

CAC minutes for the meeting of July 16, 2020

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Cowan, Chair, Suburban representative
Paul Aldretti, Vice-Chair, Denver representative
Emily Orbanek, Denver representative
Rich Newton, Environmental representative
Andrew Ross, Denver representative
Gary Wilkinson, West Slope representative
Jim Fitzmorris, Denver Metro Homebuilders Association
Nona Shipman, Public Interest Group representative

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Alyssa Quinn, Secretary, Distributor representative
Alan Hassler, West Slope representative

DENVER WATER STAFF

Ashley Denault, CAC/staff liaison
Jason Fineout, Water Shortage Preparedness
Nathan Elder, Raw Water Supply Manager

Denver Water Presentation

5:05p.m. – 5:20p.m.

Jason Fineout presented on Denver Water's Water Shortage Response Implementation Plan. Looking to get comments back by August 6. Noted some earlier changes suggested by the CAC in March are included in the response plan.

- Ask that plan is reviewed by August 6.

Opening Remarks, Ice Breaker, Public Comments, Agenda and Minutes

5:20p.m. -5:30p.m.

- Welcome Nona! The Board approved Nona Shipman as the Public Interest Group member.
- No public comment.
- June minutes were approved; July agenda approved.
- Jim submitted a question via email regarding developer requirements for water shutout processes; Ashley responded that the process is back to normal in terms of notifications.

Denver Water Presentation

5:30p.m. -5:50p.m.

Nathan Elder provided an update on Denver Water's water supply and forecast. Hot, dry May weather resulted in early runoff and lower-than-average inflow to Cheesman. Despite lower flows and increased demand, reservoir storage is near normal. Most of Denver Water's collection system is in "abnormally dry" conditions, some are in moderate drought.

- Every Monday Denver Water sends out the "Water Watch" report, which has information; if interested in getting on the list please email Ashley.

CAC Business

5:50p.m. -5:55 p.m.

- Gross Reservoir update: FERC has approved Denver Water's application for a license amendment. Updates will be forthcoming.
- Water Shortage Response Implementation Plan: Discussion ensued around the review process.
 - Ashley will send out the plan after the meeting.
 - Paul suggested the group send comments to Andrew no later than Tuesday, July 21 to aggregate and determine alignment across members.
 - Will determine if an additional meeting is needed to compile and agree on comments.
 - If an additional meeting is needed, this will be in lieu of the August meeting.

Other Discussion

5:55 p.m. -6:00p.m.

- Mike asked for an update on COVID-19. Ashley noted the plan is to continue working from home for the foreseeable future to ensure the health and safety of workers who are unable to work from home.

Adjourn

6:00 p.m.

Action Items

- Anybody interested in getting the Water Watch report should email Ashley to get on the list.
- Ashley will send out the draft Water Shortage Response Implementation Plan after the meeting.
- Comments on the Water Shortage Response Implementation Plan should be sent to Andrew Ross no later than the morning of Tuesday, July 21.
- Andrew will compile the comments and share with the group to determine if a meeting on August 4 is needed.