

Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Minutes
February 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Angie Binder – Chair, Dick Eason - Vice Chair, Jay Campbell, Tom Coker, Dennis Dechant, Bill Gondrez, Dave Patterson, Janet Marlow, Daniel Widrich

Absent:

Staff Present: Catherine Schumacher, Greg Baker, Leiana Baker, Jo Ann Giddings, Dean Bedford, Marshall Brown, Sonya Gonzalez, Gail Thrasher, Fernando Aranda Perozo, Alex Davis, Rory Franklin

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of January 11, 2022 Minutes

The January 11, 2022, minutes were approved.

2. Introductions/Public Invited to be Heard

None,

3. New/Old Business

None.

4. Communications Update

G. Baker stated, articles are showing how dry it is and Arapahoe county is in a severe drought. Snowpack has not recovered so far. D. Widrich asked, is there something published online regarding the extreme drought conditions? G. Baker replied, there is a drought a page on the city website <https://www.auroragov.org/residents/water/drought> that shows the water storage, snowpack and has links to the Colorado climate center and the National Drought monitor. A. Binder asked, how is any of that going to interact with the new statewide campaign? G. Baker replied, this year the campaign is focusing on the Colorado River Compact the website is <https://water22.org/>. Colorado's mission is education on water issues that are partially funded by Colorado Water Conservation Board.

5. Fourth Quarter Financial Update

J. Giddings gave an update of the Fourth Quarter financials.

J Campbell asked, how does Aurora approach the new connections with the growth rate? J. Giddings replied, it's our policy that we keep a certain amount of extra water supply to be able to continue to grow. D. Widrich asked, in terms of the water conservation efforts are there any

tracking mechanisms to identify whether an individual or an individual property where water conservation efforts like xeriscaping are being implemented and what percentage is being used? G. Baker replied, it's a combination of both and we do a lot of data tracking. With the new AMI water meters being installed it will show water usage on a 15 minute basis rather than monthly. J. Campbell asked, is there a reason why tap fees are a lot more expensive with growth? M. Brown replied, when developers plan their projects there is a discussion about water use and how it affects the tap fees and how they might be able to reduce them.

6. Piney Creek Waterline Repair

C. Schumacher gave a presentation. D. Dechant asked, did one contractor do all three methods? C. Schumacher replied, yes.

7. Colorado Anti-Speculation Law Work Group

A. Davis gave a presentation. D. Eason asked, has California seen any impact on the water futures contracts and who determines the value of the water? A. Davis replied, transparency is one of the issues around the idea of water markets. It may not be an open market for long because cities are buying the water and I don't think they will ever sell that water. D. Widrich asked, the largest user of water in Aurora bottles the water. How does that work with these laws? A. Davis replied, they are buying the water as a consumer and don't own the water rights.

8. Review Follow-up Questions Generated at this Meeting

J. Marlow asked, what is slip lining? G. Baker replied, rather than dig up the pipe we are slipping a new steel pipe into it. A. Binder asked, will there be a Water Festival this year? G. Baker replied, yes, it will be smaller for about 150 students. A. Binder asked, will future meetings be hybrid or in person? M. Brown replied, in person maybe in couple of months and will continue to be hybrid as well.

9. Confirm Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2022

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Angie Binder, Chair
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee

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