Hanover Irrigation District Master Plan, Level I, Phase I project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: Proceeding to the next Level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Larry Suchor seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- Melody Ranch Water Supply Study, Level I

Kevin Boyce, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. Gerry Geis made a motion to accept the Melody Ranch Water Supply, Level I Study project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: Proceeding to Level III of the project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

David Evans seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

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- Newcastle Madison Well Study, Level II

Kevin Boyce, Project Manager, provided a brief summary of project findings. David Evans made a motion to accept the Newcastle Madison Well Level II project report as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: Proceeding to Level III of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor, and legislative authorization for acquisition of Level II Well by the sponsor.
2. Based on the findings in the final report, the project is determined to be in the public interest.
3. The project functions and services cannot realistically be provided by any person, association or corporation engaged in private enterprise.

Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

- Northwest Rural Water District Master Plan, Level I

Barry Lawrence, for Project Manager Chace Tavelli, provided a brief summary of project findings. Rod Wagner made a motion to accept the Northwest Rural Water District Master Plan as being complete and further, the WWDC makes the following findings relative to this project:

1. That the Commission recommend: Proceeding to the next level of project development upon the submittal of an appropriate funding application by the sponsor.

Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Update of Level III Construction Projects**

Bryan Clerkin gave an update on the following Level III Construction Projects:

- Bighorn Canal Rehabilitation 2012
- Bighorn Canal Underway
- Deaver Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2009
- Dull Knife Reservoir Spillway Rehabilitation
- Heart Mountain Rehabilitation 2010
- Kirby Rehabilitation 2011
- Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2015

## **9. 2018 Funding Recommendations – New Development**

### **New Development Program – Account I**

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### Level III Projects – Account I

- *Gillette Regional Extensions. Phase IV 2018*

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$1,809,000.00. The remaining funding of \$891,000.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Gillette with funds from the Campbell County Capital Facilities Tax.

- *Weather Modification Wind River Mountains 2019*

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 as part of a 50%-50% cost share with other Colorado River Basin states and water users. Pat Tyrrell joined the meeting via phone and expressed his support of the project. Discussion followed. The commission chose to handle this item separately, out of order, as State Engineer Pat Tyrrell was available. Jeanette Sekan made a motion to accept the Director's recommendation. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

- *Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2018*

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$525,950.00. The remaining funding of \$259,050.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Glenrock.

- *Lake DeSmet Acquisition*

The Director's recommendation was to pursue acquisition of Lake DeSmet water assets with a proposed budget of \$2,500,000.00 for acquisition and an additional \$2,000,000.00 to establish a reservoir O&M account.

- *Lusk Water System Improvements 2018*

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$546,050.00. The remaining funding of \$268,950.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Lusk, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.

- *Melody Ranch Water System Improvements 2018*

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$944,700.00. The remaining funding of \$465,300.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Melody Ranch Improvement & Service District, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.

- *Newcastle Well 2018*

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$371,850.00. The remaining funding of \$183,150.00 will be



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provided by the sponsor, the City of Newcastle, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds. Additionally, approval to sell the new Level II well to the City of Newcastle was included in this project.

- Northwest Rural Water System Improvements 2018

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$1,076,690.00. The remaining funding of \$530,310.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Northwest Rural Water District, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.

- Sheridan North Side Transmission Pipeline

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding as a 67% grant only in the amount of \$1,735,300.00. The remaining funding of \$854,700.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the City of Sheridan, utilizing funds from SLIB and DWSRF.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's funding recommendations for the above noted Level III, New Development Projects, with the exception of the Weather Modification Wind River Mountains 2019 project as it was handled in a separate motion. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### Level III Project Amendments – Account I

- Douglas Box Elder Spring

The Director's recommendation was to approve the two year time extension to allow the City of Douglas to finalize the remaining easements needed for the projects; complete the pipeline design; and construct the new PVC pipeline. The reversion date will be extended from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2021.

- Evansville Emergency Connection

The Director's recommendation was to approve the one year time extension, extending the reversion date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019. Negotiations to transfer the water pipeline from Home Depot to the City of Casper was protracted and delayed the final design and construction of the project.

