

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC) MINUTES

June, 11, 2019

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

Excused Absence: Susan Turnquist

Staff Present: Sarah Young, Greg Baker, Tim York, Rory Franklin, Diana Denwood, Shiva Sapkota, Cathy Haddon, Dara Sanders

Visitors Present: Jim Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2019

The minutes were approved and seconded.

2. AGENDA TOPICS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no topics from the committee.

3. INTRODUCTIONS/PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Dara Sanders was introduced as Cathy Haddon's CWAC backup. Introductions were made around the room.

4. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

There was no new or old business.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- Personnel Changes - Kelley Neumann retired. Sarah Young is the new Deputy Director for Planning & Engineering. Steve Sciba is the new Deputy Director of Operations. Dan Mikesell is Director of Operations. Marshall Brown is General Manager. It was clarified that M. Brown will still report directly to the City Manager and Deputy City Manager.
 - Update on Snowpack - Spinney Mountain Reservoir will fill by next week. Substantial flooding is a possibility in Park County. It is expected that the dream stream will be impacted. All reservoirs are full, so all incoming water will have to pass through which will cause flooding of the South Platte. Jefferson Lake cannot be filled more than 50% due to required repairs. A question was posed; why is Dillon Reservoir so low? It is due to snowpack melt-off mitigation.
 - The September 10 CWAC meeting conflicts with the Special Study Session Boards and Commissions Budget Presentation.
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6. SOLAR PROJECT PRESENTATION

Committee viewed Shiva Sapkota's presentation very favorably. The presentation explained Aurora Water plans

for installing solar panels at various Aurora Water sites.

7. PROPOSED COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY REBATE

- Diana Denwood presented the concept of introducing a rebate for commercial laundry facilities in Aurora that employ any of four different water saving technologies: Ozone, Polymer Bead, Partial Reuse, and Full Reuse.
 - Committee Questions & Discussion:
 - How are the polymer beads disposed of? Concerns were made that the plastic materials will wind up in water and landfill.
 - J. Campbell is concerned with putting ozone machines in the hands of people working in commercial laundries. There is a health and safety risk.
 - T. Tobiassen - This could be a huge water savings, why not offer yearly rebate? T. York replied that the reason we don't offer yearly rebate is because of how water rights/usage works. We only offset the initial water purchase to offset first year savings. T. Tobiassen countered that we could offer to pay the laundries to save water. The rebate could be used as incentive for continuing to use the machines. G. Baker stated the rebate is only looking to offset the initial purchase of the equipment.
 - A. Binder suggested that staff talk to commercial laundries and operators (such as Cintas or other major uniform companies) to evaluate value and feasibility.
 - How many rebates has Xcel delivered?
 - How much water can we save over the next five years?
 - Conclusions: The committee would like more information. T. Tobiassen suggested to implement a five-year project and reevaluate after five years. T. York said it shouldn't take much Aurora Water staff time to manage the program. T. Tobiassen wants to encourage conservation and thinks this may help. T. Tobiassen suggested running the idea by industry people. D. Denwood will contact Cintas for industry input. The committee was supportive of taking this proposal to Water Policy Committee with the additional information requested.
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8. DECISION ON UPCOMINGS MEETINGS

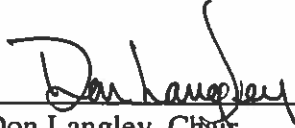
Due to the annual 2019 Water Tour and the committee tour of the Rocky Ford office on August 29, it was agreed to skip the August 13, 2019, meeting.

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

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

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Don Langley, Chair
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee



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ADOPTED: 7/9/2019