

MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MIDDLE PARK WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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June 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

Directors:

Jack Buchheister – President
Tom Long – Vice President
Jim Lenzotti – Secretary
Mike Eytel – Treasurer (not present)
Gary Bumgarner (not present)
Geoff Niggeler (not present)
Erin Wilson

Others Present:

MPWCD Water Resources Consultant & Hydrologist Kristina Wynne
MPWCD Water Resources Consultant & Hydrologist John Shuler
MPWCD Attorney Kent Whitmer
MPWCD Attorney Katie Randall
CRWCD Director of Technical Advocacy Brendon Langenhuizen

1. CALL TO ORDER

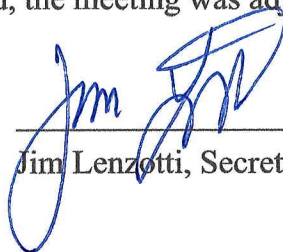
**2. CONSIDERATION OF SHORT-TERM CONTRACT REQUEST FOR
COLORADO RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMERGENCY
SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY PLAN***

Kristina Wynne provided an update of developments following the special meeting of the Board on May 1, where the Board approved Staff's proposed exchange operation to store a portion of MPWCD's Windy Gap water in Welford Mountain Reservoir to meet drought needs on the West Slope in 2026. Following the May meeting, a release request was submitted to the Municipal Subdistrict of Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Staff and counsel for the Municipal Subdistrict expressed concerns with the use of Middle Park's Windy Gap water pursuant to the exchange, and indicated that water would not be released for the purpose of

exchange into storage. The River District has recently secured approval from the Division Engineer for operation of an emergency substitute water supply plan to help water users in the Colorado River basin in this very dry year. There is projected to be no Green Mountain contract water available, a greatly diminished HUP supply in Green Mountain Reservoir, and potential calls coming on in June that have not historically happened. The River District is looking for additional supplies to help meet the situation via operation of the emergency SWSP. A portion of the depletions that are covered under the emergency SWSP will occur in Grand and Summit Counties, which could be replaced by release of Middle Park's Windy Gap supplies. The River District has requested a short-term contract from MPWCD in the amount of 350 acre-feet of water, to be released from MPWCD's Windy Gap supplies through July 31, 2026, to replace depletions on behalf of water users within Grand and Summit Counties pursuant to the emergency SWSP. A resolution detailing the terms of approval of this short-term request was included in the meeting materials and was discussed. The Board requested that the resolution be amended to note that the price of this water shall not exceed \$61.80 per acre-foot of water that is actually released pursuant to the short-term request, subject to MPWCD Board discretion to lower the amount paid at the end of the water year. **A motion was made by Tom Long to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Jim Lenzotti. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.



Jim Lenzotti, Secretary