

# **CAC MINUTES**

## **FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2010**

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**CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Becky Long, David Spector, Carol Pace, Barry Hudson, Mel Rettig, Jeff Willis, Don Schlup

**GUESTS:** Tim Flynn

**DENVER WATER STAFF:** Marie Bassett, Joe Sloan, Ellen Cinchock, Bob Steger

### **OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The minutes and agenda were approved without comment.

### **DENVER WATER UPDATE (Marie Bassett) -**

Jim Lochhead will start on June 1 as the new Manager/CEO of Denver Water. Jeff Willis asked if there was a reaction from the West Slope on the Board's naming of Jim Lochhead as Manager, and Marie said that the reaction was positive.

After the 4/12/2010 CAC breakfast with the Denver Water Board, the Commissioners recommended Denver Water staff attend future breakfasts to answer questions.

### **CAC BUSINESS (Part 1) -**

The Board was not happy with the comment sent to the Army Corps of Engineers on the Moffat Collection System Project. The comment included a letter to the Denver Water Board, and gave the Board five days notice. At the breakfast with the Board there was disagreement on the role of the CAC but it opened up a discussion with the Board on the role of the CAC which those present thought was positive. Becky Long suggested creating a sub-committee to revise the Bylaws. David Spector agreed, but recommended having all members submit their interpretation of the role of the CAC and their individual roles. David Spector moved to email all Directors that they are welcome at the Denver Water Board/CAC breakfasts and CAC meetings, and the motion was seconded without opposition.

### **RAW WATER UPDATE – (Bob Steger) –**

Bob Steger is the Manager of Raw Water Collection in the Planning Division. The current snowpack is at 70-80% for 2010. Jeff Willis asked how snowpack is gauged - Bob explained that tubes and bladders are used to measure snowpack totals. The snowpack totals are behind this year but are not as bad as they were in 2002. Water releases are not posted online, and water releases are usually made mid-morning.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT -**

As of today, there is support from both parties in the legislature for House Bill 1051.

## **YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM (Rob Buirgy & Matthew Bond) –**

Matt Bond, Community Relations Specialist for the Community Relations Department, has been put in charge of revamping Denver Water's Youth Education Program. The program will tie in all Denver Water activities to the needs of educators teaching students about water.

A Teacher's Resource Packet was designed for educators with the main objectives of: increasing students' understanding of water in the West; improving students' comprehension of Denver Water's role in providing treated water to its customers; and advancing the Water Wise Use principles with students.

Rob Buirgy, a retired high school teacher, was hired to help Matt create the Teacher's Guide and design the Youth Education Program. Barry Hudson was impressed by the guide. Rob explained that main target would be sixth grade students, but Denver Public Schools requested the program be taught to their ninth grade students. Matt said the program can be tailored to other grades. The four core strategies are: direct instruction; simulations (virtual tour); support materials; and assessment. David Spector asked if the CSAP focused curriculum would make it difficult to integrate water into the current sixth and ninth grade curricula. Matt explained water is built into the curricula. Matt noted the water cycle is different in Colorado and the program would provide students with local context and relevant materials. Barry Hudson asked if conservation measures would be included, Matt said the Water Wise kits would be brought into the classrooms. Becky Long questioned who would be invited to view the program, Matt replied all sixth grade teachers in the Denver Water area would be invited and the CAC could sit in on the classes.

Becky Long recommended completing the 2010 CAC Work Plan via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.