

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101
And by Zoom Teleconference**

Present: Jake Burris, President; Clay Mitchell, Vice-President; Michael Jones, Secretary/Treasurer; Tony Holcomb, BOM; Brett Hemmerling, BOM; Patrick Brownell, BOM; Miguel A. Diaz, BOM; Jamie Hart, BOM; James Cooley, BOM; and Sheldon Rockey, Ex-Officio Member.

Absent: Chris Miner, BOM.

Staff and Consultants: Pete Ampe, Hill & Robbins P.C.; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Clinton Phillips, Davis Engineering; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Amber Pacheco, Deputy General Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; Chris Iver, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resource Specialist; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Deb Sarason, William Myers, Karla Shriver, Les Alderete, Andrew Jones, MJ.

Meeting Called to Order

President Burris called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Burris asked for any changes, additions or approval of the agenda. The agenda was amended to add review and consider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Subdistrict No. 5 and review and consider conditional MOU with The Great Sand Dunes. A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Burris asked for public comment. There was none.

Review and Consider Approval of Participation Contract

President Burris asked for review and consider approval of Participation Contract. Quinton Norris presented the JC Farms Participation Contract, well information, and staff recommendation to approve. James Cooley recused himself.

A motion was made by Patrick Brownell to approve the JC Farms Participation Contract. The motion was seconded by Jamie Hart and unanimously approved.

Review and Consider MOU with The Great Sand Dunes National Park

President Burris asked for review and consideration of a MOU with The Great Sand Dunes National Park. Quinton Norris presented the background information and staff recommendation to approve the MOU with the Great Sand Dunes National Park. Mr. Norris provided an update on the status of their SWSP and augmentation plan.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the MOU with The Great Sand Dunes National Park. The motion was seconded by James Cooley and unanimously approved.

Review and Consider MOU with Subdistrict No. 5

President Burris asked for review and consideration of a MOU with Subdistrict No. 5. Quinton Norris presented the proposed MOU. He explained the agreement would be between Subdistrict Nos 1, 4, and 5. Chris Ivers explained how costs would be tracked and prorated.

A motion was made by Jamie Hart to approve the MOU with Subdistrict No. 5. The motion was seconded by Patrick Brownell and unanimously approved.

Approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan

President Burris asked for approval of the 2026 Annual Replacement Plan (ARP).

- Board Discussion

Quinton Norris presented the Annual Replacement Plan (ARP). He highlighted the well list, cropping history, surface water deliveries for 2025 and the projected stream flow forecast. Mr. Norris went over the projected recharge decree credits, plan year stream depletions and the estimated net groundwater consumptive use. He highlighted the monthly net stream depletions and total net stream depletions for plan year. Discussion was held on the changes that occur from one model to the next model. Deb Sarason described what had changed with the latest model update. Mr. Norris went over the depletion replacement sources, forbearance agreements and reported on the fallow program participation. Amber Pacheco reported on the projected production from the Closed Basin Project. Mr. Norris presented the change in unconfined aquifer storage study graph.

- Public Comment

President Burris Asked for Public Comment. There was none.

- Recommendation to Board of Directors

A motion was made by Jake Burris to approve the 2026 ARP and recommend it to the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Tony Holcomb and unanimously approved.

Other Director Reports/Comments/Questions

President Burris asked for other Director reports/comments/questions. There was none.

New Business

President Burris asked for new business. There was none.

Next Meeting

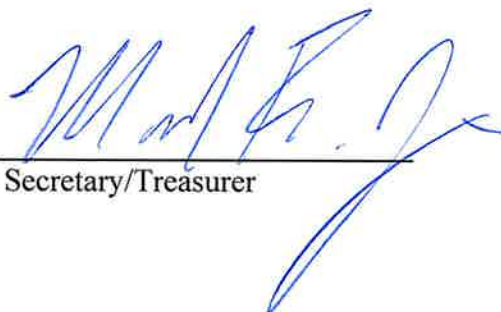
The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.



President



Secretary/Treasurer

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SUBDISTRICT NO. 1,
SUBDISTRICT NO. 4 AND SUBDISTRICT NO. 5 REGARDING REMEDY OF
INJURIOUS DEPLETIONS WITHIN SAGUACHE RESPONSE AREA**

April __, 2026

Groundwater withdrawals from Wells included within Special Improvement District No. 1 (“Subdistrict No. 1) and Special Improvement District No. 4 (“Subdistrict No. 4”) may cause injurious stream depletions to Saguache Creek within the Saguache Response Area, as that area is defined by the Colorado Division of Water Resources. Subdistrict No. 1, Subdistrict No. 4 and Special Improvement District No. 5 (“Subdistrict No. 5”) agree that it will be more efficient for Subdistrict No. 5 to provide a remedy for injurious depletions to Saguache Creek within the Saguache Response Area caused by groundwater withdrawals from Wells included in the Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4 Annual Replacement Plans than have Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4 attempt to find independent sources to remedy those injurious depletions to Saguache Creek.

The additional injurious depletions to Saguache Creek from Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4 may exceed the ability of Subdistrict No. 5 to remedy the total daily rate of injurious depletions and necessitate additional infrastructure beyond what Subdistrict No. 5 requires to remedy its injurious depletions to Saguache Creek. In this event Subdistrict No.1, Subdistrict No. 4, and Subdistrict No. 5 will determine their pro-rata cost to secure the infrastructure needed to remedy all of the injurious depletions to Saguache Creek.

Subdistrict No. 5 agrees it will provide the remedy for injurious depletions to Saguache Creek from Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4 Well’s groundwater withdrawals under the terms contained in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Some of the injurious depletions within the Saguache Response Area will be remedied through the application of Well Injury Payment contracts between surface water rights and the individual Subdistricts. Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4 will be responsible for all payments to surface water right holders for any due under any Well Injury Payment Contract and Subdistrict No. 5 will not be responsible for any such payments.

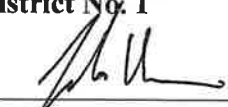
Within 90 days of the end of each ARP Year, Subdistrict No. 5 will determine the total costs it incurred in remediating injurious depletions to Saguache Creek, not including costs under Well Injury Payment contracts. Each Subdistrict will determine the calculated depletions to Saguache Creek due to groundwater withdrawals from wells within its ARP. Subdistrict No. 5 will then determine Subdistrict No. 1’s and Subdistrict No. 4’s pro-rata shares of the injurious depletions and apply each subdistrict’s pro-rata share to the total costs incurred as determined above.

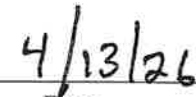
Subdistrict No. 5 will supply an invoice of that pro-rata share of remedy costs to Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4. Subdistrict No. 1 and Subdistrict No. 4 will pay said costs as invoiced within 60 days of receipt.

Term: This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect until revoked in writing by either Subdistrict No. 1, Subdistrict No. 4, or Subdistrict No. 5. Such notice of revocation must be provided at least 180 days prior to the start of an ARP Year.

Signed:

Subdistrict No. 1

By:  _____
Jake Burris, President


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Date

Subdistrict No. 4

By: _____
David Frees, President

Date

Subdistrict No. 5

By:  _____
David Schmittel, President

 _____
Date

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Signed:

Subdistrict No. 1

By: _____
Jake Burris, President

Date

Subdistrict No. 4

By: 
David Frees, President

April 14, 2026
Date

Subdistrict No. 5

By: 
David Schmitt, President

4/15/26
Date