

**Citizens' Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Minutes**  
**March 14, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**  
Aspen Room/Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Angie Binder – Chair, Dick Eason - Vice Chair, Janet Marlow, Jay Campbell (Teams), Daniel Widrich, Dennis Dechant, Tom Coker (Teams)

Absent: None

Staff Present: Alex Davis, Alex Gagliardi, Greg Baker, Rory Franklin, Rich Vidmar, Matt Ashley, Carrie Stovall, John Clark

Visitors Present: None

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

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**1. Approval of February 14, 2023 Minutes**

The February 14, 2023, minutes were approved with amendments.

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

None.

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**3. Communications Update**

G. Baker noted that staff has begun outreach on the drought stage declaration and had scheduled to present at multiple ward townhall meetings. Conservation was holding three town halls targeting HOAs, Metro Districts and landscapers. He also highlighted the drought resource webpage at [AuroraGov.org/Drought](https://AuroraGov.org/Drought). Council asked that we include details showing why Aurora is in drought stage when the rest of the state is doing well in snowpack. J. Marlow suggested that a presentation should also be made to the local realtor associations and to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. D. Widrich asked how day-of-week restrictions would impact large properties on the watering variance program. G. Baker stated that while variance program participants are exempt fo day-of-week restrictions, they do have “allowance” or variance allocation that is applied to their account to ensure that they are watering efficiency. That allocation will be reduced by 20% to achieve the target goal for the drought stage.

R. Franklin updated the committee on recent proposed regularity levels for PFAS recently released by the EPA. Staff are still reviewing the proposed levels to understand the impact on Aurora’s system.

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**4. Wild Horse Reservoir Update**

R. Vidmar and J. Clarke updated the committee on the status of the Proposed Wild Horse Reservoir in Park County. Recent geotechnical exploration has resulted in a smaller physical footprint for the reservoir than had been projected earlier, but raising the dams has retained the desired volume of 93,000 acre-feet. This smaller footprint should result in less evaporative loss. Geotech work will continue for the next two years, which dam design is moving forward. 30% design is expected

later this year. Permitting with the Bureau of Land Management may begin this summer as well.

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**5. Source Water Protection Plan**

M. Ashley & C. Stovall presented on Aurora Waters’ Source Water Protection Plan, which identifies risks and mitigations for the multiple watershed that could impact the city’s water system. They identified partnerships with other entities that help manage the scale, scope and expense.

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**6. Proposed committee restructure update**

G. Baker, Public Relations Manager for Aurora Water, updated the committee on the proposed change to the Citizen’s Water Advisory Committee’s structure. Dick Eason identified two typos that were artifacts in the ordinance language from the redline process. The next step for the ordinance is to bring this to the Water Policy Committee, most likely at its April meeting. D. Dechant asked what drove the need for the committee to provide input into the areas identified in the ordinances. G. Baker stated that there are proposals for either water uses or water supply that could benefit from an avenue for reconsideration.

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**7. New/Old Business**

None

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**8. Review Follow-Up Questions**

G, Baker will provide a link to images comparing forest density over time.

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**9. Confirm Next Meeting – Tuesday March 14, 2023.**

Th next meeting on April 14, 2023 was confirmed.

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**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

*Angie Binder*

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Angie Binder, Chair  
Citizens’ Water Advisory Committee

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