

CHAPTER 11

**WATER AND IRRIGATION**

SENATE BILL 20-025

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Buentello and Esgar, Arndt, Bird, Cutter, Kipp, Michaelson Jenet, Snyder, Titone, Valdez D.,  
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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN PROJECTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AUTHORIZING SUCH A BOARD TO CONSIDER SUCH PARTICIPATION A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-3-103, **amend** (1) introductory portion and (1)(k); and **add** (1)(l) as follows:

**37-3-103. General powers.** (1) ~~In order~~ To protect life and property within the district; and to protect or relieve land subject to overflowing or washing, or ~~which~~ THAT is menaced or threatened by the normal flow, ~~or~~ flood, ~~or~~ surplus, or overflow OF waters of any natural watercourse, stream, canyon, or wash, whether perennial, intermittent, or flood; and ~~in order~~ to effect the protection of the land and other property in the district; and ~~in order~~ to accomplish all other purposes of the district, the board of directors is authorized:

(k) To participate in the development of parks and recreational facilities WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT, including ~~but not limited to,~~ THE DEVELOPMENT OF trails, greenways, and ~~riverfront development within the boundaries of said district~~ RIVERFRONTS, AND TO CONSIDER SUCH PARTICIPATION A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT; AND

(l) TO PARTICIPATE IN ARTISTIC AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE THE AESTHETIC APPEARANCE OF WATERWAYS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AND TO CONSIDER SUCH PARTICIPATION A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT.

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: March 11, 2020