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Minutes of the Work Session Of the Board of Directors Catamount Metropolitan District and Information to the Public on the proposed Hydro Electric Plant at Lake Catamount Dam November 22, 2011

A Work Session of the Board of Directors of the Catamount Metropolitan District, Routt County, Colorado, was held November 22, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., at the Catamount Metro Ranch Office, 34035 East Highway 40, Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado, in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado. This meeting was open to the Public for information regarding the FERC permit for a small hydro electric plant at Lake Catamount Dam.

Attendance

The following Directors were present and acting:

- John Holloway, President, Catamount Metro District

Also in attendance were:

- Ryan Broshar, SRA International
- Gates Gooding, Catamount Hydro Project Manager
- Bill Atkinson, Colorado Division of Wildlife

Staff Personnel:

- Joel Anderson, District Manager
- Kevin Collier, Assistant District Manager

Call to Order

The Work Session and Public Meeting of the Board of Directors of Catamount Metropolitan District was called to order by Chairman Holloway on November 22, 2011 at 1:10 p.m. noting a quorum was not present. No action was taken by the Board.

Minutes

A slideshow presentation by Mr. Gooding showed the proposed Catamount hydro electric plant and potential impacts of the facility.

Mr. Atkinson spoke about the potential impacts of the northern pike in the reservoir and stated the importance of a fish screen to keep the pike from escaping the reservoir and into the Yampa River.

Mr. Broshar confirmed that an official response from the CDOW had been received and was going to be addressed in the design of the proposed facility. Additionally, an agreement would have to be signed by both the District and CDOW on the issue.

Mr. Atkinson also mentioned the need to address temperature and dissolved oxygen leaving the hydro electric plant will need to satisfy the fishery.

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Mr. Broshar and Mr. Gooding confirmed that that issue of dissolved oxygen and temperature was being addressed with the design of a multi-level intake structure.

Mr. Gooding stated that Chuck Hutton will be working on design drawings to satisfy the FERC application. Drawings will be completed in the next month to achieve submittal of the FERC application by years end.

Director Holloway noted that the Catamount Metro District would be in contact with their water attorney to apply for a non-consumptive water right for the hydro project.

Mr. Gooding mentioned that a formal proposal has been submitted to Xcel energy for a power purchase agreement.

Mr. Broshar mentioned that once the FERC permit and PPA are in place, financing options will then be looked at. Possibilities include low interest loans, private investors, companies or other large power users contributing to the project for possible renewable energy credits (REC's).

Mr. Broshar also stated that in addition to Colorado Office of Dam Safety reviewing the plans for the stop-log replacement and hydro facility that FERC will also review the plans and will have an on-going commitment to the Lake Catamount Dam.

Adjournment

With business concluded, there were no public at the meeting who wished to go on the scheduled tour of the dam, so the meeting was adjourned.