

SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISRICT)
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ARCHULETA COUNTY) SS
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STATE OF COLORADO)

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
San Juan Water Conservancy District
Monday, March 20, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular in-person meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023, 4:00 PM (Mountain Standard Time).

The meeting will be at the SJWCD office at 46 Eaton Drive Suite 5., Pagosa Springs, CO. The SJWCD Board will be discussing and sharing documents related to the agenda below.

This meeting is in-person, but may be attended by Zoom.

To remotely access the SJWCD Regular Meeting via Zoom on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM MSD, use this link:

Topic: SJWCD Special Meeting

Time: Mar 20, 2023 04:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85350007236?pwd=OFRhaDRBdVZZRmVJUTF3NlhkWmxiQT09>

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For questions about how to participate by Zoom, please contact SJWCD President and Chairman, Al Pfister at 970-985-5764 or apfister.sjwcd@gmail.com

Proposed Agenda for Special Meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
 2. Revisions to Agenda
 3. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest
 4. Public Comment
 5. Updates from Chairman
 6. Consideration of Directors' Reports on Three Strategic Objectives
 - Objective 1: Advance the San Juan River Headwaters Project (SJRHP) as one resource for meeting agricultural, municipal, environmental, and recreational water needs of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) community.*
 - Objective 2: Consider strategies beyond water storage for meeting agricultural, municipal, environmental, and recreational water needs of the SJWCD community.*
 - Objective 3: Educate the SJWCD community about the water resources of the Upper San Juan River Basin and related issues, including the SJRHP, water resource planning, water conservation, and the work of the SJWCD.*
 7. Discussion of Grant Applications for Three Strategic Objectives
 - Introduction of Laura Spann, CWCB Regional Grant Manager
 - Grant Writing Contractor
 8. Consideration of Acceptance of Resignation of Rachel Suh
 9. Consideration of Applications of Robert Hagberg and Chuck Riehm
 10. Treasurer's Report
 11. Consideration of Funding Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (501c3)
- Educational Activities
12. Consideration of Office Lease Extension
 13. Consideration of Renewal of Executive Assistant Contract
 14. Consideration of Earth Week Activities
 15. Consideration of Letter to Southern Ute Tribal Chair/Council

16. Consideration of Executive Session Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding Updates from Chairman; Consideration of Acceptance of Resignation of Rachel Suh; Consideration of Applications of Robert Hagberg and Chuck Riehm; Consideration of Funding Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership Educational Activities; Consideration of Office Lease Extension; Consideration of Renewal of Executive Assistant Contract; Consideration of Earth Week Activities; Consideration of Letter to Southern Ute Tribal Chair/Council; Consideration of Directors' Reports on Three Strategic Objectives; Discussion of Grant Applications for Three Strategic Objectives, Introduction of Laura Spann, CWCB Regional Grant Manager, Grant Writing Contractor .

SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
By /s/ Sally High
Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors

DISTRICT SEAL

**SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
WATER RIGHTS TABULATION**

Name	Source	Appr. Date	Adj. Date	Amount	Uses	Diligence Due
Dutton Ditch Second Enlargement	Stollsteimer Creek, Dutton Creek, and imported from Four Mile Creek	July 6, 1967 (1968-309)	1968 General Adjudication	20 cfs conditional	Irrigation, Industrial, Municipal, Domestic	August 2026
Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Decree: Case No. 73-308D (Dec. 19, 1968) • Total decreed amount is 40 cfs, conditional; PAWSD also owns 20 cfs • Diligence Case Nos.: W-193, W-581, W-581-76, 80CW104, 84CW60, 88CW50, 94CW39, 01CW29, 09CW17, 17CW3030 (Aug. 19, 2020); • The decree in Case No. 04CW85 for Dry Gulch Reservoir provides that this right will be abandoned if are not used or perfected at the time the Dry Gulch/San Juan River Headwaters Project facilities are constructed. 						
Dry Gulch Reservoir (1967)	San Juan River	July 22, 1967 (1968-318)	1968 General Adjudication	6,300 AF conditional	Industrial, Domestic, Municipal, Recreation, Piscatorial	March 2029
Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Decree: Case No. 73-308D (Dec. 19, 1968) • Diligence Case Nos.: W-200; 80CW111, 84CW64, 88CW52, 94CW52, 01CW41, 08CW68, 16CW3011, 22CW3042 • The decree in Case No. 04CW85 allows filling from Park Ditch and Dry Gulch Pumping Station and native runoff, but subject to annual (11,000 AF) and decennial (93,000 AF) volumetric limitations, subordination to juniors located above Pagosa Springs gage, bypass flows at Pagosa Springs gage, and place of use within District. 						
Dry Gulch Reservoir (2004)	San Juan River	December 20, 2004	December 20, 2004	4,700 AF (first fill); 11,000 AF (refill), conditional	Municipal, Irrigation, Exchange, Augmentation	August 2026
Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Decree Case No. 04CW85 (April 23, 2010) • Diligence Case No. 17CW3041 (Aug. 19, 2020) • Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Municipal use is defined to include a number of uses, including recreation, piscatorial and incidental wildlife uses. Filling from Park Ditch and Dry Gulch Pumping Station and native runoff, subject to combined filling rate limitation of 50 cfs. ○ Volumetric limitation of 11,000 AF annually and 93,000 AF in any 10-year period ○ Subordinated to juniors located above Pagosa Springs gage ○ Bypass flows at Pagosa Springs gage of 100 cfs March-August and 60 cfs September-February; exempt from paper filling ○ “The water may be placed to use only within the PAWSD or SJWCD service areas as such now exist or may exist in the future.” ○ First fill may be made in conjunction with 1967 storage right 						

