

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF August 15, 2013

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Don Schlup, Jim Ives, Mel Rettig, Phil Lidov, Bruce Hutchins, Jeff Willis, Bethany Gravell, Peter Mueller (phone),

CAC Members Absent: Jeff Erb, Barry Hudson

Guests: Tim Flynn, Patricia Cronenberger

Denver Water Staff: Melissa Elliott, Heather Stauffer, Sally Covington, Todd Cristiano, Greg Fisher

OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES

The minutes and agenda were approved without comment.

There were no comments from the public.

DENVER WATER UPDATE- (Melissa Elliott)

Noise Testing near Gross Reservoir: Denver Water is beginning to conduct engineering studies for the Gross Dam enlargement project. One concern we hear from the community is about potential truck noise from hauling. In order to address and mitigate the community's concerns Denver Water conducted a noise study in the neighborhoods around the proposed construction site. On August 8, Denver Water took 10 hauling trucks up and down the roads leading to the construction site and monitored the noise production. Safety is also a concern among neighbors in the area. Denver Water conducted interviews with the truck drivers while they were driving the route in question. Once the report is complete Denver Water will share the results of the study with the community.

Gross Reservoir permitting process: Denver Water is currently in the permitting process Boulder County to build a test quarry near Gross Reservoir. Denver Water is hopeful that the more aggregate it can produce onsite the less hauling it will need to do. Residents near the proposed testing area have been contacted, and we hope to have a permit within a month.

Customer's water usage: Denver Water's customers have been doing a fantastic job of conserving water during the last several months. The day we moved from a stage 2 to a stage one drought was our peak usage day. Since that time, customer usage has consistently been in the 275 mgd range as compared with peak usage near 553 mgd in the past. While the weather plays a role in customers' low usage, ultimately the credit belongs to our customers for saving water.

DRCOG PRESENTATION ON LAND USE PLANNING/ WATER DEMAND- (Patricia Cronenberger)

Patricia Cronenberger provided a presentation to the CAC. DRCOG started out as a state planning agency, currently it is comprised of 56 members from 9 counties and 48 municipalities around Colorado. Denver Water's service area lies within DRCOG's boundaries. DRCOG estimates that nearly 1 ½ million more people will be in the Denver Metro area in the future with an ever increasing aging population. Ms. Cronenberger said financial resources for services are diminishing. Therefore we need to start designing our communities differently with a more robust public transportation system among other things. DRCOG wrote their current vision plan, called Metro Vision 2035, to include six measurable sustainability goals.

The Metro Vision plan is the reflection of regional aspirations and achieving the goals laid out in the metro plan vision is dependent upon local governments.

One of the six sustainability goals in the Metro Vision 2035 plan is a water conservation goal. DRCOG is trying not to duplicate the efforts of Denver Water so they are currently focusing on researching and collecting data on the relationship between land- use and water consumption. DRCOG has found studies which indicate that population density, measured on a per capita basis, does yield water savings; however there are few other studies on the topic. DRCOG is also at the very beginnings of a process to try and arrive at a numeric goal for water savings.

Presentation on Budget and Revenue Requirements for 2014- (Todd Cristiano)

The next CAC meeting will provide a forum for members of the public to comment on the 2014 budget and revenue requirements. The Board of Water Commissioners have not yet seen recommendations from staff on revenue requirements. They plan to see the presentation from staff at the August 28 meeting and then have a meeting in September. Todd Cristiano provided the CAC with a number of slides, graphs and charts outlining our budget goals and revenue requirements and highlighting Denver Water's 10 year capital plan. Budgeting looked at things like Denver Water's raw water program, treatment programs, distribution programs and large capital projects.

CAC Business

It is already the end of the year for the CAC, with only a few meetings left (September, October, November and December) the CAC will need to fill Mel Reddig's seat. Please speak to Phil Lidov if there is any chance of you leaving. Mel Rettig said he will look for suitable applicants and hopefully the news will be spread through word of mouth.

At the last breakfast with the Board there were only 4 CAC members present. Perhaps to spare the board the CAC should cut these meetings back to 3 times a year? Some CAC members felt that cutting the meetings to three times a year would not improve attendance.

The CAC has a Facebook group that has been open and has not been updated in quite a while. The CAC discussed possibly taking it down. If the CAC wants to keep the group open Melissa Elliott suggested that the group requires very regular updating from CAC members. In lieu of using Facebook to connect with constituencies, CAC members discussed new and valuable ways for members to communicate with the people they represent. Suggestions included, attending RNO's meetings, writing an entry as a guest on Denver Water's blog, attending events with Denver Water's water trailer. Melissa Elliott will provide the CAC with a list of Denver Water activities and volunteer opportunities.

Meeting Adjourned