

ALLOCATION & STORAGE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 3, 2025

A meeting of the Allocation & Storage Committee held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 10:03 a.m. at the District Office 31717 United Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81001 and via Zoom virtual conference.

Vice-Chairman Matt Heimerich announced a quorum was present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Heimerich - Vice-Chairman, Tom Goodwin, Justin DiSanti, Alan Hamel, Greg Felt, Bill Long and Leann Noga

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

Andy Colosimo – Chairman, Curtis Mitchell, Mike Bartolo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Seth Clayton, Ann Nichols (remote), Pat Edelmann (remote) Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (District) Board; Lisa Brown (remote), Wilson Water Group; Mike Holmberg, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation); Roy Vaughn, H2O Consultants; Bill Tyner, Tyner Engineering (remote); Chris Woodka, Gordon Dillon, Patty Rivas, Margie Medina, Lee Miller (remote), Peter Levish (remote), Trevor Singleton and Robert Banham, District staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Heimerich confirmed that members of the Committee received their copy of the June 5, 2025 Allocation & Storage Committee minutes and asked if there were any corrections or discussions. Alan Hamel moved, Greg Felt seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Leann Noga introduced new staff members Water Resources Engineer Robert Banham and Project Engineer Trevor Singleton, both of whom started on June 30, 2025.

Current Water Year Conditions

Chris Woodka explained that it has been a dry, warm year so far and this is expected to continue. Soil conditions continue to be lower in the Western United States. Stream flow conditions are about average in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Project) Collection System and below average along the Arkansas River.

Project Water imports for 2025 total 37,530 acre-feet (AF) as of July 1, 2025. This will be sufficient to meet 100 percent of the 2025 allocations of 37,062 AF after deductions for the Twin Lakes Exchange, fish hatcheries, transit loss and evaporation, because there was sufficient Project Water not allocated in previous years.

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Imports for the year will end on July 21, 2025, because the Collection System will be shut down in order to make repairs on the Cunningham Tunnel. Mike Holmberg with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) updated the Committee on the purpose of the repairs, which is to increase yield by reducing seepage, and showed photos of work that has already been



completed.

Mr. Woodka updated the Committee about the allocations approved in May with the following charts:

Forecast	Acre-Feet
May 1 Forecast - Import Basis for Allocation	42,300
Water Available for Allocation	37,062

	Authorized	Recommended
Municipal Allocation =	18,902 AF at 51.00%	12,106 AF at 32.66%
NPANIW	1,331 AF at 3.59%	1,331 AF at 3.59%
Agricultural Allocation =	16,830 AF at 45.41%	23,626 AF at 63.75%
Total Allocation	37,063 AF	37,063 AF

Adjusted Municipal Project Water Allocation				
Allocation Area or Entity	Designated Allocation	Authorized Allocation	Request AF	Project Water Allocation
Fountain Valley Authority	25.45%	9,432	6,401	6,401
Pueblo	10.00%	3,706	-	-
East of Pueblo	14.18%	5,255	5,141	5,141
West of Pueblo	4.27%	1,583	1,769	1,769
Manitou Springs	0.35%	130	-	-
Pueblo West Metro District	0.34%	126	126	126
Total Municipal Allocation	54.59%	20,232	13,437	13,437

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Entity	Request	Authorized Allocation	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation
Pueblo				
Pueblo	-	3,706	-	-
Totals	-	3,706	-	-

Entity	Request	Authorized Allocation	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation
Individual Entities				
Manitou Springs	-	130	-	-
Pueblo West Metro District	4,000	126	91	126
Totals	4,000	256	91	126

Entity	Request	Allocation by Population	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation
West of Pueblo				
Acres of Ireland	4	2	4	4
Buena Vista, Town of	80	38	80	80
Canon City, City of	150	429	150	150
Florence, City of	110	48	110	110
Meadow Lake Mountain Estates	3	1	3	3
Poncha Springs, Town of	12	20	12	12
Salida, City of	400	74	400	400
Sunset View Water Company	10	0	10	10
Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District	1,000	925	1,000	1,000
Totals	1,769	1,538	1,769	1,769

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East of Pueblo				
96 Pipeline Co.	50	19	50	50
Beehive Water Association	5	15	5	5
Bents Fort Water Company	133	89	133	133
Boone, Town of	43	35	43	43
Crowley County Water Association	433	353	433	433
Crowley, Town of	23	19	23	23
Fayette Water Association	10	6	10	10
Fowler, Town of	150	120	150	150
Homestead Improvement Assn.	12	6	12	12
La Junta, City of	1,100	751	1,100	1,100
Lamar, City of	1,079	880	1,079	1,079
Las Animas, City of	350	354	350	350
Manzanola, Town of	100	52	100	100
May Valley Water Association	100	136	100	100
McClave Water Association, Inc.	20	42	20	20
Newdale-Grand Valley Water Co.	10	46	10	10
Olney Springs, Town of	47	39	47	47
Ordway, Town of	321	124	321	321
Patterson Valley Water Company	10	10	10	10
Rocky Ford, City of, & Hancock Water	300	438	300	300
South Swink Water Company	15	58	15	15
St. Charles Mesa Water District	600	922	600	600
Sugar City, Town of	100	40	100	100
Swink, Town of	100	69	100	100
Valley Water Association	10	26	10	10
Vroman Water Company	10	14	10	10
West Grand Valley Water, Inc.	10	8	10	10
Totals	5,141	4,670	5,141	5,141

