

Citizens’ Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Minutes
April 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Aspen Room/Microsoft Teams

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

Absent: Janet Marlow

Staff Present: Alex Davis, Alex Gagliardi, Greg Baker, Rory Franklin (Teams), Melina Bourdeau (Teams)

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Approval of March 14, 2023 Minutes

The March 14, 2023, minutes were approved.

2. Introductions/Public Invited to be Heard

None.

3. Communications Update

G. Baker asked council members to start thinking about what tours they would like to take this year.

A. Binder asked what today’s announcement from President Biden means. A. Davis gave background information on the seven states that share water from the Colorado River and Mexico. Gave a brief description of how that may change due to the President’s announcement.

4. Storage Update

A. Davis provided an update on the status of water storage projects in the South Platte and Arkansas River Basins. Discussed Aurora Water’s twelve reservoirs in three basins, which are used to manage water supplies. Provided an overview of the capacities as well as current and future needs. The Water Department is working on six future storage projects - Wild Horse Reservoir, Box Creek, Recovery of Yield (ROY) Storage, South Platte Gravel Pits and Aquifer Storage and Recovery and East Reservoir.

T. Coker asked if we still mine gold at Box Creek and if there are mineral issues. G. Baker and A. Davis explained that there are still gold mining operations but do not know of any mineral issues at this point, that would take environmental studies to find out.

D. Eason asked if we have water rights at the East Reservoir location. Per A. Davis, not necessarily but we have storage rights.

5. Drought Messaging

The recent declaration moving Aurora into Stage I Water Availability (drought stage) required outreach with council constituents at ward meetings, HOAs/ metro districts and landscapers, and public engagement using traditional and digital media. G. Baker shared the presentation materials being used to equip CWAC members for their discussions with the community.

D. Eason asked what “average” is. A. Davis and G. Baker explained that it is a 30-year average that resets every 10 years.

A. Binder asked about water monitors and if there will be a hotline for people to call and G. Baker explained there already is one for people to call and ask questions.

7. New/Old Business

G. Baker asked if members had any suggestions for tours. Wildhorse will have to wait until later this summer due to Golden Eagle nesting.

D. Wildrich suggested anything close to or on the way to Wildhorse.

G. Baker explained the new credit card fees that will be going into effect in July or August.

8. Review Follow-Up Questions

None.

9. Confirm Next Meeting – Tuesday May 9, 2023.

The next meeting on May 9, 2023 was confirmed.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Angie Binder

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Angie Binder, Chair
Citizens’ Water Advisory Committee

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