

# DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: December 7, 2011

Board Item: V-C-2

## Agreement with Denver Zoo

Action by Consent

Action

Information

This proposed agreement with the Zoo clarifies the responsibility and obligations of the parties as it relates to the supply of potable and recycled water, and for maintenance for fire protection. The agreement will allow Denver Water to operate normally on the perimeter of the Zoo while the Zoo manages its systems within the Zoo. The exception is that Denver Water will annually inspect the hydrants within the Zoo and perform routine maintenance on the hydrants.

This arrangement is mutually beneficial since the Zoo cannot feasibly meet Denver Water plan review easement requirements and has unique security and operational demands.

The agreement builds on extensive history between the parties. In the early 1980s, after a fire at the Reptile House, the Denver Fire Department became concerned about the lack of adequate fire protection within the Denver Zoo. Since that time, Denver Water installed new distribution mains around the perimeter of the Zoo and the Zoo strengthened its private water system. In recent years, the Zoo began construction of a new potable water system within the Zoo and added a recycled water distribution system. These two new systems greatly increased complexity to both ownership and cross-connection control of the new facilities.

\$200,000 has been placed in the 2012 Customer Relations Division budget to develop and construct a new meter layout outside the Zoo. Scheduling of construction will depend on Zoo operations, but will likely take place during the Fall/Winter of 2012.

### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement.

### Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,

  
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