- Gillette Regional Extensions 2017

The Director's recommendation was to approve the funding increase to add construction phase services to the project thereby increasing the budget by \$2,391,900.00 as a 67% grant with the remaining additional funds of



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\$1,178,100.00 provided by the sponsor, the City of Gillette, with the support of the Campbell County Commission. Four additional districts will be funded.

- GR/RS/SC Raw Water Reservoir

The Director's recommendation was to approve the two year time extension, extending the reversion date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020. The sponsor, the Green River/Rock Springs/Sweetwater County Joint Powers Board requested the time extension to ensure warranty work can be completed prior to the reversion date.

- Mountain View Acres Connection

The Director's recommendation was to approve the three year time extension, extending the reversion date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. The time extension will allow the City of Riverton time to complete the pipeline that is to supply water to Mountain View Acres so the district can proceed with completion.

- Small Water Project Program – New Development

The Director's recommendation was to approve additional funding in the amount of \$400,000.00 to meet project application demands.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to approve the Director's Level III, New Development Amendments. Kellen Lancaster seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### Level II Projects – Account I

- Fontenelle Dam and Outworks Infrastructure Completion

The Director's recommendation was to provide \$750,000.00 to continue progress on the previously conducted investigation, and will included NEPA and risk verification of potentially rip-rapping the lower face of Fontenelle Dam. Discussion followed.

- Glendo Reservoir Full Utilization

The Director's recommendation was to provide \$750,000.00 in funding for NEPA and to further study and achieve a Water Control Manual change for Glendo Reservoir to re-time a portion of flood pool storage released to more efficiently use North Platte system water during good runoff years. Discussion followed.

- GR/RS/SC JPWB Pump Station & Transmission

The Director's recommendation was to provide \$180,000.00 in funding to investigate providing supplemental and redundant pumping capacity from the

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Green River Water Treatment Facility into the transmission lines that serve Green River and Rock Springs.

- Lander Test Well Study

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$2,340,000.00 to drill and test a water supply for the intent of providing a suitable secondary source water supply to supplement the surface water treatment plant for the residents of Lander.

- Little Snake River Valley Municipal Water Supply

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$135,000.00 to investigate the potential for a regional system in the Little Snake River Valley and an identification of what upgrades are necessary for their existing water treatment plants.

- Lusk Water Supply Study, Phase II

The Director's recommendation was to not fund this as a separate project, but to incorporate the replacement of existing Well #1 under the 2018 Level III construction request from the Town of Lusk.

David Evans made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Level I Projects – Account I

- Bedford Water Supply Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 to update the existing water master plan and feasibility study of the Bedford Rural-Public Water Supply System, to include GIS, hydraulic modeling, leak detection, and a rate study. Discussion followed.

- Big Sandy Watershed Study

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$275,000.00 to evaluate current watershed function, irrigation diversion/conveyance systems, and upland livestock/wildlife water management and rehabilitation opportunities, as well as other relative pertinent information in the watershed.

- Horse Creek Watershed Study

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$284,000.00 to evaluate current watershed condition and function. This study will

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provide baseline data from which the District can pursue implementation of management practices that address the natural resource issues within the drainage.

This project was postponed in March, 2017 by the WWDC due to limited funding. Per 2017 Session Laws, Chapter 65, Section 6, "...the water development commission shall prioritize recommendations for funding for those projects over other future applications for funding for a Level I or Level II study."

- Lower Laramie River Watershed Study

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$290,000.00 to evaluate current watershed condition and function. This study will provide baseline data from which the District can pursue implementation of management practices that address the natural resource issues within the drainage.

This project was postponed in March, 2017 by the WWDC due to limited funding. Per 2017 Session Laws, Chapter 65, Section 6, "...the water development commission shall prioritize recommendations for funding for those projects over other future applications for funding for a Level I or Level II study."

- Middle Bighorn River Watershed Study

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$290,000.00 to evaluate current watershed condition and function. This study will provide baseline data from which the District can pursue implementation of management practices that address the natural resource issues within the drainage.

