

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF April 18, 2013

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Hutchins, Bethany Gravell, Phil Lidov, Don Schlup, Mel Reddig (phone), Barry Hudson, Jeff Willis

CAC Members Absent: Peter Mueller, Jeff Erb, Jim Ives

Guests: Tim Flynn

Denver Water Staff: Sally Covington, Katie Knoll, Heather Stauffer, Bob Peters, Amy Turney, Jim Light

OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and minutes were approved without comment.

There were no comments from the public.

DENVER WATER UPDATE- (Katie Knoll)

Katie Knoll introduced herself to the CAC and gave an update on drought outreach efforts. Last week direct mailers went out to all Denver Water customers outlining the stage 2 watering rules. We are continuing to work on a flushing program outreach plan. We need to flush our pipes throughout the summer for water quality reasons and we would like to get the message out about that sooner rather than later. We are working on a plan with other jurisdictions to try and capture the water that we flush and use it on the Highline Canal. Our water patrol was out on the street last week for a test weekend. Jodi Johnson reported that they had people flagging down the cars to ask questions and in general the cars were very well received. We are reaching out to the Colorado Restaurant Association about sending postcards out to restaurants explaining our water upon request policy. We have a PDF they can download or we can send them a sign. Our speakers' bureau is up and running, you can request a speaker to give a presentation on our website. We have been giving lots of drought presentations to various organizations around Denver including: Visit Denver, Denver Women's Chamber, Denver Indian Chamber, etc. We've gotten a few requests from legislators for drought presentations as well. Jeff Tejral spoke at a Community Association Institute (CAI) gathering. We are going to keep sending out messaging. We have also launched a new blog called "Water Talk", where we interviewed the head of the landscape industry. Nearly everyone we have talked with is eager to help; they didn't know how bad it was.

Snowpack Update/ Drought Planning- (Bob Steger)

Bob Steger gave a presentation to the CAC on current snowpack conditions and what that means for the drought. We've been getting a lot of snow in the metro area and in the mountains. It's helpful in the metro area because no one is using their sprinklers and helpful in the mountains because it may flow into our reservoirs. At this point it is very difficult to say how full our reservoirs will get. A lot of factors go into predicting something like that such as, how much water our customers will use, summer weather and temperatures, etc. The general consensus is to wait and see how full we get after the runoff. If it makes

sense to relax to a stage one then we can do it then. For now, it still makes sense to enforce stage two watering restrictions.

Presentation on Denver Water's Property (Amy Turney)

Amy Turney gave a presentation to the CAC about Denver Water's property. Denver Water is one of the largest property owners in the State of Colorado. Property needs include property for: raw water, watersheds, treated water, non-operating property and future projects. We purchase property if we can because it makes it easier to operate our system if we own the land. Along with raw water we also have treated water property needs. At many of our water treatment plants we have underground reservoirs which take up large areas of land. Very often Denver water will operate on an easement, which allows us to operate on a piece of property without owning it, because it would be very expensive to own. Denver Water also has a fair amount of property for future projects and future needs called non-operating property. With the property that was designated for the Two Forks project we now own 200 residential leases. Holding on to property like this gives us a lot of flexibility. Very rarely do we acquire property through condemnation or eminent domain, but instead we try to acquire property the same as any private citizen would.

Presentation on Conduit 16 & 22 (Jim Light)

Jim Light presented on the proposed Conduit 16 & 22 project. Jim explained that the existing system is inadequate for Denver's future needs. A study was conducted and it was concluded that a new 84" line would be the best solution. Denver Water plans to construct mainly in the existing pipe's corridor running from Ralston Reservoir to the Moffat water treatment facility. During this project Denver Water will face many challenges including significant construction impacts on local residents. We'll be diving into the preliminary design on May 1st. It will take at least a year to work out the preliminary design. In this project we have a mix of open space, residential and commercial areas. The challenge we face from the public is that many residents have built garages, etc. over the easement which will have to be removed or relocated and that causes a complex public affairs issue. We are going to potentially be in this area of Metro Denver for about 20 years so we want to go into the community and work with them in a positive way. We will work to keep the work quick and constrained through the residential areas. Joe Sloan will be out and about in that area working with the folks that live there, so the community knows who to go to for answers. It is a balance between enforcing our existing easement rights vs. public relations.

CAC Business

Bob Peters asked the group for feedback regarding the placement of deep aquifer storage facilities throughout the City of Denver. Bob also asked the CAC if there were any groups that we should consider talking to. The CAC as a whole does not recommend using park land for the deep aquifer storage facility. Generally it was recommended that Denver Water look into expanding existing property's fence lines to include room for a deep aquifer storage facility. The CAC also recommended that if Denver Water wants to reduce the impact of energy use in deep aquifer storage they should look into small hydroelectric operations rather than buying carbon offsets.

The CAC has their quarterly breakfast with the Board of Directors the second week of May. The CAC would like to discuss drought response, and deep aquifer storage during the breakfast, If you have any thoughts please send them to Phil and he will send along to Greg Austin.

The CAC also decided that they would like to have a tour to see the entire northern system renewal. Ralston to Moffat and then up to Gross reservoir.