Dry Gulch Pumping Station	San Juan River	December 20, 2004	December 20, 2004	50 cfs, conditional	Municipal, Irrigation, Exchange, Augmentation, Storage in Dry Gulch Reservoir and other reservoirs owned by SJWCD and PAWSD	August 2026
Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Decree Case No. 04CW85 (April 23, 2010) • Diligence Case No. 17CW3041 (Aug. 19, 2020) • Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dry Gulch Pumping Station can be used to fill other reservoirs owned or controlled by the Districts ○ Limited to combined 50 cfs with Park Ditch and native inflow ○ Subordinated to juniors located above Pagosa Springs gage ○ Bypass flows at Pagosa Springs gage of 100 cfs March-August and 60 cfs September-February; exempt from paper filling 						
Park Ditch	San Juan River	1886 to 1956 (varies)	1899 to 1968 (varies)	1.1 cfs, absolute	Irrigation	N/A
Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJWCD owns 6 Class “A” shares in the Park Ditch Company • The decree in Case No. 04CW85 requires Districts to enter O&M agreement with Ditch Co., to consult re design standards for Ditch, and to obtain USFS special use permit 						

On Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 9:08 AM Rachel Sunshine <rachelsunshinesuh@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi AI,

I'm resigning effective immediately.

Rachel Suh

Robert Hagberg MD
89 Hidden Drive
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
970-585-9098

March 10,2023

Jeffery Wilson, Chief Judge
Archuleta County Combined Courts
P.O. Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Dear Judge Wilson:

I am writing to inform you of my desire to join the board of the San Juan Water Conservancy District. I have been a permanent resident of Pagosa Springs for several years having constructed a Straw Bale home here in 2004. I have long been interested in promoting a green society and conservation of resources. I know water management in the Western U.S.A. is a critical matter.

My background is in Medicine having trained at OSU college of Medicine, after a Rockefeller Brother's Fellowship at Yale, completed a Family Practice Residency at UNC, Chapel Hill and practiced on Indian Reservations and in N.C. until 1982, when I started the practice of Emergency Medicine. That practice was portable and suited my adventurous spirit, allowing me to live and practice in Alaska, Hawaii, and New Zealand. I have been retired for 3 years. I have dived, sailed the Pacific and Atlantic, flown for 2400 hours, done 800 miles on the Yukon River in my jet boat, hunted moose, run rivers, and hiked the Milford Track in NZ among other great walks.

While living in Pagosa Springs, I have been active in the community serving as a volunteer for the Senior Meals on Wheels Program, a guide for CRIA at Chimney Rock National Monument, a builder of sets for the Thingamajig Theater, a member of the San Juan Rangers, a support person for Rise Above Violence, a member of the Pagosa Springs Photography Club, Audubon, and a participant in the Citizen Science Project evaluating Bird Habitat in fire treated and untreated forest areas.

Although I don't have specific experience or expertise in the area of water conservation, I can promise to bring intelligent, scientifically based, thoughtful consideration of the issues and decisions made, as well as energetic participation on the board.

Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Hagberg

Charles Riehm
303 County Rd 411
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

March 17, 2023

Jeffery Wilson, Chief Judge
Archuleta County Combined Courts
PO Box 148, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Dear Judge Wilson:

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would like to be considered to fill one of the two vacancies currently on the **San Juan Water Conservancy District** board. My wife and I are full-time residents of Pagosa Springs and have owned multiple properties since 2013.

