

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #6
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
August 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And By Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Tyler Faucette, President; Virgil Valdez, Vice-President; Ronald Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer; Mario Curto, Manager; Rodney Reinhardt, Manager; Peter Clark, Manager; Virginia Christensen, Manager; Robert Middlemist, Manager; and, Armando Valdez, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Gerald Faucette, Manager; Austin Miller, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins, P.C.; Angelo Bellah, Program Manager; Rose Vanderpool, Program Assistant; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant; and, Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, Michelle Lanzoni.

Meeting Called to Order

President Faucette called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Armando Valdez led the opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda

President Faucette asked for changes/amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Faucette asked for any changes/amendments or a motion to approve the consent agenda items:

- May 14, 2025-Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- May 14, 2025-Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Faucette asked for public comment. There was none.

Attorney's Report

President Faucette asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe reported hiring a new associate named Arthur Sayre. He updated the Board on the Division of Water Resources (DWR) publishing of the final Phase 7 Model and response functions. Mr. Ampe reported a formal protest had been filed objecting to how Diamond Springs is represented in the Model. For the record, he disclosed that Armando Valdez is a part of the group and is recused from any discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Ampe gave an update on Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4 and SWAG trial start dates. He reported on the closing done by Subdistrict No. 2 on a trans basin surface water right. Discussion was held on whether or not the Diamond Springs protest would delay the implementation of Phase 7 Model.

Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips

President Faucette asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented a map of the unconfined aquifer study area. He provided the change for July 2025, the change between July 2024 and 2025, the current aquifer level, the current five (5) year average level and the acre feet needed to get to the -400,000 level. Pete Ampe explained how the Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4 would not change the goal but how to get there. Mr. Phillips presented a snapshot of the study period showing the monthly change from 2002 to current. He highlighted the lowest level ever recorded and the increase since then. Mr. Phillips presented the overall study period graph going back to 1976 as well as the updated composite water head for the confined aquifer. He explained the difference in the latest response function runs showing an increase of depletions to most reaches and the new obligation to La Jara Creek.

Program Manager's Report

President Faucette asked for the Program Manager's report.

- Financial Report

Angelo Bellah presented the financial report. He went over the reimbursements to the District for formation, expenses and the remaining balance due to the District. Mr. Bellah presented the Balance Sheet, he highlighted the assets, liabilities and equity. Discussion was held on the Mushroom Farm unpaid balance. Kylie Gregg reported on three (3) outstanding balances. Mr. Bellah presented the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss statement. He went over the assets, liabilities, equity, income, expenses and net income. Mr. Bellah provided an outline of the miscellaneous expenses and transaction detail by account. He also went over some of Kylie Gregg's notes and reported on the status of the audit. Mr. Bellah highlighted the water leases and presented a CD and Money Market breakdown. Discussion was held on possibly moving funds to other investment accounts, the financial policy being developed and the need to set up a work session to discuss further.

A motion was made to direct staff to schedule a meeting with Alamosa State Bank and Frontier Bank to negotiate interest rates on behalf of the Board as well as discuss early withdrawal penalties. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellah presented a list of fixed assets and the summary of the fees being collected.

A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Update on 2025 Annual Replacement Plan Operations

Mr. Bellah updated the Board on the 2025 water accounting and portfolio update on the Rio Grande, Alamosa and Conejos Rivers. Discussion was held on senior water user forbearance agreements. Mr. Bellah provided the current reservoir account balances.

- Update on 2026 Annual Replacement Plan Projects

Mr. Bellah explained the short term agreement in place with SLVID. He reported being over the limit and reported on an offer from SLVID. Mr. Bellah highlighted Amber Pacheco's recommendation and asked the Board to think about the amount of water they may need to store this year.

A motion was made to approach SLVID and request 300 ac feet. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellah reported reaching out to the Board to get a consensus on a request to DWR to accept an updated depletion schedule. He presented the latest ten (10) day report from Craig Cotten and explained the argument of the Subdistrict.

A motion was made to ratify the vote and submit the revised depletion schedule to DWR. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellah provided an update on the SLVIWO Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP, the CPW Tabor Water and the Los Sauces SWSP. He highlighted the next steps and asked the Board to consider ratifying the vote to reduce the payments to Tommy Martinez beginning in 2026.

A motion was made to ratify the vote to reduce Tommy Martinez's payments starting in 2026. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bellah updated the Board on the approval of the Alamosa Creek Canal (Reinhardt) SWSP.

- Update on 2026 ARP Projects

Mr. Bellah gave an update on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services Participation Contract. He summarized some of the ongoing conversations and suggestions. Ron Reinhardt voiced his concern on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's ability and plan to make the Subdistrict whole. Mr. Bellah reported on the plan to meet with representative from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife again with the goal to have a mutually agreed upon contract. He summarized what was discussed with Deb Sarason from DWR and gave an update on the Alamosa River CWSA. Mr. Bellah gave an update on replacing depletions to La Jara Creek and described the potential options. Discussion was held on the potential to exchange accretions for depletions with Subdistrict No. 3. He presented a list of ditches

on La Jara Creek and explained why forbearance would be the path of least resistance. Mr. Bellah asked for direction on the forbearance agreement term lengths and whether or not to offer a bonus.

A motion was made to offer the same forbearance agreement terms as on the Alamosa. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- Update on 2026 Budget Process

Mr. Bellah requested the Board consider holding a work session and then a special meeting in September in order to complete the 2026 budget. The Board discussed dates to hold a work session and special meeting. Mr. Bellah provided an update on the Canon Ditch shares acquisition.

Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Negotiations for the Lease/Purchase of Real Property

President Faucette asked for a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. A motion was made at 4:09 p.m. to enter into executive session to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ampe stated the Board was entering into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4) to receive legal advice regarding negotiations for the lease/purchase of real property and the Board would take no formal action or position during the executive session

Possible Action Following Executive Session

President Faucette asked for possible action following executive session. There was none.

Direction for Staff

President Faucette asked for direction for Staff. Mr. Bellah was directed to continue negotiations as discussed.

Next Meeting

A work session was scheduled for September 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
A special meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer