

**Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Minutes**  
**April 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**  
Hybrid - via Microsoft Teams

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Leiana Baker, Greg Baker, Rory Franklin, Jo Ann Giddings, Fernando Aranda, Gail Thrasher, Melina Bourdeau, Kathy Kitzmann, Alex Davis

Visitors Present:

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The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

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**1. Approval of March 8, 2022 Minutes**

The March 8, 2022, minutes were approved.

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**2. Introductions/Public Invited to be Heard**

None.

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**3. New/Old Business**

G. Baker gave an update on the non-functional turf item that went to WPC and they are supportive.

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**4. Communications Update**

None.

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**5. Legislative Update**

K. Kitzmann gave an update of the 2022 State Legislative Review.

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**6. Water Connection Fee Changes and Credit Card Fees**

F. Aranda gave a presentation.

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**7. Aurora Water Drought Response**

G. Baker gave an overview of the Drought Action Team. Aurora Water initiated the Drought Action Team in early 2021 with the objective of bringing together staff from across divisions to develop recommendations and propose actions to mitigate drought risks. The Drought Action Team vetted over 40 mitigation options and developed a feasible list of options to implement. The

team also provided recommendations on how to improve Aurora's future drought planning and response. The team put together a 2021 Drought Action Team report that summarized the 2021 drought conditions, Aurora's response, as well as detailed discussion of the team's recommendations. Drought conditions have improved since 2021, but the Drought Action Team continues to meet on a regular basis to monitor conditions and track progress on their recommended projects and actions.

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## **8. Water Management Plan**

G. Baker gave an overview of the Water Management Plan. Water Management Plans have been in place in Aurora since 2003. From 2004 to 2012, the plan was revised and presented to council for approval on an annual basis. In 2013, an on-going WMP was approved that is active until an amendment is required. At the time of approval, the City Council requested that Aurora Water simplify the plan's language and presentation. Based on this request, as well as lessons learned from a drought from 2012 to 2013, Aurora Water presented a WMP to be in effect beginning in 2017 that reduced the water availability stages from six to four. This resulted in the removal of several intermediate stages that projected minimal water savings, yet required substantial outreach.

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## **9. Economic Work Group Status**

J. Marlow stated, there's not much of an update. We've given Greg a couple more things that we'd like to see, some basic data.

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## **10. Summer Tours**

G. Baker will do a Doodle poll for the committee's availability.

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## **11. Review Follow-Up Questions at this Meeting**

None.

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## **12. Confirm Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 2022 Hybrid meeting Aspen room.**

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## **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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[Angie Binder \(May 13, 2022 18:04 MDT\)](#)

Angie Binder, Chair  
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee

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