

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2010

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Don Schlup, Rick Sackbauer, Carol Pace, Jim Ives, Mel Rettig, Phil Lidov, Becky Long, Jeff Willis, David Spector, Barry Hudson

GUESTS: Tim Flynn

DENVER WATER STAFF: Marie Bassett, Joe Sloan, Ellen Cinchock, Don Kennedy, Marc Waage, Laina Kaatz, Matt Mulica, Teri Chavez, Mary Hoddinott

OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES

Community Relations Specialist Teri Chavez presented the 2010 Conservation Ad Campaign for Denver Water. This year's campaign has a reduced budget and will use radio ads instead of television commercials. Billboards, bus ads, the UOWYN taxi and barrels, and the Water Monitors have been renamed the 'Water Savers,' and will promote educating residents who conserve water.

The minutes and agenda were approved without comment.

DENVER WATER UPDATE (Marie Bassett) -

Fox 31 News Story - Denver Water was aware of a possible story from Fox News. This story alarmed Roxborough residents, prompting them to contact the heads of Douglas County who set up a meeting to deal with the issue. Former Denver Water employees allege they were instructed to take asbestos pipe and bury it at the Foothills Treatment plant, affecting their health. Douglas County Officials will review the information and look into it. CAC member Barry Hudson said that this type of pipe is used all over the U.S. David Spector asked Marie Bassett what is Denver Water's next course of action. Marie said letters were sent to Douglas County homeowners and schools.

Denver Water's Director of Finance David LaFrance has resigned from his position. His last day is April 23rd.

FOREST & WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (Don Kennedy) -

Environmental Scientist Don Kennedy presented, "Wildfires in the Watershed and How Denver Water responds." Don showed the CAC a map of the DW Collection System. Hayman and Buffalo Creek fires caused severe erosion and flooding. Dams were built to keep out debris, and the debris was collected and put on areas affected by the fire to aid in reforestation. There are still sedimentation problems. (5) groups were formed to resolve the problem: the Government Forest Health Council, the Colorado Bark Beetle Cooperation, Front Range Roundtable, Northern Front Range Mountain Pine Beetle Working Group, & the Watershed Wildfire Protection Working Group. Becky Long asked if there is a plan to remove noxious weeds, Don Kennedy said a strategy is included in the Best Management Plan.

To protect water sources, Don said they are looking at what areas are most erosive. Becky Long asked if the tree removal occurs around the time of the draft EIS, could it be done in tandem with the EIS project? Don said that the reclamation is scheduled for Phase II of the project. Phil Lidov asked how Denver Water is allowed to access the U.S. Forest Service lands. The U.S. Forest Service will allow Denver Water access to repair the areas. The priority for Denver Water will be to focus on

Cheesman, Strontia Springs, and the Upper South Platte. Rick Sackbauer asked if money has been budgeted for the restoration. Don said funds are allocated each year for it.

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN – (Marc Waage) –

Water Resource Planning Manager Marc Waage presented a treated water study and update on demand projections to the CAC.

Mary Hoddinott, Manager of Treated Water Planning, explained how every 10 -15 years a treated water study is performed to look at the future for growth and identifying risk and liability in areas that may be used in the future. Demand drivers have shown that the pattern of water use has changed. Outage scenarios are reviewed and options are weighed for critical operations. Mary showed the CAC members scenarios of what distribution facilities need to be added if one facility were to shut down. David Spector asked if Denver Water could rely on other water utilities during an outage. Marc said we could, but as Denver Water is larger than the other utilities they could not keep us supplied with enough water. Planning is now going beyond the “Cone of Uncertainty,” using scenario planning, planning futures, and demand models to gauge future water use. The current trend is that residents would like to live closer to where they work.

CAC BUSINESS

The CAC Work Plan is not final, will work on via email.

CAC members reviewed possible agenda items for April, including the Legislative Update and the Youth Education Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.