

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Long, Phil Lidov, Don Schlup, Rick Sackbauer, Mel Rettig, Carol Pace & David Spector

GUESTS: Tim Flynn, Jacob Bornstein

DENVER WATER STAFF: Marie Bassett, Joe Sloan, Chris Piper, Ellen Cinchock

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The August minutes and agenda were approved without comment.

CAC BUSINESS –

CAC West Slope Representative Applications: Members reviewed the five applications received and decided to interview all five candidates. Rick Sackbauer recommended changing the interview questions so they would be better tailored for a person representing the West Slope. David Spector recommended the members email their question suggestions to Becky Long so she could compile a list that everyone could review and approve before the October interviews.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (Chris Piper) –

Becky Long welcomed Mr. Piper to the meeting and asked him to explain his role as Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator for Denver Water. Mr. Piper told the members that he is currently reviewing the department to see if any changes should be made. Mr. Piper is reviewing the current functions of the department and wants to see how the State, Federal, and Local governments should be handled. David Spector asked Mr. Piper if he has considered hiring a contract lobbyist. Mr. Piper said that option is possible on the Federal level. Becky Long asked if Mr. Piper would be responsible for drafting Denver Water Board resolutions, and Mr. Piper said he would speak with Community Relations about it. Rick Sackbauer said after the West Slope mediation is complete, regions in Colorado will be questioning the mediation documents. Mr. Piper replied he would reach out to all areas affected by mediation, not just those served by Denver Water. He also recommended having a regular Denver Water presence at West Slope meetings.

Mr. Piper advised the CAC members of the recent resolution passed by the Denver Water Board opposing Amendments 60 and 61. David Spector asked Mr. Piper if the Denver Water Board would take a stance on Amendment 101. Mr. Piper said the Board felt it did not affect Denver Water so they decided not to pass a resolution on it. The Denver Water Board is against Amendment 60 because Denver Water would have to pay property taxes on its land and that would cause additional rate increases. The Denver Water Board is against Amendment 61 because it would limit government

loans to ten years and prevent Denver Water's ability to shift the infrastructure costs to their future customers.

STATE OF COLORADO WATER (Jacob Bornstein) –

Becky Long introduced Jacob Bornstein to the committee. Mr. Bornstein is the water supply planning program manager for the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). The CWCB is holding nine round table sessions that assess consumptive and non-consumptive water needs, identify available water supplies, and review proposed projects or methods to meet water needs for Colorado. Stakeholders who will attend these sessions include county commissioners, environmental agencies, at-large members, the CWCB, and representatives from the state legislature.

Mr. Bornstein explained how the Statewide Water Supply Initiative (SWSI) is facilitating dialogue and providing technical and funding support to Colorado without any biased viewpoints on water rights. The CWCB is a cash funded organization that provides loans to water utilities for projects. Becky Long noted if Amendment 61 passes 95% of water utilities would not be able to apply for new loans and the CWCB would not obtain monies from the interest on those loans as they would disappear. Carol Pace asked if the CWCB had enough loan money available for water companies in 2010. Mr. Bornstein said yes, but 2011 was uncertain until after November's election.

Mr. Bornstein then gave a presentation on the current objectives of the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The CWCB would like to develop portfolios and evaluate Water Supply Strategies and ask water companies about their goals to fulfill water needs for 2040. Mr. Bornstein also showed the CAC the GAP analysis – a study of how population and climate change can affect water consumption in Colorado. Mr. Bornstein noted agricultural and non-consumptive demand was not included in this study, but the NISP and Moffat Expansion were included. The study shows three possible ranges of water amounts that would be needed to fill the consumption gap. The scenarios are dependent on the success of water provider projects, conservation, and land use planners. Mr. Bornstein concluded that density affects water use and new water supplies need to be developed to reach the 2040 water supply amounts.

The CAC members requested hearing about water recycling projects, water projects outside of Denver Water's territory, and larger structural projects in Colorado that may impact water consumption.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.