



**MINUTES OF THE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT SUBDISTRICT OF THE
CENTRAL COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Groundwater Management Subdistrict of the Central Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, September 15, 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; Bret Schmidt, Treasurer; Dan Kammerzell, At-Large; Dave Bernhardt; Steve Bruntz; Doug Dill; David Eckhardt; Travis Hergert; Calven Goza; Randy Knutson; John Mark; Alan Mazzotti and Brian Rosenbrock.

Others present were Randy Ray, Executive Director; Billy Mihelich, District Engineer; Abby Gearhart, Water Resources Coordinator; Courtney Jones, Water Quality Coordinator; Tammy Rusch, Education Coordinator and Lynn Kramer, Contracts Manager. Special guests were Brad Grasmick and Regan O'Donnell 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 AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2026 AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION APPROVED

Public Discussion

Theron Verna of Palmer Land Conservancy attended as an observer.

Action Items

Lynn Kramer provided the board with data regarding the year-to-date pumping in each subdistrict.

Legal Action Items

There were no legal action items.

Legal/Legislative Reports

Brad Grasmick presented a water court update including the Parker/Lower South Platte case, Town of Castle Rock case and the supplemental aug plan. Brad also discussed work being done on the Big Thompson Platte River Ditch bylaws.

MOVE TO APPROVE STIPULATION ON THE TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK AND THE PARKER/LOWER SOUTH PLATTE CASES 19CW3253 AND 21CW3185 CONTINGENT UPON TERMS AS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI

SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT

MOTION CARRIED

Regan O'Donnell provided a legislative update.

District Action

Billy Mihelich presented details regarding the water level data request from HRS Water Consultants.
MOVE TO HAVE STAFF INVESTIGATE THE COST OF GATHERING THE WATER LEVEL DATA REQUESTED BY HRS WATER CONSULTANTS AND BRING THE REQUEST BACK TO THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED

Tammy Rusch presented the 2027 Education budget.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2027 EDUCATION BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: DOUG DILL
MOTION CARRIED

Courtney Jones presented the 2027 Water Quality budget.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE 2027 WATER QUALITY BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

MOTION: ALAN MAZZOTTI
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

Randy presented a letter from Craig Miller, Town Manager of the Town of Wiggins regarding their interest in wells 2d and 2e. The town is not interested in selling its rights to the wells nor their capacity in the pipeline.

Billy reviewed a Water Lease Agreement with J2 Contracting.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WATER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH J2 CONTRACTING CO INC.

MOTION: CHAD SCHAFER
SECOND: JOHN MARK
MOTION CARRIED

Randy reviewed the OWW Augmentation Well Agreement.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AUGMENTATION WELL AGREEMENT WITH ORPHAN WELLS OF WIGGINS LLC AT \$30 PER ACRE FOOT SUBJECT TO OWW APPROVAL.

MOTION: BRET SCHMIDT
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT
MOTION CARRIED WITH STEVE BRUNTZ ABSTAINING

Randy presented a Water Lease Agreement with Wagistics LLC. Billy provided details.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WATER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WAGISTICS LLC.

MOTION: JOHN MARK
SECOND: ALAN MAZZOTTI
MOTION CARRIED

Subdistrict Action

Randy discussed the CCWCD easement with Riverside Land Development LLC and reviewed the history of the property. Brad provided comments.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE PARTIAL RELEASE OF RESERVED RIGHTS AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS WITH RIVERSIDE LAND DEVELOPMENT LLC AND DAVID LEE CONTINGENT UPON NO STORM WATER DISCHARGE OR RIVERSIDE/LEE ACCEPTANCE OF FULL AUGMENTATION OBLIGATION IMMEDIATELY.

MOTION: BRET SCHMIDT
SECOND: DAVE BERNHARDT
MOTION CARRIED

Staff Action

There was no staff action.

President's Report

There was no President's Report.

Education Report

There was no Education Report.

Water Quality Report

Courtney Jones presented a Water Quality Report regarding the annual Coliform sampling. Discussion followed.

Subdistrict Report

Billy Mihelich provided pumping data for each subdistrict and the precipitation outlook.

District Report

The valuation done by West Water Research for the Goza Pit is completed.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Ray presented an article from the Colorado Sun regarding Aurora Water purchasing land and water from two of the most historic farms in the Lower Arkansas Valley and the concerns of "buy and dry".

Secretary Ray was contacted by Aaron Million, he would like to give the board an update on his Flaming Gorge project. The board asked that Mr. Million put the information in writing and submit it for review.

The board directed Brad Grasmick to draft a resolution regarding Everett Kisslers' time serving on the board of directors and his contributions to Central Colorado Water Conservancy District.

New Business

Brad Grasmick informed the board of a lawsuit filed against the State of Colorado by irrigation companies in the Cache la Poudre Basin, alleging wrongful administration related to the filling of reservoirs.

MOVE TO ADJOURN.
MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT
SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn Kramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" and last name "Kramer" clearly distinguishable.

Lynn Kramer