

CAC Minutes
For the meeting of February 18, 2016

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bethany Gravell, Genevieve Klein, John Stafford, Bruce Hutchinson, Mike Cowan, Josh Baile, Loretta Pinetta, Hunter Causey, Kristin Maharg, Paul Aldretti

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Guests:

Pat Hewett, Friends of Sabeel-Colorado
Jan Miller, Friends of Sabeel- Colorado
Saadia Behar, Front Range Jewish Voice for Peace
Tim Flynn

Denver Water Staff: Katie Knoll, Heather Stauffer, Melissa Elliott, Zeke Campbell

Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Agenda and Minutes

January's minutes were amended to include Mike Cowan's comments about Denver Water's rate increase.

Members of the public representing organizations, Friends of Sabeel Colorado and Front Range Jewish Voice for Peace, spoke to the CAC about Denver Water's security contract with G4S. The group cited concerns about human rights violations in areas that the company operates, both in the US, UK and Israel. The group asked that the CAC recommend to the Board of Water Commissioners that the G4S contract not be renewed. The CAC did not take a position and recommended that the group speak directly to the Board of Water Commissioners about their concerns at their next public meeting.

Denver Water Update

Provided in written format to all members.

Legislative Update

Heather Stauffer gave a legislative update to the CAC. A written update was also provided.

Water Quality Presentation

Zeke Campbell gave the CAC a summary of lead issues in drinking water. Zeke explained that lead is not present in Denver Water's source and distribution water. He summarized the Federal lead and copper rules enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and what happens when a water utility exceeds the lead action level for lead and copper. He explained the Flint, MI lead crisis from a water quality perspective. He also went over the

science of corrosion and how it contributed to lead crisis in Flint, MI. Zeke also gave an overview of what Denver Water is doing in response to the lead crisis in Flint, including increasing lead monitoring, public education, and working with CDPHE to reassess the current corrosion control treatment plan. Zeke explained how homeowners can manage their risk of exposure to lead from lead pipes in homes through testing, flushing, filtering or replacing the pipes.

Rate Structure Study Committee Presentation

Melissa Elliott gave a presentation to the CAC about the process of putting together the recent rate structure study committee and the positive outcomes Denver Water saw from a process perspective. She cited these as possible examples of ways the CAC could choose to structure their meetings in the future. Melissa explained that the purpose of the committee was to come up with a new rate structure model for Denver Water. In order to get the best possible representation from various stakeholders Denver Water held a workshop where around 70 stakeholders ranging from distributors, to members of the environmental community came together to listen to several other water utilities around the country present about their rate structures. Denver Water also surveyed 25,000 customers about the rate structure during this process. Melissa explained that Denver Water is looking to implement this type of structure again in the future because of the positive outcomes from the rate structure study committee. Melissa also recommended that the CAC look at other ways of structuring including RTD'S model for citizen involvement. She also recommended a structure that allows for increased flexibility.