



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

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, February 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; David Bernhardt; Steve Bruntz; Doug Dill; David Eckhardt; Travis Hergert; Calven Goza; Everett Kissler; Randy Knutson; John Mark; Alan Mazzotti and Brian Rosenbrock. Chad Schafer and Dan Kammerzell 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 Quality Assistant and Lynn Kramer, Contracts Manager. Special guests were Brad Grasmick and David Strait of Lawrence Custer Grasmick Jones & Donovan and Eric Peterson of White Sands Water Engineers.

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

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT  
SECOND: DOUG DILL  
MOTION CARRIED

**Public Discussion**

Leah Hubbard, Deputy Director of Water Resources at the City of Greeley showed a presentation on the Northern Colorado Water Alliance.

Forrest Leaf, Water Resources Engineer attended to discuss the Town of Milliken's Water Master Plan.

**Legal Action Items**

There were no legal action items.

**Legal/Legislative Reports**

Brad Grasmick reviewed the January 2026 resume.

MOVE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION IN CASE NO. 26CW3020.  
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ  
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT  
MOTION CARRIED

Brad gave a Water Court update including the Western Mutual Ditch change case and the Supplemental Aug Plan case then discussed the presentation regarding the NOCO Water Alliance.

The Legislation update included a bill to modify the Department of Agricultural loan program and another regarding dry up.

### **District Action**

Randy Ray discussed a request from Morning Gun Exploration LLC for an Oil & Gas Lease at the Orchard site.

Randy presented an Easement Agreement at Siebring Reservoir with The Cache LLC.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CACHE LLC.

MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON

SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT

MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented a Master Service Agreement from Spheros Environmental, the engineering firm that purchased LRE. Brad clarified some specifics in the agreement, discussion followed.

### **Subdistrict Action**

Randy presented a Crossing Agreement with the Farmers Independent Ditch Company to construct and maintain a four inch fiberoptic cable.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FARMERS INDEPENDENT DITCH COMPANY AND CCWCD, GMS AND WAS CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL REVIEW.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTERN MUTUAL DITCH COMPANY AND CCWCD, GMS AND WAS CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL REVIEW.

MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ

SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI

MOTION CARRIED

### **Staff Action**

There was no staff action.

### **President's Report**

There was no President's Report.

### **Education Report**

Randy reviewed the 2026 donation budget and a donation request from Colorado Project WET.

MOVE TO APPROVE A DONATION OF \$600 TO COLORADO PROJECT WET.

MOTION: BRET SCHMIDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION CARRIED

### **Water Quality Report**

Courtney Jones gave a presentation on water quality in the South Platte tributaries.

### **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**

Staff is working on acquiring two shares of Patterson Ditch that will be purchased by the District.

Secretary Ray reviewed the board calendar.

**New Business**

The board discussed the NOCO Water Alliance and the Town of Milliken's Water Master Plan storage options.

MOVE TO ADJOURN.

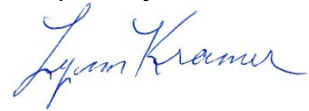
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ

SECOND: JOHN MARK

MOTION CARRIED

The regular meeting was adjourned at 1:38 P.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