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Agricultural Project Water Allocation						
Entity or Ditch	Eligible	Request	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation
			First Use Project Water		Return Flow Generation	
	Acres	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF
Bannister Ditch	450	300	26	46	-	-
Bessemer Irrigation Ditch Co.	16,971	20,000	1,625	2,875	650	1,150
Cactus Ditch	44	9	3	5	-	-
Catlin Canal Co.	11,425	15,000	1,078	1,908	392	695
Collier Ditch	529	529	51	90	-	-
Colorado Canal	2,936	2,976	281	497	107	190
DeWeese Dye Reservoir	1,060	230	102	180	-	-
Everett Ditch Water Uses Assoc.	6	5	1	1	-	-
Ewing Koppe Ditch	6	1	1	1	-	-
Fort Lyon Canal Co.	55,133	40,000	5,280	9,341	1,859	3,288
Garden Park and Terry Ditch	160	40	15	27	-	-
Highline Canal Co.	21,962	15,000	2,103	3,721	778	1,377
Holbrook Mutual Irrigation Co.	15,397	20,000	1,475	2,609	528	934
Hole in the Ground Ditch	15	3	1	3	-	-
Lee Ditch	2	2	1	1	-	-
Listen & Love	70	50	7	12	-	-
Michigan Ditch	30	3	3	3	-	-
Morrison & Riverside Ditches	4	1	1	1	-	-
New Salida Ditch	850	175	81	144	-	-
Otero Ditch	4,328	2,000	415	733	158	279
Ouray Mutual Ditch Co.	410	410	39	69	-	-
Oxford Farmers Ditch Co.	5,679	2,000	544	962	201	356
Reed Seep Ditch	665	50	50	50	-	-
Riverside Dairy Ditch	60	15	6	10	-	-
Steele Ditches (HR & MW)	165	50	9	17	-	-
Sunnyside Park Ditch	780	195	75	132	-	-
Talcott & Cotton Ditches	314	150	30	53	-	-
Titworth Ditch	112	50	11	19	-	-
Tom Wanless Ditch	640	120	37	65	-	-
Wood Valley Ditch	300	200	29	51	-	-
Totals	157,120	141,264	13,380	23,626	4,673	8,269

Ag Project Water Return Flows					
Entity or Ditch	Eligible	Request	Well Augment	Initial Release	May 1 Allocation
	Acres	AF	%	AF	AF
Canaday Ditch	470	470	100.00%	27	48
Catlin Canal Co.	11,425	15,000	1.45%	10	17
Herman Klinkerman Ditch	570	570	100.00%	33	58
AGRA	50,310	9,000	100.00%	3,766	6,664
LAWMA	7,998	2,180	100.00%	662	1,172
LAVWCD Rule 10	34,076	480	100.00%	141	249
AGRA Rule 10	8,297	9,000	100.00%	34	61
Totals	113,146	36,700		4,673	8,269

Mr. Woodka also updated the state of the Upper Arkansas Voluntary Flow Management Program. Regular calls among water users are occurring and the 2025 program for recreational flows began on July 1, 2025, and will continue until August 15, 2025. Reclamation has enough water stored in the upper Project reservoirs, Turquoise and Twin Lakes, to release 10,000 AF later in the season. Pueblo Water and Colorado Springs Utilities also have water available to contribute if necessary.

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ACTION ITEMS

Late Payments for Allocation, Municipal

The District Allocation Policies require payment for allocated Project Water by the date stated in the application. Otherwise, the water will revert to unallocated Project Water. The Board may choose to accept late payments. Several entities were late in paying by this year's deadline, which was June 15 for Municipal Water. Agricultural Water payments are due by July 15. Staff is diligent in contacting those who are late.

There is no late payment fee, but Mrs. Noga explained this may be a change in policy the Committee might want to recommend to the Board.

Bill Long made the following motion, seconded by Alan Hamel: "I move to recommend to the Board approval of late payments for Municipal Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water allocations in 2025." Motion passed unanimously.

Allocation Final Release

Following the above presentation on water conditions, which showed sufficient Project Water imports for a full allocation, Mr. Hamel made the following motion, seconded by Greg Felt: "I move to recommend the Board approve the release of 100 percent of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water and Return Flows in 2025." Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m. if necessary.

ADJOURN

Mr. Heimerich adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Woodka
Senior Policy and Issues Manager