

CAC Minutes

For the meeting of March 16, 2017

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Hunter Causey (phone), Mike Cowan, Joshua Baile, Loretta Pineda, Paul Aldretti, Rich Newton, Bethany Gravell, Genny Kline, John Stafford

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Martinez

Guests: Tim Flynn

Denver Water Staff: Katie Knoll, Heather Stauffer

Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Agenda and Minutes:

- No comments from members of the public
- Minutes approved as amended

Denver Water Update:

Denver Water update and legislative update provided in written format to all members.

Denver Water's Strategic Plan:

Julie Anderson presented Denver Water's updated strategic plan to the CAC. Copies of the strategic plan, and strategic plan achievements were provided to all CAC members. Denver Water's strategic plan is updated every 3-5 years. While Denver Water's values were carried over from the last strategic plan, the updated strategic plan includes a refreshed vision statement and refreshed mission statement. The updated plan also includes a new focus on metrics that will help Denver Water better achieve its stated objectives.

Denver Water's Conservation Plan:

Jeff Tejral, Manager of Denver Water's Conservation program, presented water efficiency plan recommendations to the CAC. In May, 2016 Denver Water convened the Water Efficiency Working Group, a group of stakeholders that includes representation from industries, communities, and governments, to help develop recommendations for the Water Efficiency Plan. Those recommendations were presented in March 2017 and included efficiency recommendations for single family residential indoor, single family residential outdoor, multifamily residential indoor, multifamily outdoor, commercial, industrial, institutional and public spaces.

A summary of recommendations includes:

- Move to a plan where we focus on individual efficiency benchmarks vs. overall reduction.
- Create 3,000 acre-feet of water savings from residential customers alone.
- Maintain the water savings from the past 10 years.
- Define efficiency benchmarks for commercial institutional and industrial customers.
- Use our public space partners as models
- Maintain and enhance livability while attaining measurable water savings.

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CAC Business:

Heather Bergman facilitated a discussion with the CAC about focus groups. She provided the CAC with a document outlining public engagement tools typically used in focus groups and gave a brief summary of each of them. Josh asked members of the CAC to email him with public engagement tool suggestions and begin thinking about a sub-committee for the focus group. Loretta will lead the CAC breakfast with the Board of Water Commissioners on Wednesday, March 22.