



37 The Board considered Public Comments. Bill Hudson (PAWSD and Pagosa Daily  
38 Post) stated that he looked forward to the PAWSD subcommittee on Running Iron  
39 Ranch working with SJWCD to resolve any issues about the joint-ownership of the  
40 property and the Weber Gravel Lease. Mr. Hudson was thanked for his  
41 comments.

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43 **Introduction of Craig Dollar, Lead Commissioner of Colorado Division of Water**  
44 **Resources Division 7**

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46 Craig Dollar introduced himself and stated that the Division of Water Resources  
47 that administrates water rights in Colorado. Division 7 is based in Durango and  
48 serves southwest Colorado. The Pagosa office serves the Navajo, Blanco, and San  
49 Juan Rivers. The three Pagosa-based water commissioners are Rich Valdez, Becky  
50 Guilliams, and Mr. Dollar. Each commissioner staffs the office one day a week, but  
51 are in the field, measuring water use, most of the time. A work session may be  
52 scheduled in the future to answer relevant questions from SJWCD Directors.

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54 **Consideration of Attorney's Report**

55 Directors considered Attorney Jeff Kane's review of Water Rights cases. No  
56 written report was submitted.

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58 **Consideration of Treasurer's Report**

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60 Directors considered the Treasurer's Report. A Budget vs Actual Report through  
61 April 2024 was distributed by Director Tedder. The Directors recognized the need  
62 to revisit the budget line item for legal fees to defend water rights. With Director  
63 Tedder and Attorney Kane absent, further discussion of the legal fees was  
64 deferred to a future meeting. Director Hagberg moved to accept the Treasurer's  
65 Report and put on hold the discussion of the water rights legal defense expenses.  
66 Director Nossaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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68 **Consideration of Application for Exemption of 2023 Audit**

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70 Directors considered the Application for Exemption of 2023 Audit. The Board  
71 Packet contained all the components of the Long Form of the Application.  
72 Director Tedder submitted all necessary materials to Ronny Farmer, SJWCD  
73 accountant. Farmer prepared the Long Form. The Long Form was received after

74 the Board Packet had been sent. For that reason, it will be printed and left on the  
75 office table for Directors to read and sign. When Director Tedder returns, he will  
76 upload it to the Colorado Auditor's Office.

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### 78 **Consideration of Contract with Moxiecran Media and CWCB Deposits**

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80 Directors reviewed the draft contract between SJWCD and Christi Bode of  
81 Moxiecran Media. Director Tedder requested that the board approve the terms in  
82 the draft contract. The final details will follow. Directors Tedder and Jones were  
83 authorized to sign the final agreement. Director Hagberg moved to approve the  
84 terms described in the draft contract. Director Nobles seconded. Approval was  
85 unanimous.

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### 87 **Consideration of Vacancy on Board of Directors**

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89 Two Directors, Proffitt and Tedder, sent Judge Wilson Letters of Intent expressing  
90 their willingness to continue serving on the SJWCD board. Director Secrist  
91 remained undecided and Director Pfister's seat was vacant. Potential Board  
92 Member, Lindsey Kurt-Mason, attended the meeting and was invited to ask  
93 questions. Because Jeff Kane interacts with the Court when SJWCD requests  
94 board appointments, any action was postponed until more Letters of Intent are  
95 received.

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### 97 **Chair's Update and Board Outreach Updates**

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- 99 • The deadline for SJWCD to be included in funding considerations for Senators  
100 Bennett and Hickenlooper is March 29. Director Jones requested a Special  
101 Meeting for Monday March 25 at 4 pm to discuss and meet the deadline.
- 102 • Directors Hagberg, Riehm, and Jones attended parts of the Interbasin  
103 Compact Committee's (IBCC's) meeting on February 27. Highlights included  
104 the focus of the Colorado River Task Force under the leadership of Becky  
105 Mitchell, the Colorado Open Soil Moisture and Monitoring Project (with CSU),  
106 the installation of more Snotel sites, and a list of speakers who may be  
107 relevant to SJWCD public presentations.
- 108 • Director Jones and Sally High interviewed former Director Pfister about his  
109 years of experience and leaving SJWCD. Notes will be compiled in future  
110 weeks and made available to Directors.

