

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES
of the
Board of Water Commissioners**

Denver Water Administration Building
1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO
Board Room, First Floor

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376, Password: 600590
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, January 25, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376, Password: 600590 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Craig Jones, President
Dominique Gómez, First Vice President
Stephanie Donner, Vice President
Tyrone J. Gant, Vice President
Gary M. Reiff, Vice President

Board employees and others present during portions of the meeting were:

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	A. Hill, Government Relations Liaison
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Joseph, Attorney
J. Brody, General Counsel	J. Lorton, Director Accounting
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	R. Peters, Engineer Sr.
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	K. Riegler, Attorney
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	R. Slade, Planner Lead
	L. Southard, Business Operations Support

U. Sharma, <i>Acting</i> Chief Financial Officer	B. Stacy, Law Clerk
D. Arnold, Attorney	J. Taussig, Director EMSS
J. Bandy, Planning Manager	C. Garcia, CAC
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal	B. Henry, City of Thornton
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs	C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District
S. Dozier, Water Quality Lead	
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager	

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Jones issued an invitation to members of the public to comment to the Board on any matters not included in the meeting Agenda. There was no public comment.

Ceremonies, Awards, and Introductions

Mr. Marsicek announced that Mr. Peters was one of nine individuals from across the state to be recognized as a Basin Hero by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for his innovation and leadership in implementing the Colorado Water Plan. Mr. Peters has been on the Metro Basin Roundtable for five years, and recently took over as chair of the Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) program. The Board and entire executive team offered congratulations, thanking Mr. Peters for his leadership.

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill reported that since the commencement of the Legislative Session, approximately 200 bills have been introduced, including several bills addressing water resources, wildfire, forest health, and watershed protection. Denver Water staff is currently reviewing these bills but has not taken a formal position on any legislation. A summary of the most notable bills has been provided to the Board.

Mr. Hill was available to answer any questions regarding the Legislative Update Briefing Paper. The Board had no questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried by the Commissioners then present, unless otherwise noted, the Board acted upon the following agenda items:

1. ITEM II-A-1: FIRST AMENDMENT TO JUNE 17, 2021 INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND TEMPORARY AMENDMENT OF THE MARCH 3, 1987 ROCK CREEK LEASE AGREEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY MODIFIED CONTRACT 504884; AND THE 2023 WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR BUDGET AGREEMENT CONTRACT 505585

Approved the First Amendment to Contract 504884 with the River District and an extension of the contract period through December 31, 2024.

Approved Contract 505585 with the River District for the expenditure of Denver Water's annual operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation (OM&R) contribution in 2023 for Wolford Mountain Reservoir, for the contract period from January 25, 2023 to December 31, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$770,312.

POLICY MATTERS

2. ITEM III-A: WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Mr. Slade presented the Board with the Water Supply Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He recapped that last year's snowpack was below average and soils had lower than expected moisture levels. With the help of late summer storms, reservoir storage did not decline as much as predicted and came in about normal.

In comparison, soil moisture is much improved this year, with the highest levels since 2014, and we can expect increased runoff efficiency compared to recent years. The snowpack for the South Platte River Collection System is presently at 36% of normal peak, and the snowpack for the Colorado River Collection System is at 51% of normal peak. Denver Water's reservoir storage is currently at 83% full, which is average for this time of year. The usable supply reservoir storage is tracking a normal weather forecast, and we anticipate filling all of our reservoirs. Although there are three months of winter left, Mr. Slade noted that it has been a great start to the year.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

3. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Lochhead briefly highlighted that he will be attending the 2023 Annual Colorado Water Congress Convention, which is being held this week. The gathering provides a forum for education, collaboration, and networking in furtherance of a strong, effective, and fair State water plan.

4. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Anderson reported that Denver Water's 2022 Year-in-Review is available for the Board's review. This report highlights the great work completed by Denver Water in 2022, in addition to its established yearly organizational priorities.


BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS


5. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

The Board received a Briefing Paper for Legislative Strategy, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit B.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:16 a.m.

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Secretary

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President