

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 20, 2010

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

GUESTS: Tim Flynn

DENVER WATER STAFF: Marie Bassett, Joe Sloan, Ellen Cinchock, Todd Cristiano

OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES

The CAC thanked Sara Duncan, the Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator, for keeping them up to date on all water related bills and measures. Sara will retire this month.

The Colorado Water Conservation Board recognized Denver Water as an integrated system on May 19.

The April minutes and agenda were approved with one change to the minutes.

DENVER WATER UPDATE (Marie Bassett) -

David Spector asked Marie the purpose of the Colorado Water Conservation Board's request for conservation reports from water utilities – Marie said the CWCB has requested the reports to quantify how much water is being conserved.

The May 26 Board meeting will be held entirely in Executive Session for West Slope discussions.

A study is being done on the WISE project, but it will not be discussed at the May 26 Executive Session. Rick Sackbauer asked for advanced notice for the meeting date when the study results will be presented to the Board.

There is no technical update on the uranium pollution at Cotter Mine.

CAC BUSINESS (Part 1) -

The CAC recognized Denver Water Manager Chips Barry and presented a sympathy card to CAC Liaison Joe Sloan. David Spector will attend the Toast and Celebration of Chips Barry on May 21.

NEW MANAGER OF RATE ADMINISTRATION – (Todd Cristiano) –

Todd Cristiano, the new Manager of Rate Administration for Denver Water, spoke to the CAC on his background and his goals for the section. Todd previously worked as a consultant for water, wastewater, electric, and gas utilities. Todd said that the Citizens Advisory Committee is important to the rates process as they can assist in advising the public on the rates structure. Todd's goal is to be transparent and learn from CAC viewpoints so the rates process can be done in a clear way. Carol Pace told Todd that the current process is transparent but it is not accessible. Carol would like the explanation of rates be clear for everyone. Todd plans on utilizing the Community Relations

department to help market the rates process and make it easy for ratepayers to understand. This process will take time, he noted, as the Denver Water rate model is complex. Once Todd has completed this new model he will bring it to the CAC for their input. David Spector said that this new model can be a vehicle to offer a rates discussion to the public. David Spector asked Todd when the data will be available, and Todd replied that it will not be available until October, 2010. David Spector will include the revised model in the 2010 CAC Workplan. Todd invited the CAC to a workshop on rates that will be held at an AWWA conference in Denver in October.

LEGISLATE REPORT -

The Legislative session has ended - the CAC members had no questions for Sara Duncan.

CAC BUSINESS (Part 2) -

The CAC Work Plan -

Jeff Willis suggested adding Drought Response, David Spector said a section for emergency concerns can be added that could override other plans.

The tour of the South Platte will be scheduled on July 14, after the 8:00 AM Breakfast with the Denver Water Board. There will be no CAC meeting held on July 15.

In August or September Rates can be discussed.

Phil Lidov suggested looking at a statewide perspective of water and how it is valued in agricultural areas.

In October the CAC would like to have a meeting on global water issues. The meeting could be publicized and an outside speaker could be scheduled. October and November would also be the months for choosing a new member to replace Rick Sackbauer, whose second term ends in December.

David Spector moved to approve the work plan, the motion was approved and the final version of the work plan will be distributed to the members.

CAC Bylaws –

The CAC members agreed to meet with Marie Bassett to discuss the CAC Bylaws and the role of the CAC before the June 17 CAC meeting. The date will be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.