

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #4
OF THE RIO GRANDE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 2, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
8805 Independence Way, Alamosa CO 81101
And by Zoom/Teleconference**

Present: David Frees, President; Pete Stagner, Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Regenold, Manager; and Jennifer Rodriguez, Manager.

Staff and Consultants: Arthur Sayre, Hill and Robbins, P.C.; Chris Ivers, Program Manager; Wylie Keller, Water Resources Specialist; Michael Carson, Database Administrator; Quinton Norris, Program Manager; Kylie Gregg, Office Manager; Linda Ramirez, Program Assistant; and, April Mondragon, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Jessica Valdez, Deb Sarason, William Myers, Sally Wier, Corinee LaViolette, Dirk Rasmussen, Wesley Seger, Patrick O'Neill.

Meeting Called to Order

President Frees called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Pete Stagner and unanimously approved.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

President Frees asked for amendments or approval of the consent agenda items:

- March 3, 2026-Quarterly Meeting
- March 19, 2026-Special Meeting Minutes
- April 10, 2026-Special Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Pete Stagner to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

President Frees asked for public comment. William Myers on behalf of SWAG requested to enter into a participation contract with Subdistrict No. 4 to cover depletions on Saguache Creek and possibly San Luis Creek. President Frees asked to be provided with engineering reports, a draft contract and a report on how it would affect the Annual Replacement Plan (ARP), all of which are a burden of the contractee to provide. Dirk Rasmussen introduced Corinee LaViolette as the new dryland coordinator who would be working on the Peachwood property project.

Attorney's Report

President Frees asked for the Attorney's report. Arthur Sayre gave an update on the Texas vs New Mexico Colorado settlement agreement, approval of the Subdistricts ARPs, the SWAG pretrial date, and the Subdistrict No. 1 Plan of Water Management No. 4 trial.

District Engineer's Report-Clinton Phillips

President Frees asked for the District Engineer's report. Clinton Phillips was not present. Chris Ivers presented the Subdistrict No. 4 San Luis monitoring wells map and change compared to the 2015 baseline and 2025. He went over some of the measurements and presented the monitoring well charts.

Program Manager's Report

President Frees asked for the Program Manager's report.

- **Financial Report**

Chris Ivers presented the costs and expenses covered by the District for formation. He went over the remaining balance due to the District. Mr. Ivers presented the Balance Sheet. He highlighted the balance in the checking account and certificate of deposits. Mr. Ivers presented the Profit and Loss

Statement January through May. He went over the expenses. Kylie Gregg explained the new summary of items not included on the Profit and Loss.

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Rodriguez and unanimously approved.

Chris Ivers asked the Board for direction on how to allocate funds held in a CD. He highlighted staff recommendation of 10% admin; 50% groundwater withdraw and 40% sustainability. Staff was directed to proceed as recommended. Mr. Ivers reported on the potential need to renegotiate Well Injury Payment (WIP) agreements with new property owners. He provided an update on Saguache Creek and reported running the augmentation well in May which covered all three (3) Subdistricts. Mr. Ivers updated the Board on the drilling of another augmentation well

2026 Revegetation Update and Discussion

President Frees asked for 2026 revegetation update and discussion. Chris Ivers reported on a review being done on the Peachwood property by Patrick O'Neill who was hired by Colorado Open Lands (COL). Dirk Rasmussen described the contract COL has with Mr. O'Neill and the intent to assess and guide through some of the challenges as well as how to move forward. Patrick O'Neill went over his summary of interview information on Peachwood Farms revegetation project. Mr. O'Neill reported taking soil tests, commented on the seed mix, went over his concerns and highlighted some of what went wrong with the revegetation. Mr. Ivers asked the Board to consider whether or not they want to do anything different this year, his recommendation was to not move forward too quickly. President Frees reported that the fields with some establishment should be watered. Discussion was held on additional field monitoring and the end goal. Pete Stagner highlighted soil erosion and it being top priority. Staff was directed to work with the farming committee on fields 7, 9 and 10 to determine if irrigation is needed and work with the previous contractors on fields 3, 5 and 8 to see if they are willing and able to get the pivot up and run irrigation for them. Mr. Ivers asked the Board to take time to consider the recommendations provided.

San Luis Creek Depletions and Discussion

San Luis Creek depletions and discussion. Chris Ivers provided an update on the Airborne Electromagnetic Survey. He reported the grant did not get approved and they would be reapplying. Mr. Ivers asked the Board for direction on whether or not to use the current CWCB loan to drill an augmentation well. He described the challenges with getting a source of water toward the top of the reach. Mr. Ivers went over the timeline and number of years the Subdistrict has to close out the loan. Discussion was held on a potential location for the augmentation well and long term WIP agreements. Mr. Ivers provided the amount of water the Subdistrict would need in the month of April without a WIP in place. Staff was directed to continue negotiations for longer term WIP agreements with extra attention to the ones likely to be on the bubble each year.

New Business

President Frees asked for new business. He reported on the resignation of Jan Waye from the Board of Managers. Chris Ivers reported on the sale of Mr. Waye's water rights/ranch in the Subdistrict.

A motion was made by David Frees to draft a resolution and a letter to thank Jan Waye for his service to the Board of Managers. The motion was seconded by Jeff Regenold and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ivers reported on an email he sent out to the Subdistrict members on the notice list seeking interest to serve on the Board of Managers. He also reported on the resignation of Doug Gunnels from the Board of Directors. Mr. Ivers explained that once a replacement has been selected, the Board of Directors would appoint an ex officio for this Subdistrict Board.

Next Meeting

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff Regenold to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Rodriguez and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.


President


Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer