



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

The regular monthly meeting of the Groundwater Management Subdistrict 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.

Action Items

Lynn Kramer presented two Petitions to Transfer Water Allotment Contracts.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF 30.0 ACRE FEET OF CONSUMPTIVE USE FROM GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1306 WESTERN EQUIPMENT & TRUCK INC TO GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1370 DEBORAH KLIPPERT AND ADD WELL PERMITS 14525-R AND 14526-R TO THE GMS DECREE.

MOTION: JOHN MARK

SECOND: EVERETT KISSLER

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE PERMANENT TRANSFER OF 70.0 ACRE FEET OF CONSUMPTIVE USE FROM GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1306 WESTERN EQUIPMENT & TRUCK INC TO GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1353 LITTLE PLATTE FARM LLC AND ADD WELL PERMIT 14049-R TO THE GMS DECREE.

MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON

SECOND: JOHN MARK

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #354
TIMOTHY A. & CLAUDIA M. FERRELL TO GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1369
CESAR P. GUERRERO PEREZ.

MOTION: JOHN MARK

SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE NAME CHANGE ON GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1067
FROM MARK D. GAUBATZ TO MSG HUDSON, LLC.

MOTION: DAVE BERNHARDT

SECOND: DOUG DILL

MOTION CARRIED

MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS ON GMS IRRIGATION WATER ALLOTMENT CONTRACT #1353
LITTLE PLATTE FARM LLC WITH THE ADDITION OF WELL PERMIT 14049-R, ANOTHER 35 IRRIGATED
ACRES AND AN ADDITIONAL 70 ACRE FEET OF CONSUMPTIVE USE.

MOTION: RANDY KNUTSON

SECOND: BRET SCHMIDT

MOTION CARRIED

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.

Subdistrict Action

Randy presented a License and Crossing Agreement with the Last Chance Ditch Company regarding an above-
grade water line crossing at Hokestra.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE LICENSE AND CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH THE LAST CHANCE DITCH
COMPANY.

MOTION: BRET SCHMIDT

SECOND: JOHN MARK

MOTION CARRIED

Randy updated the board on the agreement with River Road Holdings regarding the use of the McCarthy wells.

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.

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.

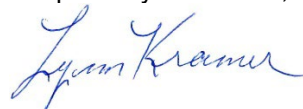
MOTION: STEVE BRUNTZ

SECOND: JOHN MARK

MOTION CARRIED

The regular meeting was adjourned at 1:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Kramer