Education: University of Iowa, BBA Financial Economics, Computer Science ('71), MA Econometrics, Operations Analysis ('74). My career was as a Systems Engineering professional in computer software, hardware, networking and telecommunications. This included doing business in over 30 countries and living in Hong Kong as the Area Manager, Asia-Pacific for Rockwell's Telecommunications Division (1980-83).

Community service work: Lay Leader for the Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) in downtown Pagosa Springs (2021-present) involved in the Food Pantry and the other community services. Active member: Weminuche Audubon Society, Gray Wolves Ski club, San Juan Outdoor club and Sierra club. Prior community service: a member of Dallas's Mayor Annette Strauss's International Advisory Board (1987-91). The City of Richardson's Cultural Arts Comm. (2016-2019) Chair of Environmental Advisory Board (2010-2016) which included our review of the plans for the Bois d'Arc Lake, the first major reservoir to be built in Texas in over 30 years. Located in Fannin County, the 16,641-acre lake is owned and operated by the North Texas Municipal Water District. Served with Habitat for Humanity Dallas and Richardson TX for 20+ years. The Univ. of Texas at Dallas Chess Board (2010 to present). I have always been active in Scouting as an Eagle Scout, with my son also an Eagle, which took us camping throughout the western US.

My interest in water/snow in Colorado began in 1968 with my first ski trip. My interest and concern for water supply, quality and planning has grown dramatically since owning and living here in Pagosa. I have taken an interest in the current renegotiation of the Colorado River Compact and the 20-year drought in the West. I am a concerned citizen with an active interest in helping plan for the water needs of our community over the next 30+ years (hoping I live at least most of that!).

I am available to discuss this with you, or anyone you designate, at **214-674-1266**, email: chuck.riehm@gmail.com. I appreciate your service to our community and your consideration.

Sincerely,
(signed)

Charles Riehm

cc: San Juan Water Conservancy District, email to Allan Phister

2023 SJWCD Budget versus Actual - March 15 YTD and Forecast EOY

	March 15 YTD			Forecast EOY		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue						
1003370 · Impact Fee Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1003371 · Senior Exemption Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00
1003380 · Misc and Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1003381 · General Property Taxes	34,523.98	45,000.00	-10,476.02	91,773.98	92,250.00	-476.02
1003382 · Specific Ownership	1,281.87	2,650.00	-1,368.13	7,531.87	8,900.00	-1,368.13
1003383 · Current Tax Interest	0.13	15.00	-14.87	185.13	200.00	-14.87
1003384 · Delinquent Tax Interest	1.06	0.00	1.06	201.06	200.00	1.06
1003385 · Delinquent Tax	9.62	0.00	9.62	159.62	150.00	9.62
1003386 · PILT	0.00	10.00	-10.00	40.00	50.00	-10.00
1003387 · Interest Income	0.00	187.50	-187.50	562.50	750.00	-187.50
1003388 · Personal Property Exemption	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1003300 · Other Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	35,816.66	47,862.50	-12,045.84	102,054.16	104,100.00	-2,045.84
Expenditures						
1031001 · Settlement II	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1031003 · Engineering / Studies / Surveys	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
1031004 · Due Diligence / Application	820.00	650.00	-170.00	2,170.00	2,000.00	-170.00
1031005 · Land Acquisition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1031006 · Water Rights Defense	3,124.50	1,200.00	-1,924.50	4,749.50	2,825.00	-1,924.50
1031008 · General (CDOT, fence, etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1041221 · Ditches and Streams	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	225.00	0.00
1041223 · Cloud Seeding	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
1090020 · Audit Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
1090080 · Board Expense	24.39	250.00	225.61	774.39	1,000.00	225.61
1090110 · Insurance / Bonds	1,478.00	1,600.00	122.00	1,478.00	1,600.00	122.00
1090130 · Legal/CORA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1090160 · Office Supplies	81.42	150.00	68.58	431.42	500.00	68.58
1090161 · Office Lease	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
1090162 · Legal - District General	1,920.00	3,000.00	1,080.00	10,920.00	12,000.00	1,080.00
1090190 · Publications / Website	0.00	32.00	32.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
1090231 · Support Services	3,150.00	3,000.00	-150.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
1090232 · Telephone / Internet	183.45	225.00	41.55	858.45	900.00	41.55
1090410 · Dues	886.09	750.00	-136.09	886.09	750.00	-136.09
1090439 · Training	276.00	500.00	224.00	2,276.00	2,500.00	224.00
1090440 · Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
1090441 · Contributions / Sponsorships	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	500.00	250.00
1090442 · Water Information Program	2,875.00	0.00	-2,875.00	2,875.00	2,500.00	-375.00
1090443 · Public Education	307.50	2,000.00	1,692.50	8,307.50	10,000.00	1,692.50
1090460 · County Treasurer's Fees	1,036.00	900.00	-136.00	4,136.00	4,000.00	-136.00
1090461 · Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
1090462 · Election Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1090463 · Grow Water Smart	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1090464 · SJ Watershed Enhancement	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
1090465 · Forest Health Partnership	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Expenditures	17,662.35	17,107.00	-555.35	111,787.35	114,100.00	2,312.65
1090466 · Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Expenditures	17,662.35	17,107.00	-555.35	111,787.35	124,100.00	12,312.65
Net Income	18,154.31	30,755.50	-12,601.19	-9,733.19	-20,000.00	10,266.81
Cash Balances: (as of 3/15/23)						
Operating Fund (TBK Bank)	81,840.07					
Colorado Trust - General Reserve	188,375.51					
Colorado Trust - Impact Fees	0.00					

