

**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: 872 1865 8377, Password: 635791
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 872 1865 8377

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, June 22, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 872 1865 8377, Password: 635791 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 872 1865 8377. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

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

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

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	A. Hase, Engineer Associate
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	A. Joseph, Attorney
A.C. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	D. Martinelli, Finance Associate Analyst
J. Brody, General Counsel	C. Mbakago, Division Sr. Analyst
B. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	M. McDonald, Scientist Sr.
D. Gorgemans, Internal Auditor	J. Mellette, Organization Improvement Sr. Facilitator
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	L. Meyer, Intern
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	S. Monge, Program Administrator

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T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
E. Abbott, IT Applications Manager
S. Abram, Director Finance Planning & Performance
C. Brummitt, Attorney
C. Burri, Scientist Lead
M. Buys, EMSS Manager
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal
Y. Cha, Procurement Manager
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs
M. Davies, Engineer
F. Davis, Rates Manager
S. Dozier, Water Quality Lead
D. Fairburn, Engineer
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager

K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
S. Overby, Business Operations Support
J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer
T. Popacondria, Attorney
L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
K. Riegle, Attorney
K. Rocha, Procurement Specialist
U. Sharma, Treasurer
J. Taussig, Director EMSS
J. Walter, Finance Analyst
P. Williams, Executive Assistant
A. Witheridge, Scientist Lead
M. Altland
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District
M. Nelson
D. Newnam

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Reiff 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.

Mr. Lochhead acknowledged that an employee of Kiewit Barnard was fatally injured at the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project. The accident occurred on Saturday evening as the employee was driving a large vehicle during nighttime operations. Mr. Lochhead emphasized that any fatality on any job site is a serious concern and even though this was an incident with the Kiewit Barnard extended family, it was also a loss for the Denver Water family. He stated that the Gross Reservoir construction site is currently closed to further construction activities, pending investigation, and the Gross Reservoir recreation area is closed indefinitely.

Mr. Lochhead and the Board expressed their condolences to the employee's family and friends during this difficult time.

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: 2022 CONDUIT VALVE REPLACEMENTS – CONTRACT 505108

Approved Contract 505108 with Iron Woman Construction and Environmental Services, LLC for 2022 Conduit Valve Replacements construction for the contract period from June 22, 2022 to May 15, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,569,109.

2. ITEM II-B-1: 2022 HARRIMAN RAW WATER DITCH RATES

Mr. Davis presented the Board with the proposed 2022 Harriman Raw Water Ditch Rates. He reported staff's recommendation to increase the annual ditch rate for Harriman Reservoir water from \$114.33 to \$146.48 per inch right, or approximately \$0.59 per thousand gallons, to meet the costs associated with delivering water through the Harriman Reservoir. He noted that the increase, driven largely by operations and maintenance costs in 2021, remains modest.

Adopted and approved the annual ditch rate increase for Harriman Reservoir water from \$114.33 to \$146.48 per inch right to meet the costs associated with delivering water through Harriman Reservoir, effective immediately.

3. ITEM II-B-2: UPDATED RESOLUTION FOR NO-FAULT MAIN BREAK ASSISTANCE

Mr. Good presented the Board with the Updated Resolution for No-Fault Main Break Assistance, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He reported that Denver Water has had a voluntary main break assistance program since 1997, which covers three major elements: cleanup/mitigation; repair/restoration; and vehicles/personal property. The Board's most recent Resolution for No-Fault Main Break Assistance was adopted in 2019 and has a reimbursement cap of \$8,000 per household for uninsured personal property loss. Staff is recommending an adjusted increase to this cap based on inflation and on field experience, retroactive to June 8, 2022. The revised resolution also includes stronger language requiring proof of insurance to qualify for reimbursement of personal property losses.

Commissioner Reiff noted that this updated Resolution is a complex and challenging balancing act between Denver Water's ratepayers and those homeowners and tenants impacted by main breaks.

Approved the revised No-Fault Main Break Assistance Resolution, applicable retroactive to June 8, 2022.

POLICY MATTERS

4. ITEM III-A: WILDFIRE RESPONSE

Ms. McDonald and Mr. Taussig provided the Board with a Wildfire Response presentation, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. Ms. McDonald provided an overview of Denver Water's Wildfire Emergency Management Cycle, highlighting a portfolio of solutions to minimize impacts to Denver Water's collection system and to its customers when wildfires occur. This portfolio includes external partnerships, such as with the Colorado State Forest Service, and Denver Water's internal wildfire response, including its wildland fire coordination group, wildfire readiness and recovery framework, and wildfire response tools. She noted that a couple examples of effective planning and response coordination include the Gross Reservoir Fire Management and Response Plan and the 2020 Williams Fork Fire.

Mr. Taussig outlined additional contributions to Denver Water's wildfire response made possible through agreements and partnerships with the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, the County Sheriff's Office, and the County's Office of Emergency Management. He also touched on active legacy wildland fire agreements and discussed how wildland fire response is funded.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

5. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Lochhead reported on the continuing deterioration of conditions in the Colorado River basin, stating that the Colorado River system storage is currently at 35% compared to 42% at this time last year, with the projected end of year total system storage at 25%. The projected inflow this year is 58% of normal compared to 37% of normal last year. In 2021, water use in the Upper Basin states went down by one million acre-feet. In contrast, despite voluntary restrictions, total use has not gone down in the Lower Basin states where overuse continues. As a result, this week federal officials announced that the

Upper and Lower Basin states have 60 days to create an emergency plan to reduce water usage by 2 to 4 million acre-feet in the next year or the federal government will impose mandatory restrictions.

Mr. Lochhead indicated that this is a huge reduction in water use, noting that the majority of reductions will need to happen in the Lower Basin states.

6. ITEM IV-B: CFO UPDATE

Ms. Bricmont reported that the May Financial Report has been prepared for the Board's review, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes and Exhibit C.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

7. ITEM V-A-1: LEAD REDUCTION PROGRAM DASHBOARD

The Board received a Report for the Lead Reduction Program Dashboard, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit D.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 9:49 a.m.

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Secretary

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Gary M. Reiff
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