# CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC) MINUTES May 14, 2019

Members Present:

Don Langley (Chair), Janet Marlow (Vice Chair), Tom Coker (Teleconference), Duane

Senn (Teleconference), Tom Tobiassen, Susan Turnquist

Excused Absence:

Angie Binder, Jay Campbell,

Staff Present:

Nancy Freed, Marshall Brown, Jo Ann Giddings, Greg Baker, Sarah Young, Kathy

Kitzmann, Doug Rulison, Greg Hansen, Cathy Haddon

**Visitors Present:** 

Jim Mitchell

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 16, 2019

Minutes were approved and seconded.

#### 2. AGENDA TOPICS FROM THE COMMITTEE

- Risk Management/Emergency Management Plans presentation requested by S. Turnquist.

#### 3. INTRODUCTIONS/PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Jim Mitchell, prior CWAC Committee Member, asked for clarification on the watering restriction message that was printed on the water bills this month.

#### 4. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- Youth Water Festival
- G. Baker reminded the committee of the date of the Youth Water Festival (May 16, 2019) and noted that it is a great opportunity for the committee members to volunteer.
- Aurora Water asked to submit a Guest Column article to the Colorado Sun
  - G. Baker noted that the Colorado Sun asked for a Guest Column article from M. Brown on why, even in wet years, storage is still critically important.
- Water Tour July 30 and 31
  - G. Baker asked the Members to let him know by the end of May, if they are planning to attend.
- Arkansas Valley Tour
  - G. Baker noted that, the results of the date poll showed that Thursday, August 29 would be the best day for the tour.

## 6. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER

- J. Giddings went through the report highlighting areas of importance. She noted the new chart/graph that was incorporated at the Committee's request after her last report where F. Aranda offered some suggestions of different ways the information could be presented.
- T. Tobiassen asked if it was ever forecasted what a major pipeline failure would cost. J. Giddings said she could get the information from the one that happen approximately a year ago in the Otero pipeline. M. Brown noted that, although we could get you that number, it would be difficult to predict what the cost would be for a failure in any specific area.

#### 7. ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

K. Kitzmann provided an update of the 2019 bills currently in the legislature relating to water and provided a current spreadsheet showing their status.

## 8. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

D. Rulison gave the Committee a presentation on the fundamentals of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) within Aurora Water as well as the past, present and future state of Aurora Water GIS program.

## 9. PROPOSED SOUTH EAST AREA MAINTENANCE (SEAM) FACILITY

S. Young gave the Committee a presentation on the proposed South East Area Maintenance (SEAM) facility explaining the Central Facilities Space Study that was conducted in 2016-2017 and how based on the findings of that study, the recommendation was for a new facility to be constructed in southeast Aurora. She explained where they are in the process right now, how they got there and steps that will be taken in the future.

## 10. REVIEW FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS GENERATED AT THIS MEETING None.

## 11. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in the Lowry Room.

#### 12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Don Langley, Chair Citizens' Water Advisory Committee

ubmitted by: Cathy Haddon

Administrative Specialist, Aurora Water

ADOPTED: 6/11/2019