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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**COLORADO GROUND WATER COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 9, 2018**

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A Special Meeting of the Colorado Ground Water Commission took place on April 9, 2018, at the Centennial Building, 1313 Sherman St, Room 814, Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the meeting was the Continuation of the Hearing on a proposal to amend Rule 7.4, to prevent a well from increasing depletions of designated ground water beyond the well's historical depletions when changing the description of irrigated acres allowed to be irrigated by the well, Case no. 17-GW-04. Attendance was available by phone. Chairman Valdez called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Secretary Nielsen called the roll and determined that a quorum was present. Commission members present were Steve Kramer and Scott Tietmeyer. Commissioners present by phone were Marc Arnusch, Angela Fowler, Greg Larson, Jim Noble, Virgil Valdez, Kevin Rein, and Amy Moyer (on behalf of Robert Randall). Staff members present were Keith Vander Horst, Chris Grimes, Rick Nielsen, Dave Keeler was present by phone. Also present were Jody Grantham, Hearing Officer, Jeff Candrian, A.G. for the Commission, Philip Lopez, A.G. for staff. Members of the public were also present in person and on the phone.

Mr. Keith Vander Horst addressed the Commission. He provided a history of the proposal to amend Rule 7.4 before the Commission today. Mr. Vander Horst noted that, as requested by the Commission at the February meeting, the latest version provides the applicant the opportunity to decide on the methodology to be implemented for their application to change the description of irrigated acres. He informed the Commission that the applicant can choose between a historic consumptive use or the historic number of irrigated acres analysis. Mr. Vander Horst also advised the Commission that the Basis and Purpose had, with the proposed rule change, also been updated on February 28, 2018.

Commissioner Kramer asked Mr. Vander Horst what effect the proposed rule change would have on staff's workload. Mr. Vander Horst responded that if the proposed rule change passed there would be an increase in the workload of Commission Staff.

In response to a comment of Commissioner Kramer, Mr. Vander Horst confirmed that staff recommends the proposed change.

Responding to a question of Commissioner Valdez, Mr. Vander Horst stated that Ms. Lisa Thompson and Ms. Leila Behnampour were not involved in drafting the proposed rule. He went on to say that they did provide comments during the stakeholder process.

Chairman Valdez closed the public hearing and the Commission began deliberations.

Commissioner Tietmeyer moved to adopt amended Rule 7.4 as presented, together with the Basis and Purpose, both as written February 28, 2018 and to implement the rule change for those applications received after this date.

Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard A Nielsen, P.E., Secretary  
Colorado Ground Water Commission