

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SAN JUAN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2026, 4 pm

Attendance

A Special Meeting of San Juan Water Conservancy District was held Monday, January 12, 2026, at 4 pm in person at 4670 W Highway 160 Suite A2 and on Zoom.

The following Directors were present in person: Candace Jones, Joe Tedder, Chuck Riehm, Randy Cooper, Rob Hagberg, Bill Nobles, and Susan Nossaman. Also present in person was Sally High (SJWCD Executive Assistant).

Bill Hudson (Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District and Pagosa Daily Post) attended the Special Meeting in person after the Executive Session.

Attending on Zoom were Directors Rod Proffitt and John Kappelman, Jeff Kane (SJWCD Attorney), and Randi Pierce (Pagosa Sun).

Call to Order of Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of the San Juan Water Conservancy District (SJWCD) was called to order by Director Jones at 4:00 pm. A quorum was present. No conflicts of interest were identified and no public comments were offered. No revisions to the agenda were needed. Director Nossaman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Cooper seconded. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Consideration of Executive Session

Director Jones read the legal language that stated reasons for Directors to enter Executive Session. Director Hagberg moved to enter Executive Session for the specific purposes of receiving legal advice about PAWSD's proposed sale of Running Iron Ranch and related litigation (Case #24CV30069) filed in Archuleta County District Court. Director Cooper seconded. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval. Randi Pierce was placed in the Zoom waiting room. Bill Hudson left the SJWCD office.

Director Riehm moved to end Executive Session. Director Hagberg seconded. A roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval. Randi Pierce was readmitted to the Special Meeting on Zoom. Bill Hudson was readmitted to the in-person meeting.

Consideration of Actions Regarding Running Iron Ranch

No actions resulted from the discussion among Directors and the Attorney in Executive Session.

Consideration of Attorney's Report

Regarding Boot Jack Lodge Pond water rights case, Jeff Kane recommended that SJWCD agree to the latest formal decree that ends concerns. Director Cooper moved to authorize Kane to accept a formal decree on behalf of the District. Director Hagberg seconded. A unanimous vote approved the motion.

Regarding Hidden Valley Ranch water rights case, no action was needed at this time. Jeff will continue to track the concerns of other opposers.

Consideration of Treasurer's Report

Directors received the end-of-year spreadsheet, an AIR form, and a spreadsheet for 9 days of 2026. Director Riehm moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Director Nobles seconded. The motion received unanimous approval. Director Tedder stated that he would submit the 2025 summary to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Tedder will engage with Ronnie Farmer, accountant, and submit an application for audit exemption for 2025. The application is due in March 2026. Director Nossaman moved to submit the application. Director Cooper seconded. Directors voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Consideration of Letter of Support for ToPS Application to a CWCB WSRF Grant

Directors considered approval of a letter in support of the Town of Pagosa Springs funding flood repairs through the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Water Supply Reserve Fund. Director Hagberg moved to submit an amended letter to ToPS. Director Nobles seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Updates of Actions of RJH

Directors considered updates about RJH's work toward preliminary steps to build a reservoir at Running Iron Ranch. Directors Cooper and Riehm reported that they continue to work with RJH Consulting to submit a pre-qualification document to the Bureau of Reclamation in order to be included on a bidder's list. The submission deadline is February 13, 2026. The need to schedule a Special Meeting before the end of January was identified. The purpose of a Special Meeting would be to approve the document for submission.

Update on Watershed Restoration Project

Directors considered Monica Nigon's request to send her directions to complete the interactive story map about SJWCD's watershed project. Included will be narrative, photographs, videos, infographics and an ARCGIS map. The Executive Assistant will resend Monica's Google Doc to directors, who should correspond directly with Monica.

Updates from Directors

Director Hagberg reminded Directors that San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership planned an educational film with Christi Bode. He requested that SJWCD increase their donation to fund the film. Directors were reminded that SJHFHP planned to request funds from Roundtable on January 22.

Director Jones stated plans to attend (by Zoom) the Roundtable Meeting in Cortez on January 22.

Director Jones reminded Directors about the water scarcity issue at Aspen Springs and Archuleta County's interest in extending treated PAWSD water to Aspen Springs residents.

Director Tedder reminded Directors that the Archuleta County Commissioners would benefit from a presentation from SJWCD about water issues and the District's role in the community.

Strategic Objectives

Directors discussed revising the Strategic Objectives for 2026 at the Special Meeting to be scheduled for January 2026.

2025 Strategic Objective 1: Redefine the financial partnership for Running Iron Ranch. (Directors Tedder, Riehm, Cooper, Proffitt)

2025 Strategic Objective 2: Make the case for a reservoir at RIR by defining feasibility and demand. (Directors Cooper, Hagberg, Kappelman)

2025 Strategic Objective 3: Engage with the community, including PAWSD, on a project that advances a common community interest, like a planning/municipal water demand study and/or wildfire mitigation (Directors Hagberg, Nobles, Nossaman, Tedder)

Consideration of Approval of Record of Proceedings from December 10 Budget and Regular Meeting

Director Hagberg moved to approve the December 10, 2025 (amended) Record. Director Nossaman seconded. Approval of the motion was unanimous.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

A Regular Meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 16, at 4 pm. A Special Meeting may be scheduled before the end of January to receive legal advice in Executive Session and then to take necessary actions. Directors were asked to put the third

Monday of each month in their calendars, with the exception of the second Monday in December, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special Meeting was adjourned. Director Hagberg moved and Director Cooper seconded. Unanimous approval.

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By /s/ Sally High

Executive Assistant for Board of Directors

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