



**MINUTES OF THE  
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE  
CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
MAY 19, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the office of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District located at 3209 W. 28th St. Greeley, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Ralph Anders and the following Directors were present: Ralph Anders, President; Chad Schafer, Vice President; David Bernhardt; Steve Bruntz; Doug Dill; David Eckhardt; Travis Hergert; Calven Goza; Everett Kissler; Randy Knutson; John Mark; Alan Mazzotti and Brian Rosenbrock. Dan Kammerzell and Bret Schmidt were absent.

Others present were Randy Ray, Executive Director; Billy Mihelich, District Engineer; Danyelle Hart, Financial Analyst; Courtney Jones, Water Quality Coordinator; Abby Gearhart, Water Resources Coordinator; Tammy Rusch, Education Coordinator and Lynn Kramer, Contracts Manager. Special guests were Brad Grasmick and David Strait of Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones & Donovan and Ed Armbruster of White Sands Water Engineers.

ACCEPT INTO THE RECORD THE CONSENT CALENDAR, FINANCIALS, AND ALL MINUTES OF APRIL AND MAY 2026 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION APPROVED

**Public Discussion**

Rick Grice and Terrance Tschatschula with VaporLok Inc attended to give a presentation on a product that reduces evaporation.

Aaron Million provided an update on the Green River project.

**Action Items**

Lynn Kramer presented Petitions for Class D Irrigation Water Allotment Contracts for approval.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #522 DECKER PROPERTY INVESTMENT I LLC.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: CHAD SCHAFFER

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1113 ECKHARDT FARMS INC.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: CHAD SCHAFFER

MOTION CARRIED WITH DAVID ECKHARDT ABSTAINING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #1224 LARRY A. KOBABEL AND GLEN D. KOBABEL.  
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ  
SECOND: JOHN MARK  
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #1054 JOEL E. AND ANGELA L. RITCHEY.  
MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI  
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT  
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #1268 RITCHEY LAND COMPANY LLC.  
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFFER  
SECOND: JOHN MARK  
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #1355 RODNICK E. AND ELSIE J. ULRICH.  
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT  
SECOND: TRAVIS HERGERT  
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #421 TERRY AND JANICE WIEDEMAN.  
MOTION: EVERETT KISSLER  
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT  
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #399 EMPIRE DAIRY LLC.  
MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI  
SECOND: JOHN MARK  
MOTION CARRIED WITH STEVEN BRUNTZ ABSTAINING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT  
CONTRACT #1306 WESTERN EQUIPMENT AND TRUCK INC.  
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT  
SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI  
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1371  
RIVER ROAD HOLDINGS LP.  
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT  
SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI  
MOTION CARRIED

Lynn presented one Non-Irrigation contract for approval.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED GMS PETITION FOR CLASS D NON-IRRIGATION WATER  
ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #401 EMPIRE DAIRY LLC.  
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT  
SECOND: DOUG DILL  
MOTION CARRIED WITH STEVE BRUNTZ ABSTAINING

Lynn presented one Class D Contract for termination.

MOVE TO TERMINATE GMS PETITON FOR CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #960 AND DELETE WELL WDID 0207033 FROM THE GMS AUGMENTATION PLAN.

MOTION: JOHN MARK

SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI

MOTION CARRIED

### **Legal Action Items**

There were no legal action items.

### **Legal/Legislative Reports**

Brad Grasmick reviewed the April 2026 resume and had no recommendations for oppositions.

Brad provided a Water Court update and reviewed current legislation.

MOVE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION ON ENFORCEMENT OF DITCH EASEMENTS.

MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON

SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ

MOTION CARRIED

### **District Action**

The board reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Water Horse Resources Green River Project.

MOVE TO DECLINE THE REQUEST FROM AARON MILLION TO SUPPORT THE WATER HORSE RESOURCES GREEN RIVER PROJECT AND REFER THE NEW PROPSAL TO THE COMMITTEES.

MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ

SECOND: RANDY KNUTSON

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO PURCHASE TESTING KITS AND THE MICROPLATE READER.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: CHAD SCHAFFER

MOTION CARRIED WITH STEVE BRUNTZ VOTING NAY

Billy Mihelich presented the Town of Castle Rock Rothe Lease.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WATER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK AND CCWCD.

MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ

SECOND: EVERETT KISSLER

MOTION CARRIED

President Anders welcomed and introduced Theron Verna, Water Lab Manager from the Palmer Land Conservancy.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Reception will be held September 10, 2026 at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

MOVE TO SPONSOR THE 2026 PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION \$1500.

MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI

SECOND: CHAD SCHAFFER

MOTION CARRIED

### **Subdistrict Action**

Randy presented correspondence from the Thraikills and Kiowa Creek Land and Cattle Company, landowners downstream of the Kiowa Recharge Project. Brad Grasmick provided options. Discussion followed.

MOVE TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF THE FENCE AND DIRECT STAFF TO APPROACH LANDOWNERS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR AN EASEMENT.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: TRAVIS HERGERT

MOTION CARRIED

### **Staff Action**

There was no staff action.

### **President's Report**

There was no President's Report.

### **Education Report**

Tammy Rusch presented the Children's Water Festival Spring impact report and reviewed the summer calendar.

Tammy then presented a sponsorship request from Ag in the Classroom.

MOVE TO SPONSOR AG IN CLASSROOM \$2500.

MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER

SECOND BRIAN ROSENBROCK

MOTION CARRIED

### **Water Quality Report**

Courtney Jones provided the board with additional information regarding the Water Quality Neonicotinoids Test Kits and Microplate Reader.

### **Subdistrict Report**

Billy Mihelich provided an operational report and precipitation outlook.

### **District Report**

There was no District Report.

### **Secretary's Report**

Dan Brown of RBV LLC requested additional space in Bernhardt Reservoir. The previous Water Storage Lease Agreement will be amended.

Ed Orr and CCWCD are negotiating an amendment to a Water Storage easement at Siebring Reservoir. Randy will bring it to the committees.

Secretary Ray reviewed the board calendar.

GMDA Summer Conference July 21 – 23, 2026 in Lubbock, TX

CWC Summer Conference August 18 – 20, 2026 in Steamboat Springs, CO

Vita H2O Project tour May 28, 2026.

**New Business**

Brad Grasmick and Ed Armbruster will not be at the board meeting in July. They both will be in the San Luis Valley attending a trial.

MOVE TO ADJOURN.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: JOHN MARK

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn Kramer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lynn Kramer