

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** UGRWCD Board Members  
**FROM:** Taylor Local Users Group  
**DATE:** July 8, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Taylor Local Users Group Meeting Minutes

A TLUG meeting was held on July 8, 2020 via teleconference. Attending the meeting were the following TLUG members:

Andy Spann, representative for irrigation users  
Pete Dunda, representative for property owners  
Ernie Cockrell, representative for Taylor Placer  
Mark Schumacher, representative for whitewater recreation interests  
Ryan Birdsey, representative for flat water recreational interests  
Roark Kiklevich, representative for wade fishermen  
Don Sabrowski, UGRWCD Board Member, TLUG Chair

Also present: Erik Knight (BOR); Dustin Brown (Scenic River Tours); Dan Brauch (CPW); Jason Ullmann (DWR); John Bocchino (Eleven); Elliott Manning (Eleven); Sonja Chavez and Beverly Richards (UGRWCD).

Don Sabrowski (Chair) called the meeting to order.

The meeting summary from the June 9, 2020 meeting was included with the meeting information. Don Sabrowski asked if there were any changes or comments on the summary. There were no changes made and the meeting summary was finalized.

Erik Knight with BOR gave the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center water supply and model forecasts. The numbers indicate that there has been a reduction from the June 15<sup>th</sup> forecast. The forecast has decreased by 5,000 acre-feet for the April to July time period. This results in a total runoff of 65% of the 30-year average or 64,000 acre-feet for the end of year storage.

Erik also provided two operation plans for Taylor Park Reservoir for the group's consideration. The first was dated June 15 and was based on the flows that were agreed upon in the last meeting. This plan results in an end of year storage amount of 65,859 acre-feet based on the forecast. The second plan was dated July 1 and involves reducing releases beginning on July 9 to 275 cfs through the end of the month, 250 cfs August 1 to August 24, 225 cfs

beginning on August 25 through the end of September. This plan would result in an end of year storage amount of 69,479 acre-feet which is slightly above the target amount.

Ernie Cockrell said that as per the stipulation the reservoir content of 69,000 acre-feet is what is optimal. He supports the second plan presented as it will support the projected end of year content of 69,000 acre-feet.

Mark Schumacher said we now have had two dry years in a row and he supports the second plan. He thinks it would be better to take more water from the end of September rather than through August. He suggested reducing flows to 275 cfs through the end of August, 250 cfs at the beginning of September, and to 150 the last 15 days of September.

Roark Kiklevich agreed that the second scenario with Mark's suggestions would be good for recreation. Pete Dunda agreed with Mark's suggestions in order to get to 69,000 acre-feet by October.

Ernie Cockrell said he also likes Mark's suggestions but would like to make sure that these adjustments actually result in an end of year content of 69,000. He said he would not be surprised if there was not further deterioration based on the dry conditions.

Dustin Brown (Scenic River Tours) said he agrees with Mark's suggestions. Ryan Birdsey said he supports transferring flows if the numbers work out to meet the end of year content target. Mark said historically the group had provided more flows in early September and sacrificed towards the end of the month. Dan Brauch said he also agreed with the suggested numbers.

Erik Knight said he included the suggested numbers into the plan and the end of year content would be approximately 69,100 acre feet. He will provide the plan to the group for their review.

Andy Spann, representing the irrigators, said that the second plan looks good, but he would prefer good flows through July 15. His recommendation was to keep the flows at 300 cfs through that date and take more out of September if possible. He would be okay with the reduction to 275 cfs if that is what everyone agrees upon.

Mark Schumacher said we could reduce flows by 25 cfs at the end of September in order to maintain the 300 cfs flows through the middle of July. Dan Brauch said that type of reduction would be alright as they would maintain good temperatures downstream. Ernie agreed with these proposed changes as long as the end of year content does not go below 69,000 acre feet.

It was the consensus of the group to change the flows as follows:

300 cfs through July 15  
275 cfs July 16 through 31  
250 cfs August 1 through September 15  
125 cfs September 16 through October 1

These flows will be changed to those proposed unless the end of year content is below 69,000 acre-feet when calculated by Erik Knight. It was also the consensus of the group to meet again on July 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. to evaluate the forecast and the need for adjustments.

The next TLUG meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be held to discuss additional adjustments to the operations plan if necessary based on the July 15 forecast.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.