# CAC minutes for the meeting of April 16, 2020

# **CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mike Cowan, Chair, Suburban representative Paul Aldretti, Vice-Chair, Denver representative Alyssa Quinn, Secretary, Distributor representative Rich Newton, Environmental representative Andrew Ross, Denver representative Gary Wilkinson, West Slope representative Alan Hassler, West Slope representative

### **CAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Emily Orbanek, Denver representative

#### **CAC VACANCIES**

Public Interest Group
Denver Metro Home Builders Association

## **DENVER WATER STAFF**

Jeannine Shaw, CAC/staff liaison Ashley Denault, CAC/staff liaison Jason Taussig Meghan Trubee

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Tim Flynn Jim Fitzmorris

Opening Remarks, Ice Breaker, Public Comments, Agenda and Minutes 5p.m. -5:10p.m. No public comment. February minutes where approved and April agenda approved.

CAC Business 5:10 p.m. -5:25 p.m.

- Jeannine discussed outreach efforts for the Public Interest position. Two applications have been received. The committee is asked to email Jeannine and Ashley if you are interested in being on the interview committee. Jim Fitzmorris recommendation is on the April 22 board meeting agenda for approval.
- The Board breakfast scheduled for April 22 has been canceled due to the current situation. Denver Water staff will reevaluate in May for a possible reschedule date.

- Jason Taussig discussed Denver Water's Covid-19 response.
  - There is a 30-day supply of chemical
  - o Emergency Management team meets daily with the Executive team
  - All staff that can work remotely is
  - No shut off to customers of more than 1 residence
    - Construction is on a case by case basis. DW is trying to find a good middle ground for public health and keeping the economy and projects moving forward. All requests from contractors needs to go through water sales.
      - Jim had some questions and concerns regarding the project delays, inspection delays and limitations on outages. Staff will look in to this and get back to Jim.
  - Employees are not going into homes
  - No facility closures have happened
  - Capitalizing on school closures to reprioritize projects.
  - o There will be a phased approach coming out of this.
  - Early data shows no huge shift in usage but shift in type of usage (i.e. residential, non-commercial).
  - Three teams working on:
    - Near term outlook
    - Return to work (employee screenings, etc.)
    - Mid and long-term financial impacts
- Meghan Trubee discussed updates to the lead reduction program
  - Three tier approach to the program
    - First, the PH level being adjusted
    - Second, the filter distribution program. 10,000 households per week are receiving their filters.
    - Third will be the removal of the lead service lines.
  - DW has shifted the replacement schedule/priority from residential to critical/commercial (i.e. daycare centers, etc.)
  - The Advisory Committee has been formed and will begin meeting in May.
  - DW and the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) are still working through proposals from the TAC on 2021 rates.
- Jeannine mentioned that the Water Shortage Implementation Plan is delayed due to internal review and COVID-19. There will still be a 2-week comment period for CAC and other entities to comment on the plan.
- Run off has begun in Summit County. Emails will be sent out soon regarding release of
  water. Ashley will add the CAC to the email list. Roberts Tunnel will be shut off in August
  for maintenance.
- Gross Reservoir project has not changed. Residents are concerned about recreation at Gross. Picnic areas and fire pits are closed.

- Waterton Canyon has been closed for recreation due to social distancing rules.
- o Boating on reservoirs has not opened yet. DW is still monitoring the situation.
- Due to conflicts with DW staff, the committee will look at changing the day and time of the meeting. It was suggested to possibly meet twice a month for an hour in hopes of keeping people from starring at computer screens for a long period of time.

# **Upcoming Meetings.**

6:25 p.m. -6:30p.m.

- Outreach and Brand campaign
- Youth Ed creating a presentation
- Rates

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### **Action Items**

- CAC members will email Jeannine and Ashley if interested in being on the interview committee for the Public Interest position.
- Ashley will send out alternate days/times for the CAC meetings through Doodle Poll.
- Jeannine will find out more information on the I-70 project and report back to Paul.
- Ashley will add CAC to Summit County email list