Board Agenda Item Report

	To	Action	Signature, Date		To	Action	Signature, Date
1	Sally High	Review		6			
2	Board	Approve		7			
3				8			
4				9			
5				10			
Name of Action Official Joe Tedder			Priority High	Phone (303) 726-5069		Presentation Date 3/20/23	
Subject Public Education Subcommittee Update						Approval Req Date 3/20/23	

Summary:

The SJWCD has contracted with Kim Elzinga to prepare articles for publication in the local press to educate the public on water issues facing our region. Based on discussions with the Public Education subcommittee and other Board members who have contributed ideas, Kim has outlined a potential series of articles that she would prepare. A list of potential articles for the Board to review and discuss will be distributed. Only the first two articles listed are in the order of proposed publication. The order of follow-up articles will be determined after discussion with the Board.

At our meeting on March 20th, Kim will take 15 minutes to get Board member input on key attributes that define the mission of SJWCD, highlight the accomplishments of the District, and describe the “brand” that is SJWCD. Note that the Board will have the opportunity to comment/approve all articles before publication.

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Name of Action Official Sally High/Al Pfister			Priority High Medium Low None		Phone		Presentation Date 3/20/23
Subject: Sponsorship of Water Education with Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership – Film Festival. GGP, a SJWCD Strategic Water Partner, requests a \$250 Sponsorship. The SJWCD banner will be displayed at the Springs Resort for the Film Festival, at the GGP site for Earth Day events, and at Breakfast with Balloons & Brunch with Balloonists. SJWCD’s logo will be seen on the GGP website, FaceBook page, and in print advertising. SJWCD will receive one promotional ticket to the Film Festival on April 14 and 15.							Approval Req Date 3/20/23

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Name of Action Official Sally High/AI Pfister			Priority High Medium Low None		Phone		Presentation Date 3/20/23
Subject: Renewal of Executive Assistant Contract. Sally High, SJWCD Executive Assistant, requests that the Board renew her contract with one change. "Billable hours per month will not exceed 40 hours." The original contract said 25 hours. The Board has considered the need for more hours in budget discussions. The hourly rate of pay will not change.							Approval Req Date 3/20/23



Subject: Future Water Needs and Interests

Dear Chairman Baker,

I am writing on behalf of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) to inform you and the Tribal Council of activities we are pursuing that we hope will enhance water availability in the Upper San Juan River, not only for residents of our District but also for downstream users. We are planning these activities in anticipation of a future warming and drying climate.

We recently met with staff from your Water Resources Division to initiate discussions on activities we are planning that may benefit the Southern Ute Reservation and its members. Our discussions focused mainly on SJWCD efforts in developing a reservoir upstream of Pagosa Springs (San Juan Headwaters Project). At the conclusion of our meeting, both parties agreed that we could each benefit from partnering to enhance water availability in the San Juan River. The specifics of such efforts would be determined as a result of future discussions with you and the Tribal Council. We believe such a partnership would benefit the agricultural, environmental, municipal, and recreational water users of our respective communities.

To facilitate additional discussion amongst the Southern Ute Tribe and the SJWCD, we would like to set up a meeting with the Tribal Council to outline our efforts, and discuss potential collective efforts that we could undertake to benefit our water users. Please contact me at apfister.sjwcd@gmail.com, or (970)985-5764, to set up a meeting at your convenience.

Allan (AI) Pfister

San Juan Water Conservancy District, President/Chair