This project was postponed in March, 2017 by the WWDC due to limited funding. Per 2017 Session Laws, Chapter 65, Section 6, "...the water development commission shall prioritize recommendations for funding for those projects over other future applications for funding for a Level I or Level II study."

- Osage Water Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$190,000.00 for the Osage Water District to identify the components of the existing system that are deficient and to provide a schedule for improvements.

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- Popo Agie Watershed Study, Phase II

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$235,000.00 to further evaluate current watershed condition and functions and develop a long term strategy for managing the Popo Agie River for all beneficial uses. Discussion followed.

- River Basin Planning – GIS Data Model Implementation

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$115,000.00 to develop statewide water infrastructure information that can be used as a base for future Level I and II projects. This request also provides training to improve internal project review, ensure consistency, and improve access.

- River Basin Planning – NHDPlus HR and StreamStats – Phase I and II

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$240,000.00 to evaluate and correct the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) and to complete Phases I and II of StreamStats for Wyoming.

- River Basin Planning – Water Supply Index

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$170,000.00 to provide a state-wide view of water supplies over time and will improve the understanding of areas around the state in most need of additional or supplemental water.

- Saratoga Water Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$175,000.00 to evaluate the current condition of their water system and to provide the tools and guidance necessary to assist in the planning, rehabilitation, upgrading, and managing of their system as well as provide reconnaissance level information regarding costs and scheduling.

- Sheridan Municipal Watershed Wildlife Hazard Mitigation Assessment

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$165,000.00 to assess the Goose Creek Municipal Watershed for wildfire mitigation, pre-fire, and the risks associated with the effects of catastrophic fire in the watershed. Discussion followed.

- Sheridan Water Master Plan

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 to develop an overall water master plan of the entire water system

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that covers both the City of Sheridan's system and the Sheridan Area Water Supply (SAWS) joint powers board (JPB) rural system.

Nick Bettas made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on the five watershed studies, (Big Sandy, Horse Creek, Lower Laramie River, Middle Bighorn River, Popo Agie), as they are, and have the Office prioritize them in the event we have some input from the Legislature at a later date and also take a look at potential cost savings with regard to the Horse Creek Watershed and Lower Laramie River Watershed studies before the January meeting. Karen Budd-Falen seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

David Evans made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on the balance of the Level I, New Development, Account I projects. Rod Wagner seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Karen Budd-Falen and Nick Bettas requested the River Basin Planning – GIS Data Model Implementation project be handled separately. David Evans amended his motion to approve the balance of projects minus the GIS Data Model Implementation project. Amendment was acceptable to the second, Rod Wagner. Motion carried with Gerry Geis opposed.

David Evans made a motion to approve the River Basin Planning – GIS Data Model Implementation project. Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Nick Bettas suggested it could be done in house. Director LaBonde indicated that was not a feasible option for staff at this time. Motion carried with Nick Bettas opposed.

#### General – Account I

- Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Extension

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$3,100,000.00 to fund a thirteen (13) year extension of the first increment of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

- Office of Water Programs

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$175,000.00 which will fund the Office for the upcoming biennium (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020).

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- UW Water Research Program

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding, in the amount of approximately \$300,000.00 for projects yet to be selected at this time. Project selection will be finalized at the January 2018 meeting.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the three General projects. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Director LaBonde questioned the commission regarding the effective date for the Omnibus bills. Karen Budd-Falen recommended a return to making the bills effective upon the Governor's signature.

Director LaBonde requested direction as to whether the Lake DeSmet Acquisition be included in the Omnibus Bill – Planning or as a stand alone bill. Senator Meier suggested a separate bill be drafted.

Daniel Solish, Assistant Attorney General, indicated the suspension of the Lake DeSmet Feasibility Study and reversion of appropriated funds to Account I be included in the Planning bill and Legislative report.

