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Republican River Water Conservation District

Board meeting – November 17, 2026

offered virtually and in person
Cobblestone Inn & Suites,
35952 US Hwy 385, Wray, CO 80758
Proposed Agenda (Times are Approximate)

A. 10:00 AM - Welcome – Rod Lenz - President of the Board

a. Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer
b. Roll call of Directors/declare a quorum –Josh Lechman, Secretary of the Board
c. Introduction of guests
d. Acknowledge reappointed representatives: Aaron Sprague, Dennis Wieser, Jason Kramer, and Tim Fetzer
e. Swearing in of East Cheyenne GWMD, Mark Hillman
f. Swearing in of Frenchman GWMD, Casey Goddard
g. Approve the agenda
h. Approve the minutes
   i. August 18, 2026 – Quarterly Board meeting
   ii. September 1, 2026 – Special Board meeting

B. 10:10 AM - Administration Reports

a. President's Report – Rod Lenz, Board President
b. General Manager's Report – Douglas Larson, General Manager
c. Financial Report – Reon McBride, Finance & Office Manager
d. South Fork Focus Zone acre update – Payton Liming, Program Manager & Administrative Assistant
e. CCP Operation Report – Tracy Travis, CCP Operator

C. 10:30 AM - Hearing of the Board

a. Budget Hearing on proposed 2027 Budget - Presented by Aaron Sprague, Budget Committee Chairperson and Justin Dodsworth, Premier Accounting, RRWCD Accountant

D. 11:00 AM - RRWCD Committee Reports

a. Budget Committee – Aaron Sprague, chairperson
b. Conservation Committee – Josh Lechman, chairperson
c. Fee Evaluation Committee – Kevin Penny, chairperson
d. Innovation/Technology Committee – Kristen Schneider, chairperson
e. Legislative Committee – Don Brown, member
f. Negotiation Committee – Roger Seedorf, member
g. Nominating Committee – Tim Fetzer, member
h. GM Search/Personnel Committee – Josh Lechman, member
i. PTAC Committee – Tim Pautler, chairperson

E. 11:30 AM - Associated Organizations Reports

a. Colorado Groundwater Commission –Tim Pautler
b. Colorado Water Congress – Greg Larson
c. South Fork Republican Restoration Coalition – Noah Nemmers/Stuart Dykstra
d. South Platte Basin Roundtable – Doug Larson
e. Yuma County Water Authority – Mike Leerar

12:00 PM **LUNCH** – provided for everyone in attendance

F. 1:00 PM – Public Comment

G. 1:15 PM - Professional Reports

a. Lobbyist Reports
   i. Federal Lobbyists – Patrick Firth/Denise Bode, Constitution Partners, LLC
   ii. State Lobbyists – Landon Gates/Brock Herzberg, Capitol Focus, LLC
b. Engineer's Report – Randy Hendrix, water engineer, Hendrix Wai Engineering, Inc
c. Attorney's Report – David Robbins/Pete Ampe, legal counsel, Hill and Robbins P.C.
d. Federal legislators or staff members
e. State legislators or staff members

H. 1:30 PM – Reports

a. Update from RRCA meetings – Douglas Larson, General Manager
b. CCP Expansion Project Update – Andrew Regnery, Project Manager, V3 Companies
c. State Engineers Office – Jason Ullmann, State Engineer

I. 2:15 PM – Board Discussion & Action Items

a. GM Search/Personnel Recommendation on General Manager's probationary period – Josh Lechman, GM Search Committee Chairperson
b. Board Manual – Josh Lechman, Board Secretary
c. Resolution 26-09 to transfer funds in FY26 – Reon McBride, Finance & Office Manager
d. Resolution 26-10 to adopt the Budget for 2027 – Aaron Sprague, Budget Committee Chairperson
e. Resolution 26-11 to appropriate funds for 2027 – Aaron Sprague, Budget Committee Chairperson
f. Resolution 26-12 for Approval of Certification of Special Water Use Fee Assessment - Yuma County – Reon McBride, Finance & Office Manager
g. Resolution 26-13 to identify the location of public notice of Board and Committee meetings – Reon McBride, Finance & Office Manager
h. Resolution 26-14 to allow RRWCD to have a special Board meeting outside the Basin on January 7-8, 2027 – Reon McBride, Finance & Office Manager
i. 2027 Professional Services – Reon McBride, Finance & Office Manager
j. Lease of FPI Property – Roger Seedorf, Negotiating Committee Chairperson
k. Arikaree Groundwater Management District Grant request – Kristen Schneider, IT Chairperson
l. Frenchman Groundwater Management District Grant request – Kristen Schneider, IT Chairperson
m. Marks Butte Groundwater Management District Grant request – Kristen Schneider, IT Chairperson
n. Plains Groundwater Management District Grant request – Kristen Schneider, IT Chairperson
o. Vote on RAMP Blind Evaluation – Payton Liming, Program Manager & Administrative Assistant
p. Election of Officers – Tim Fetzer, Nominating Committee Chairperson

J. 4:00 PM - Old Business

K. 4:05 PM - New Business

L. 4:10 PM - Executive Session to receive legal advice on legal questions and litigation concerning South Fork water rights; to discuss and determine positions, develop strategies, and instruct negotiators concerning the purchase or lease of water rights; determine positions and instruct negotiators concerning water supply acquisition, receive legal advice on legal questions related to such agreements, contracts and easements, discuss program applications; Compact Compliance and discussions with Kansas (to the extent subject to privilege), and the Compact Compliance Pipeline and Bonny Reservoir, and to discuss personnel matters

M. 4:15 PM - Adjourn Meeting