- 111 • Directors Hagberg and Riehm attended the recent San Juan Headwaters  
112 Forest Health Partnership meeting. Dr. Bill Smith of Mountain Studies Institute  
113 described an evolving technology, a portable tower to measure water content  
114 in the forest. Various locations are being discussed as possible data collection  
115 sites. Jackson Mountain and its years of varied data collection projects make  
116 the Archuleta County location favorable for inclusion as a test site for the new  
117 technology.
- 118 • Southwestern Water Conservation District’s Annual Seminar is Wednesday,  
119 March 27, at the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio. Directors Riehm, Jones, and  
120 Hagberg are registered. Director Riehm will drive. Southwestern Water  
121 Conservation District’s Annual Meeting is April 10 and 11 in Durango.

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123 **Discussion of [www.sjwcd.org](http://www.sjwcd.org) and ADA Accessibility Rules**

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125 The Colorado Special District Association informed SJWCD that SDA websites must  
126 meet ADA accessibility expectations. The deadline for websites to comply with  
127 ADA rules is summer 2024. A review of SJWCD.org has been submitted for SDA  
128 analysis and subsequent instructions. Sally High will attend an instructive webinar  
129 when SDA releases it to members.

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131 Christi Bode’s films will include captions in her SJWCD films to meet ADA rules.

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134 **Discussion of PAWSD Response to SJWCD Letter**

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136 Director Jones stated that the PAWSD response to her letter was “disappointing.”  
137 The intended main points were SJWCD’s opposition to renewing the gravel lease  
138 and improving the working relationship with PAWSD. PAWSD has appointed a  
139 subcommittee to interact with SJWCD. Director Jones expressed support of  
140 PAWSD’s mission and proposed a joint work session to include two SJWCD board  
141 members and the PAWSD subcommittee of two. The Weber leases were named  
142 as starting points for a discussion. Director Jones stated, “The view of opposing a  
143 reservoir is increasingly out of step with public sentiment.”

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145 **Consideration of Sponsorship of Environmental Film Festival (April 19 and 20)**

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147 Directors considered sponsoring the upcoming Environmental Film Festival with  
148 \$250. A water theme runs through the nine films. Director Hagberg moved to  
149 approve a \$250 sponsorship. Director Nobles seconded. The motion passed  
150 unanimously.

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### 152 **Consideration of Booth at Earth Day (April 21)**

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154 Directors considered participating in the community Earth Day event centered at  
155 the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership site in Centennial Park. They discussed  
156 how to draw people to their booth, possible merchandise give-aways, a silent  
157 auction, and handouts. Directors volunteered to staff the booth. Director Nobles  
158 moved to participate in Earth Day. Director Hagberg seconded. The motion  
159 passed unanimously.

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### 161 **Consideration of Approval of Records of Proceedings of February 2024**

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163 Director Hagberg moved to approve the February Record of Proceedings. Director  
164 Proffitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### 166 **Updates from Committees Advancing Strategic Objectives and Actions**

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#### 168 *SJWCD's 2024 Strategic Objectives*

169 *1. Advance the San Juan Headwaters Project as one resource for meeting environmental,*  
170 *recreational, industrial, agricultural, and municipal water needs of the SJWCD community.*

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172 Director Riehm described the Work Session with Steve Wolff of Southwestern  
173 Water Conservation District. Notes from the successful communications were  
174 included in the Board Packet. Wolff listed suggested next steps. SJWCD Directors  
175 discussed key points captured in the notes.

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177 *2. Identify complementary and supplementary uses for the Running Iron Ranch property and*  
178 *initiate programs with suitable partners to develop the particular uses.*

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180 Director Hagberg described two key avenues to alternate uses of Running Iron  
181 Ranch. He talked with Keith Bruno, Audubon Rockies and Weminuche Audubon,  
182 about using the RIR for an educational site. Keith's response was positive. He then  
183 talked with Dan Harms of La Plata Electric Association about a solar farm on site.  
184 The LPEA response was positive. SJWCD was encouraged to continue researching

185 the feasibility of producing electricity on site. The need to pump water may be in  
186 SJWCD's future.

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188 *3. Educate the SJWCD community about water resource issues facing the Upper San Juan Basin*  
189 *and define the public position on the construction of a reservoir.*

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191 Director Tedder included an AIR form in the Board Packet. He stated that the 3-  
192 part film series, Understanding our San Juan River Basin, is moving forward with  
193 Moxiecran Media. Preproduction work has begun. Discussions have begun with  
194 Josh Kurz about his 2024 public presentations at a more advanced level, San Juan  
195 River Water 201.

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197 There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting  
198 was adjourned at 6:05 pm. A March Special Meeting is scheduled for Monday,  
199 March 25, at 4 pm.

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201 SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

202 By /s/ Sally High

203 Executive Assistant for Board of Directors

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