

Citizens’ Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) Minutes
May 9, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Aspen Room/Microsoft Teams

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

Absent: Janet Marlow

Staff Present: Alex Davis, Alex Gagliardi, Greg Baker, Rory Franklin, Sarah Young, Fernando Aranda, Kathy Kitzmann, Melina Bourdeau (Teams), Sonya Gonzalez (Teams), Gail Thrasher (Teams)

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Approval of April 11, 2023 Minutes

The April 11, 2023, minutes were approved.

2. Introductions/Public Invited to be Heard

None.

3. Communications Update

G. Baker informed the committee that the annual water quality report (Consumer Confidence Report) has been posted at auroragov.org/ccr.

G. Baker offered eyeonwater.com as a resource to track and manage water usage.

G. Baker invited the committee to come observe the Youth Water Festival on May 18.

G. Baker gave update on the committee restructuring plan

D. Widrich asked what the current status of the reservoirs is. G. Baker stated we are at 54% capacity and snowpack is at 70%.

4a. Quarterly Financial Report – First Quarter 2023

F. Aranda, Rate Analyst, presented the Quarterly Financial Report. He discussed combined operating revenues, development revenues and operating expenses.

D. Dechant asked what the expected or planned growth rate is. S. Young estimated 1.4%.

D. Dechant asked what our plan is to increase water supply to meet the growth. S. Young and G. Baker explained that the Integrated Master Water Plan is close to being finished and that is a

100-year plan which focuses on that issue. Aurora Water plans to stay ahead of growth and that plan will be completed for presentation in the near future.

4b. Capital Improvement Project of the Quarter – SEAM

S. Young presented on the Southeast Area Maintenance (SEAM) project. She explained the need for this space as well as the history of this project so far. Design updates, pictures and videos were all presented.

D. Widrich asked if there will be a laundry facility. S. Young explained the current Uniform Service and that will continue to be used.

K. Kitzmann asked if CWAC meetings will move to SEAM. G. Baker confirmed meetings will move to the new facility.

A. Binder asked how in-person staffing has changed. S. Young explained some admin staff are preparing to be in the office more at SEAM but will still be hybrid.

D. Widrich asked if there is anything to prevent overcrowding at SEAM. He is concerned things will get pushed to this location because it has space. G. Baker and S. Young explained that the new Water facility will only fill about 1/3 of the property so there is room for additional departments to grow out there.

5. Legislative Update

K. Kitzmann summarized the first regular session of the 74th Colorado General Assembly. 612 bills and 61 resolutions/memorials were introduced this session. Aurora water is tracking about 57 bills and 2 resolutions. The presentation highlighted a few of the bills Aurora Water has interest in. Aurora Water is also monitoring the Hill v. Warsewa court case.

D. Eason asked if the Conservation Team was going to assist HOA's come up with pre-approved water-wise landscapes. G. Baker said that they may help because they do some individual designs currently. He is also hoping that developers will help with that and he will try to get additional information.

6. Colorado River Update

A. Davis provided a brief update on various issues and events related to the Colorado River. She displayed the various Colorado River basins, reviewed the compacts, laws, agreements and guidelines of the river and how those may change in the future. She explained the drought contingency plans and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Additional issues included "balancing", sustainability, system losses, shortages/reductions, tributaries, tribal rights, demand management, compensations for conservation and preservation of existing rights.

D. Dechant asked what happens when all the lawsuits start. A. Davis explained that generally they go to the Supreme Court.

D. Dechant asked if we've heard anything about Nebraska wanting to build their canal. G. Baker said they are still planning on completing the canal.

7. New/Old Business

A. Binder asked about tours. G. Baker explained nothing is final yet, still being planned.

8. Review Follow-Up Questions

None.

9. Confirm Next Meeting – Tuesday June 13, 2023.

The next meeting on June 13, 2023 was confirmed.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Angie Binder

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Angie Binder, Chair
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee

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