

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC) MINUTES

March 12, 2019

Members Present: Don Langley (Chair), Janet Marlow (Vice Chair) Angie Binder, Jay Campbell, Tom Coker, Duane Senn, Tom Tobiassen, Susan Turnquist

Staff Present: Nancy Freed, Marshall Brown, Alex Davis, Steve Simon, Rory Franklin, Cathy Haddon

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 12, 2019

Minutes were approved and seconded.

2. AGENDA TOPICS FROM THE COMMITTEE

None.

3. INTRODUCTIONS/PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

None.

4. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

S. Turnquist advised that she will be moving at the end of the year. She stated she will no longer be living in Aurora and no longer be eligible to be on the Committee.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

T. Coker asked if Aurora Water did outreach to the different universities. He felt that would be a tremendous opportunity educate college-aged students on water. He felt there is a large number of young people becoming voters with no knowledge on water issues.

R. Franklin noted that the Water Education and Outreach division is involved with the program at Metro State University, which is One World One Water (OWOW) Center. M. Brown added that Aurora Water has increased its outreach 2-3 times over the last 7 or 8 years and what the experts say is that the earlier you reach the kid the more successful you are. We've primarily focused on grade schools and middle schools, and periodically go into the high schools. We do have some different programs with some different colleges, such as Metro State, but we also sponsor a number of programs. There's definitely more that could be done. N. Freed stated that it really is difficult for us to serve as an educator role for all the schools systems. She added that she feels what we've done in the public schools here in Aurora is tremendous and probably more than most other water agencies do. And we really need to focus on the citizens within Aurora. S. Turnquist noted that there a number of organizations in Colorado that specifically are about water education. They are non-profits and that's what they are set up to do and they have programs, produce materials, etc. R. Franklin added our education and outreach team hit a milestone this year where they have had outreach to more than 12,000 students this last year in the Aurora Public and Cherry Creek schools. They are also moving into more of the high schools and doing programs with them as well.

6. ASSET MANAGEMENT

S. Simon gave a detailed overview of Aurora Water’s Asset Management Program. He stated that he is the Principle Engineer responsible for building and implementing the program and been doing mostly Asset Management type things for the last 4-1/2 years. He explained what drove Aurora Water to create the program, how they are implementing the program, where they currently are and see it going as well as some of the other asset management activities they are doing in conjunction with actually developing the program.

7. WATER STORAGE PROJECTS UPDATE

A. Davis gave the Committee an overview on the City of Aurora’s water supply and system. She showed the current storage by reservoir and updated the Committee on the five different storage projects Aurora Water is working on; Wild Horse reservoir, Box Creek Reservoir, the Recovery of Yield (ROY) Storage project, North Campus Storage and Aquifer Storage and Recovery.

8. REVIEW FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS GENERATED AT THIS MEETING

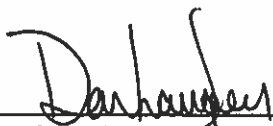
T. Coker requested a presentation on Lost Creek in the future.

9. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in the Lowry Room.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52



Don Langley, Chair
Citizens’ Water Advisory Committee



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ADOPTED: 4/19/2019