

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 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

OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES

The minutes and agenda were approved with the addition of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to the agenda.

CAC UPDATE (Marie Bassett) -

One change to the 2/26/10 Denver Water Board Study Session – Water bill service charges will not be discussed until the March Board meeting.

David Spector asked if the proposed agreement between the cities of Boulder and Lafayette would contribute half of the estimated construction cost to raise Gross Reservoir would change the purpose and need sections of the draft EIS. Marie said that the Army Corps of Engineers is aware of the proposal.

Marie asked Becky Long for an update on House Bill 1051. Becky explained that the bill is in a holding pattern and that an amendment is being created to see if the state will okay the bill with the attached amendment.

Rick Sackbauer recommended that if a drought response statement is made this spring Denver Water should choose words the statement carefully so it does not hurt business for ski resorts.

Phil Lidov requested additional information about the Pagosa Springs settlement. Marie explained that the settlement makes Colorado municipalities base their water projects on credible projections of future need. The question is, who is the best entity to decide future need the courts, or, water utilities. Marie stated some believe the courts over stepped their authority in the case. Becky stated other believe the court was right in its decision. Marie stated water utilities will be working on the statute regarding this issue.

DENVER WATER MANAGER SEARCH (Carolyn McCormick) -

Carolyn McCormick provided an update on the candidate search for the Denver Water Manager position. Ms. McCormick explained the criteria necessary for choosing the new manager, and said that a leadership profile was listed on Denverwater.org. The search committee added “Chief Executive Officer” to the title, and noted the word “Manager” must remain in the title due to the Charter. Advertisements for the position were sent out locally and nationally; and there has been a huge response from all over the U.S. David Spector asked Ms. McCormick if working for a water utility was a pre-requisite for the job. Ms. McCormick said it was not a pre-requisite but was placed at the top of the list when reviewing candidates. David Spector said no matter what background the new manager must understand Water Rights. Jeff Willis asked if the Denver Water Board is

specifically targeting anyone for the job. The search committee is receiving suggestions but the Board is not directly asking anyone to apply. Meetings for the final candidates will be more open than the initial interviews and they will be publicly announced. Don Schlup asked if there would be an opportunity for Suburban areas to comment on the candidates – Ms. McCormick said the search committee will take suggestions. Mayor Hickenlooper does not make the final decision on who will be Manager of Denver Water - the decision is solely made by the Denver Water Board members.

CAC BUSINESS

Work Plan – Copies of the previous CAC Work Plan were distributed and Becky Long explained to the new members its purpose. The committee agreed that meeting quarterly with the Denver Water Board would be beneficial. Becky Long collected the rest of the suggestions and will provide a draft work plan to members at the March 18 meeting.

CAC Comments on the Draft EIS – Barry Hudson recommended sending a copy of the CAC's comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for raising Gross Reservoir to the Denver Water Board and members of Denver Water staff for their comments. Becky Long disagreed and wanted their comment to go directly to the Army Corps of Engineers. Joe Sloan suggested as a courtesy to send the comment to the Denver Water Board beforehand. Other members asked that the tone of the draft be changed as to not offend the Denver Water Board. Don Schlup said that a new CAC member, he thought that his role was to advise the Denver Water Board and staff and not go directly to the Army Corps of Engineers with his thoughts about the project. Phil Lidov said that the main function for the comment was to have the CAC be on the record and have their thoughts about the project known. David Spector explained to Don Schlup that the CAC was created so it could be a vehicle for Denver Water infrastructure projects and to assist the public with their concerns about them. Phil Lidov recommended simplifying the comment as it sounded very technical. Members decided to have David Spector revise the document for clarity, and will note that the CAC is not for or against the project. Phil Lidov will create a summary of the comment that will be sent to the Denver Water Board. Rick Sackbauer recommended that Becky Long call Denver Water Board President Penfield Tate and advise him that the CAC will be sending a comment so the Water Board is not blind-sided by it. David Spector will not sign the comment for professional reasons.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.