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to recommend the Select Water Committee take a look at being able to fund all new dams and rehabilitation of dams and reservoirs from Account III. Karen Budd-Falen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **10. Dams and Reservoirs Program – Account III**

### Level III Projects – Account III

- West Fork Reservoir

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$40,000,000.00 to further develop the project. Appropriating a portion of the funding required for construction will provide credibility to the legislation and offer the most expeditious path forward. Discussion followed. Jeb Steward addressed the Commission and Select Water Committee and directed a number of written questions to them.

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for West Fork Reservoir. Gerry Geis seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.



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#### Level II Projects – Account III

- *Cheyenne Municipal Storage Phase I*

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$330,000.00 to further study storage opportunities and build upon existing work created by and for BOPU. The study will include an analysis of the Purpose and Need of the project, hydrologic analysis, alternatives analysis, permitting considerations, and field reconnaissance to investigate the various alternatives analyzed.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for the Cheyenne Municipal Storage Phase I project. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### Level II Projects - Amendments – Account III

- *Nowood River Storage – Alkali Creek*

The Director's recommendation was to approve a three year time extension, extending the reversion date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. Preserving the appropriation would allow for unforeseen circumstances to be handled in a timely manner to prevent any potential delays in project completion.

- *Clear Creek Storage*

The Director's recommendation was to approve a three year time extension, extending the reversion date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. Preserving the appropriation would allow the preferred alternative to be thoroughly developed and prepared for the scrutiny of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, thereby minimizing potential delays in project completion.

- *Shell Valley Storage – Leavitt Reservoir*

The Director's recommendation was to approve a three year time extension, extending the reversion date from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2021. Preserving the appropriation would allow for unforeseen circumstances to be handled in a timely manner to prevent any potential delays in project completion.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation on all three Level II project amendments. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for the day at 5:31 pm.

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**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2017 – WWDC/SWC Joint Meeting, continued**

Chairman Sheridan Little called the workshop to order at 8:32am.

**Roll Call**

Commission attendance:

Sheridan Little, Chairman  
Nick Bettas, Vice-Chairman  
Clinton Glick, Secretary  
Gerald Geis  
Karen Budd Falen  
Rodney Wagner  
David Evans  
Jeanette Sekan  
Kellen Lancaster  
Larry Suchor

Select Water Attendance:

Rep. Hans Hunt  
Senator Ogden Driskill  
Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton  
Senator Glen Moniz  
Senator Curt Meier  
Senator Dan Dockstader  
Rep. John Eklund  
Rep. Dan Laursen  
Rep. Jerry Paxton  
Rep. David Northrup

**11. Rehabilitation Program – Account II**

Level III Projects – Account II

- Casper Alcova Irrigation District Underdrain 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$416,740.00. The remaining funding of \$205,260.00 will be provided by the sponsor, Casper Alcova Irrigation District.
- Cottonwood Irrigation District Pipeline Replacement 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$558,780.00 and 33% loan in the amount of \$275,220.00, 30 year term, at 4% interest.
- Deaver Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a materials only grant in the amount of \$230,000.00. The sponsor share is all cost excluding materials.
- Eden Valley Irrigation District System Improvements 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding due to a lack of available funding. The sponsor's request was for a 67% grant in the amount of \$201,000.00 for design-only services.

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- Eden Valley Irrigation District Farson Lateral Phase III 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding due to a lack of available funding. The sponsor's request was for a 67% grant in the amount of \$2,814,000.
  - Goshen Irrigation District Check Structure 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$463,330.00. The remaining funding of \$230,670.00 will be provided by the sponsor, Goshen Irrigation District.
  - Hanover Irrigation District Cottonwood Spill/Check Replacement 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$277,380.00 and provide a 33% loan in the amount of \$136,620.00, with a 15 year term at 4% interest.
  - Heart Mountain Irrigation District Canal Rehab Rattlesnake Liner Replacement  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$1,809,000.00 and provide a 33% loan in the amount of \$891,000.00 with a 40 year term at 4% interest.
  - Midvale Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$995,000.00 as a materials only grant. The remaining funding of \$495,000.00 will be provided by the sponsor, Midvale Irrigation District.
  - Riverton Valley Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 25% grant in the amount of \$542,500.00. The remaining funding of \$1,627,500.00 will be provided by the sponsor, Riverton Valley Irrigation District utilizing funds from FEMA.
  - Savery Creek Diversion Rehabilitation 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to not provide funding in the amount of \$361,800.00 as, by all indications, the proposed structure is privately owned.
  - Sidon Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2018  
The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$823,000.00 as a materials only grant. The remaining funding of \$498,230.00 will be provided by the sponsor, Sidon Irrigation District.

