



**MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MARCH 17, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, March 17, 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; Bret Schmidt, Treasurer; Dan Kammerzell, At-Large; David Bernhardt; Steve Bruntz; Doug Dill; Travis Hergert; Calven Goza; Everett Kissler; Randy Knutson; John Mark; Alan Mazzotti; Brian Rosenbrock and Chad Schafer. David Eckhardt was not present.

Others present were Randy Ray, Executive Director; Billy Mihelich, District Engineer; Danyelle Hart, Financial Analyst; Abby Gearhart, Water Resources Coordinator. 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 FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DAVID BERNHARDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION APPROVED

Public Discussion

Jeremy Heid from Hero Expeditions provided the Board with information about Hero Expeditions to request access to properties owned by CCWCD.

Sara Randev presented to the Board to request reinstatement of a GMS Contract.

Action Items

Randy presented Petitions for Class D Irrigation Water Allotment Contracts for approval.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE NAME CHANGE ON GMS CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #499 FROM DAVID A. BENDER TO MILDRED J. BENDER.

MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI

SECOND: CHAD SCHAFFER

MOTION APPROVED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF GMS CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #318 SYNGENTA SEEDS INC TO CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1368 SYLACO001 LLC.

MOTION: BRET SCHMIDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE GMS CLASS D IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT #1370 DEBORAH KLIPPERT.
MOTION: DAVID BERNHARDT
SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ
MOTION CARRIED

Legal Action Items

There were no legal action items.

Legal/Legislative Reports

Brad Grasmick reviewed the February 2026 resume.

Brad provided a Water Court update Central's opposition to Castle Rock, Parker, and Lower South Platte's applications in Case Nos. 19CW3253 and 21CW3185.

Brad provided an update to the status of the GMS Supplemental Augmentation Plan in Case No. 21CW3193 and provided an update of the status of the Jackson Lake Reservoir and Irrigation Company Agreement with GMS.

David provided an update related to Central's opposition and proposed settlement terms to Case No. 22CW3207, an application to the Water Court by the Town of Dacono for a junior storage decree for storage in Milliken Reservoir.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IN CASE NO. 22CW3207.
MOTION: DAVID BERNHARDT
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED

The Legislation update included discussion related to legislation concerning revegetation requirements in Water Division 2.

District Action

Randy presented an update related to a request from the adjacent landowners to Central's Kiowa Recharge project. Board Members John Mark and Steve Bruntz will accompany staff to discuss recharge project operations and impacts from flooding with a contingent of the landowners.

Randy presented the proposed Corral Lease with Meining Cattle CO LLC.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE CORRAL LEASE WITH MEINING CATTLE CO LLC.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: DAVID BERNHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

Randy provided a summary of the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Western Equipment and Truck INC for the purchase of two shares of Delta Irrigation Company.

MOVE TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN EQUIPMENT AND TRUCK INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO SHARES OF DELTA IRRIGATION.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented a lease for reservoir storage space at Bernhardt Reservoir between Central and RBV, LLC.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WATER STORAGE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RBV, LLC AS DISCUSSED
PENDING LEGAL REVIEW
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented a Crossing Agreement with the Western Mutual Ditch Company that would permit Central to cross the ditch with fiber optic cable to collect and transmit data from the Sweet Valley Pipeline, Augmentation Wells, and Reservoir.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WESTERN MUTUAL DITCH CROSSING AGREEMENT.
MOTION: JOHN MARK
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED WITH RANDY KNUTSON ABSTAINING

Subdistrict Action

MOVE TO SET THE 2026 GMS QUOTA AT 35%
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: DOUG DILL
MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO SET THE 2026 WAS QUOTA AT 50%
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED

Billy presented the 2025 Water Lease Agreement between GMS and the Town of Castle Rock.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2026 WATER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK AND CCWCD.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ
MOTION CARRIED

Billy presented the 2026 Thornton Water Lease Renewal.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2026 THORNTON WATER LEASE RENEWAL.
MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI
SECOND: JOHN MARK
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented an easement agreement between Central and Terry Wiedeman to install fiber optic cable across the Wiedeman property

MOVE TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AND RIGHT AWAY AGREEMENT WITH TERRY LEE AND JANICE L WIEDEMAN.
MOTION: JOHN MARK
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED

Billy presented an easement agreement between Central and SVW Farms, LLLP to install fiber optic cable across the SVW Farms property

MOVE TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AND RIGHT AWAY AGREEMENT WITH SVW FARMS, LLLP.
MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: STEVE BRUNTZ
MOTION CARRIED

The Board discussed reinstatement of the Randev GMS Contract.

The Board discussed the presentation by Hero Expedition and agreed to entertain a proposal for access to District owned properties.

Staff Action

There was no staff action.

President's Report

There was no President's Report.

Randy and Ralph discussed the need for the District to form a Water Projects Committee to assist staff fully investigate new water projects for consideration by the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT ANDERS INSTRUCTED STAFF TO RESURRECTE THE WATER PROJECTS COMMITTEE AND ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS CALVIN GOZA, ALAN MAZZOTTI, CHAD SCHAFER, DAVID BERNHARDT, RALPH ANDERS, DOUG DILL, TRAVIS HERGERT, AND BRET SCHMIDT

Education Report

Water Quality Report

Subdistrict Report

Billy Mihelich provided an operational report and precipitation outlook. He then discussed preliminary quotas.

District Report

There was no District Report.

Secretary's Report

Member meeting March 27, 2026

Secretary Ray reviewed the board calendar.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Mihelich
District Engineer