

CAC minutes for the meeting of May 21, 2020

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Fitzmorris, Denver Metro Homebuilders Association

CAC VACANCIES

Public Interest Group

DENVER WATER STAFF

Jeannine Shaw, CAC/staff liaison
Ashley Denault, CAC/staff liaison

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tim Flynn

Opening Remarks, Ice Breaker, Public Comments, Agenda and Minutes **5p.m. -5:10p.m.**

No public comment. April minutes were approved and May agenda approved.

CAC Business **5:10 p.m. -5:45 p.m.**

- Gary mentioned that the State of the River was held last week. He will send the YouTube video link to Ashley to distribute.
- Mike asked for an update on Gross Reservoir and how the delay in the project will affect water shortage. Ashley discussed that Denver Water is looking at new messaging to address the timeline, but for now they are just waiting for the FERC permit, which will likely have time requirements in the order. She noted she would check on how Denver Water anticipates project delays to impact projected water shortages.
- Rich asked about status of the Save the Colorado lawsuit. Ashley commented that the Biological Opinion re: the Greenback Cutthroat Trout was one part of that lawsuit and the decision by U.S. Fish and Wildlife will have an impact on the lawsuit.
- Andrew gave a brief update on the Lead Reduction Program (LRP) stakeholder group meeting. The first meeting was held on May 7th at which Denver Water gave an

overview of the project. There were not a lot of questions or comments. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. The group broke out into smaller groups to work on a group charter which will include information on how the group will work together and how the group will communicate to their constituents.

- Ashley and Mike discussed the interviews that were performed a few days prior. The interview committee included Alan, Alyssa, Mike, Gary, and Andrew. The two applicants were Nona Shipman and Kaye Kavanagh. The committee has decided both applicants will be sent to the Denver Water Board with the recommendation for Nona Shipman to be elected as the Public Interest group representative. Paul suggested the committee discuss the existing members and who they represent; does it meet the needs of the CAC, creating transparent descriptions of each position and the qualifications needed, and having the Denver Water legal team look at the charter to clarify if it can be amended. This will be put on a future agenda.

Denver Water Updates/Discussion

5:45 p.m. -6:00p.m.

- Ashley gave an update on Denver Water's COVID-19 response. Staff will be working in a dispersed capacity until August 31 at which time they will be allowed to come back into the office on a voluntary basis. They are accelerating some construction projects that were scheduled for later in the year due to closed buildings.
- Ashley discussed the current water supply conditions which can be found in the following TAP articles <https://denverwatertap.org/2020/05/11/mountain-runoff-picking-up-after-snowpack-hits-2020-peak/> and the Water Watch Report: <https://www.denverwater.org/sites/default/files/water-watch-report.pdf>
- Ashley mention that Denver Water issued a bond sale which will save rate payers money in the future. You can read more here <https://denverwatertap.org/2020/05/14/bond-sale-and-refi-to-save-water-users-at-least-17-5-million-over-time/>.
- The Water Shortage Response Plan has been put on hold for the time being as Jason has temporarily been moved to the Emergency Response Team. There is no set timeline for completion. Ashley will keep the CAC updated once work continues on the plan.
- Ashley will send out a doodle poll to see if there is an alternate day or time that will work for the CAC meetings.
- Ashley will discuss with the Executive Team what options are for the postponed board breakfast.

Adjourn

6:00 p.m.

Action Items

- Ashley will send out alternate days/times for the CAC meetings through Doodle Poll.