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- Sundance Tank 2018

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding as a 67% grant in the amount of \$666,650.00. The remaining funding of \$328,350.00 will be provided by the sponsor, the Town of Sundance, potentially utilizing DWSRF funds.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on all Level III, Rehabilitation, Account II projects. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Level III Projects – Amendments - Account III

Sheridan Little recused and removed himself from the discussion due to conflict of Interest on the Dull Knife Reservoir project. Nick Bettas continued the meeting:

- Dull Knife Reservoir Spillway Rehabilitation

The Director's recommendation was to provide increased funding in the amount of \$217,000.00. The request is to cover the deferred items so they can be completed under the current contract with the Contractor.

- Small Water Project Program – Rehabilitation

The Director's recommendation was to provide additional funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 to meet project application demands.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for the Dull Knife Reservoir Spillway Rehabilitation project. David Evans seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously with Sheridan Little recused.

Sheridan Little returned to the Chairman's position.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation on the Small Water Project Program – Rehabilitation. Rod Wagner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Level II Projects – Account II

- Big Laramie River Oasis Ditch Diversion Rehab

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$95,000.00. The project was identified in the Upper Laramie River Watershed Study.

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- Hanover Irrigation District Bighorn Flume Replacement

The Director's recommendation was to approve funding in the amount of \$65,000.00. The request is for a feasibility study to understand options for replacing the flume and bridge.

- Silver Lake Dam

The Director's recommendation was to provide funding in the amount of \$250,000.00. The Level II Feasibility Study, in close coordination with the Sponsor and Forest Service, would refine rehabilitation or replacement options for the damaged infrastructure. It would also investigate dam safety issues, wilderness area requirements, permitting, and economics based on the conceptual designs refined as part of the project. Discussion followed.

Nick Bettas made a motion to withhold funding until an access agreement is in place. Larry Suchor seconded the motion. The motion failed 1-9, with Nick Bettas in favor.

Gerry Geis made a motion to approve the Director's recommendations on all three Level II projects. Larry Suchor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **12. Executive Session – Legal Advice**

Rod Wagner made a motion to enter Executive Session to receive legal advice.

Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Select Water Committee and members of the public were asked to leave.

Public meeting resumed at 11:49am.

## **13. Request for Attorney General Opinion**

Jeanette Sekan made a motion to request a formal Attorney General opinion for the following question: Does Article 16, Section 10 of the Wyoming Constitution permit the Water Development Commission to fund water projects that aid private entities without an exchange of adequate consideration, i.e., benefit to the public. Karen Budd-Falen seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **14. Director's Comments**

Director LaBonde informed the commission and committee the Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie Irrigation District sent a letter requesting loan forgiveness and/or deferment. Karen Budd-Falen recused and removed herself due to conflict of interest.

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Director LaBonde indicated in this situation, the commission does not have the authority to forgive nor defer loan payments. He will write a letter to the District and will copy the WWDC.

**15. Future Meeting Schedule**

January 10-11, 2018 in Cheyenne, for preliminary bill review (WWDC)

January 12, 2018 in Cheyenne, for preliminary bill review (SWC)

Karen Budd-Falen asked for an update regarding Rules revisions.

Director LaBonde indicated the Rules have been submitted to the Governor, Management Council and Secretary of State's Office and the review process has begun.

Select Water Committee had several questions regarding the process and open communications between the commission and committee.

**16. Adjourn**

Karen Budd-Falen made a motion to adjourn at 12:22pm, Jeanette Sekan seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton Glick, Secretary