
CAC minutes for the meeting of August 20, 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
Jim Fitzmorris, Denver Metro Homebuilders Association
Nona Shipman, Public Interest Group representative

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

CAC VACANCIES

DENVER WATER STAFF

Ashley Denault, CAC/staff liaison
Fletcher Davis, Rates Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tim Flynn

Denver Water Presentation

5 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

- Fletcher Davis presented on the preliminary Financial Plan. Presentation was emailed out after the meeting to the entire group.

CAC Business

5:20 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.

- July minutes were approved, and August agenda was approved.
- Andrew reported the Lead Advisory Group had their second meeting. The group discussed the charter for the group. Smaller groups discussed the need to get people to use the water pitchers that were distributed. People are using them for drinking not for cooking. Paul is interested in knowing the number of pitcher refusal between rentals and owners.

Denver Water Update

5:35 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- Ashley gave an update regarding Gross Reservoir and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biological opinion for the Greenback Cutthroat Trout. Studies have shown these fish are a distinct species and not endangered species, and U.S.F.W.S. therefore do not have the authority to impose conditions on the project. Denver Water received their FERC permit

which triggers some timelines for construction. Construction must begin in 2022 and be complete by 2025. Because of this tight timeline, Denver Water has moved to dismiss their lawsuit against Boulder County and the 1041 process. Denver is now submitting a 1041 permit to Boulder County as a sign of good faith.

- Ashley also gave an update on Denver Water's COVID plan. Denver Water employees will be working from home through the end of the year. She also reported on looking at additional outreach for water shut offs. Jim stated he has not heard any complaints from contractors regarding projects being held up.
- Ashley reported that Denver Water has completed removal of just over 50% of the scheduled lead service line replacements for 2020 and will hopefully have the target reached by November. They have a commitment to distribute 110,000 pitchers by September. To date they have distributed 98,000 and hope to have all pitchers distributed by late August. The requirement is to have a 65% adoption rate. Surveys show we are above the required adoption rate but would still like to get the number higher. Paul asked how Denver Water is working with community groups to get the information out within the community. Ashley said they are working with community groups to form partnerships to inform the communities about the filter program and service line replacements.
- Paul asked about the comments that were submitted regarding the Water Shortage Plan and Ashley said they have not heard anything back.

Adjourn

6:00 p.m.