

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
February 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: Karla Shriver, President; Scot Schaefer, Secretary/Treasurer; Gerald Ziegler, BOM; Harold Stoeber, BOM; Mark Deacon, BOM; and, Greg Higel, Ex-Officio.

Absent: Eric Hinton, Vice-President; Michael Schaefer, BOM.

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

Guests: Ryan Unterreiner, Charles Stillings, Carl Stillings, Aiden Christensen, Jessica Valdez, Deb Sarason, David Hofmann, Sandy Heiner, Heather Dutton.

Meeting Called to Order

President Shriver called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Shriver asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

Election of Officers

President Shriver asked for Election of Officers. Pete Ampe opened the floor for nominations including self-nomination for President or a motion to retain the officers as currently appointed. A motion was made by Gerald Ziegler to retain all of the current officers. No other nominations were made. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes

President Shriver asked for approval of the following minutes:

- November 4, 2025-Quarterly Meeting
- November 4, 2025-Executive Session
- November 24, 2025-Special Meeting
- December 16, 2025-Joint Subdistrict Special Meeting
- December 16, 2025-Joint Subdistrict Executive Session
- January 19, 2026-Joint Subdistrict Special Meeting
- January 19, 2026-Joint Subdistrict Executive Session

A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Shriver asked for public comment. Charles Stillings asked if the minutes were available on the website. President Shriver reported approved minutes are posted on the Districts website.

Attorney's Report

President Shriver asked for the Attorney's report. Pete Ampe provided an update on the Texas vs New Mexico Colorado US Supreme Court compact case. He highlighted the settlement agreement reached by the states and reported it should not impact Colorado. Mr. Ampe updated the Board on the Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4 (POWM4) trial set back and new trial start date. He went over the challenges to the Phase 7 RGDSS Groundwater model and response function notice and gave the hearing date.

Engineer's Report

President Shriver asked for the Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips presented a map of the San Luis Valley unconfined aquifer storage study area. He reported not including the individual hydro graphs in the board packets but would email them shortly. Mr. Phillips went over the change for January 2026, change between January 2025 and 2026, current aquifer level, current five (5) year average level, and the acre feet needed to get to the -400,000 level. He presented a snapshot of the study period and pointed out September 2025 recorded the lowest level ever in the study. Mr. Phillips explained how the fall rains lead to a steady increase every month since then. He presented the overall study period graph and reported on the continued decline in the five (5) year average. Mr. Phillips presented a map of the confined wells being monitored by the District monthly. He went over the measurements according to model layer. President Shriver asked about the measurements on the wells dried up by Subdistrict No. 6. Mr. Phillips presented the Subdistrict No. 6 changed compared to the 2015 baseline and 2024. He reported on the recovery of several wells specific to that area.

Program Manager's Report

President Shriver asked for the Program Manager's report. Angelo Bellah reported on the expiring Board of Manager seats and a letter of interest to serve received.

- **Financial Report**

Angelo Bellah went over the costs covered by the District for formation, the expenses since formation, the amount reimbursed and the remaining balance. He presented the Balance Sheet and went over the assets, liability and equity. President Shriver explained how the Subdistrict does not show water purchases as an asset but does show the debt. Mr. Bellah presented the January 2026 and 2025 Profit and Loss Statements. He went over the assets, expenses and Kylie Gregg's notes.

A motion was made by Harold Stoeber to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

- **2025 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP)**

Angelo Bellah updated the Board on the depletion remedy operations. He reported using stored water to cover depletions. Mr. Bellah provided the current reservoir account balances and noted the JanRich Trust purchase of stored water.

- **2026 ARP/Irrigation Season Projects**

Mr. Bellah gave an update on the 2026 MOU with Greg Pearson on the Williams Creek Squaw Pass diversion and the fifty (50) year renewal special use permit issued with a with the USFS. Mr. Bellah updated the Board on the Twin Pines Ranch (TPR) purchase with Subdistrict No. 6 and asked the Board if they wanted to participate in the San Luis Valley Irrigation Well Owners (SLVIWO) Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP. President Shriver asked to add the discussion as an action item under new business.

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

President Shriver 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 by Gerald Zeigler at 9:44 a.m. to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Harold Stoeber and unanimously approved.

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

Possible Action from Executive Session

President Shriver asked for possible action from Executive Session. There was none.

New Business

President Shriver asked for new business.

- **Colorado Water Plan, CWCB's Low and No Regrets Strategy**

Angelo Bellah reported on a plan introduced to the Roundtable in January from CWCB called the No & Low Regrets strategy. President Shriver described changes in the demographics of the Roundtable and highlighted the importance of paying attention to the conversations and urged the

Board to stay involved. Mr. Bellah provided the upcoming Roundtable meeting dates where the No & Low Regrets strategy would be discussed.

- Review Subdistricts' Sustainability/Pumping Reduction Strategy

Angelo Bellah described how other Subdistricts continue to work on reducing groundwater withdrawals by implementing programs, groundwater allocation rules and purchasing wells. Discussion was held on the CREP program and if it would be expanded to other Subdistricts. Mr. Bellah presented the Composite Water Head Change chart. He highlighted how Subdistricts No. 3 and 6 are below the baseline.

- RGWCD's Investment Policy

Angelo Bellah reported providing a summary of the Investment Policy to the Board and encouraged them to read it in its entirety. He went over the purpose of the policy, the guiding principles, and the approved list of institutions and investment pools. Mr. Bellah reported action would be requested at the next quarterly meeting. President Shriver highlighted the Board of Directors approval at the last meeting.

- Participation in SLVIWO's Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP

Angelo Bellah presented the contract used last year. He went over the acre foot amount of storage for the replacement of daily depletions and reported on the SLVIWO's baseline payment increase. Mr. Bellah reported a payment would be required even if the Subdistrict did not get any water. President Shriver explained how the risk would be worth it due to the current forecast. Mr. Bellah provided the amount paid and the amount of water the Subdistrict received last year.

A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to approve and move forward with the SLVIWO Taos Valley No. 3 SWSP. The motion was seconded by Gerald Ziegler and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next special quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Scot Schaefer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Gerald Zigler and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer