

CAC minutes for the meeting of March 18, 2021

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Aldretti, Chair, Denver representative
Alyssa Quinn, Vice-Chair, Distributor representative
Andrew Ross, Secretary, Denver representative
Emily Orbanek, Denver representative
Gary Wilkinson, West Slope representative
Alan Hassler, West Slope representative
Jim Fitzmorris, Homebuilders Representative
Nona Shipman, Public Interest Group
Mike Cowan, Suburban representative
Rich Newton, Environmental representative

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

None

CAC VACANCIES

None

DENVER WATER STAFF

Ashley Denault, CAC/staff liaison

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tim Flynn

Opening Remarks, Public Comments, Agenda and Minutes

5 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

No public comment. February 2021 minutes delayed.

CAC Business

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

- Icebreaker
- Member updates:
 - Gary: Denver Water is allowing the Town of Dillon to have recreational activities around Dillon Reservoir. It is very popular.
 - Mike: Question about who has responsibility for service lines, as there has been a policy change that customer is responsible for entire service line from main to house. Ashley did ask staff about this policy change but did not get an answer and will ask again. Alyssa added that if there is a leak, Platte Canyon will fix the leak as a service to their customers despite not owning the line. Mike would like to know the history and why there was a policy change.
 - Alyssa: Discussed the Metro Drought Coordination Group. At present, no metro utilities are prepared to declare a drought, except for Westminster, which is in a drought watch. For consistent messaging, Alyssa suggested Colorado WaterWise messaging for social media for the utilities to use. Alyssa will send out the messaging.
- Round-Up Discussion:
 - Rich provided a recap of the round-up discussion over the past several years. Rich said

he has talked with utilities nation-wide about round-up programs. Generally, round-up programs are viewed positively. The CAC recommended to the Denver Water Board a round-up program two years ago, but staff has not been in favor of a round-up program due to the cost of implementing the program.

- Rich has spoken informally and non-specifically to Grand, Summit and Park counties and Trout Unlimited about implementing a round-up program. Rich received positive feedback.
- Headwaters TU has committed to donate \$10K to start the program and Rich has received other commitments from the counties. Rich stated the program could allow Denver Water to connect to the communities where the diversions occur.
- Rich suggested the CAC put together a proposal for discussion at the next CAC meeting.
- Emily remarked a need to talk with Denver Water staff before having a proposal go before the Board. Paul also remarked about a need to work collaboratively with Denver Water. Paul will schedule a smaller meeting before the next CAC meeting to discuss a proposal.

Topics

5:45 p.m. -6:25 p.m.

- Drought/Supply Conditions, Nathan Elder, Planning Manager, Raw Water Supply
- Denver Water Updates
 - Rates: no update at this time
 - Lead program: no updates at this time
 - Gross Reservoir: Denver Water submitted their response to agency comments in their application for the 1041 local agency review. Boulder County sent Denver Water's response back out to review agencies and extended the agency response deadline to March 29. After that date, we will know if there are more questions and if Boulder County deems the application complete or incomplete and if the application will move to a hearing. FERC order – started working on plans.
 - Northwater Treatment Plant video. Ashley will send out the link.

Next Meeting

6:25 p.m.

- Mike King, Chief, External Affairs
- National Western Complex

Adjourn

6:30 p.m.