

**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: 843 9089 7771, Password: 350121
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 843 9089 7771

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, July 13, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 843 9089 7771, Password: 350121 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 843 9089 7771. 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. Ingram, Procurement Supervisor
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	P. Jensen, Total Rewards Manager
J. Brody, General Counsel	D. Martinelli, Finance Analyst
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	C. Mbakago, Division Sr. Analyst
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	H. Miller, Internal Controls Manager
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
J. Ross, <i>acting</i> Chief Engineering Officer	S. Overby, Business Operations Support
	C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist

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S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst
D. Brinker, Engineering Manager
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal
Y. Cha, Procurement Manager
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs
J. Daly, Finance Sr. Analyst
J. Daly, Procurement Specialist
D. Fairburn, Engineer
K. Forbes, Director Human Resources
E. Gleason, Engineer Sr.

L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
K. Riegler, Attorney
U. Sharma, Treasurer
L. Southard, Business Operations Support
J. Taussig, Director EMSS
B. Wedell, Strategic Sourcing Specialist
A. Woodrow, Lead Program Manager
M. Atland, Mott MacDonald
M. Nelson
M. Whelan, Anchor QEA

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Agenda for the meeting. There was no public comment.

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: MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2022

Approved the Minutes from the June 8, 2022 Board Meeting.

2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM JUNE 22, 2022

Approved the Minutes from the June 22, 2022 Board Meeting.

3. ITEM II-A-3: 2022 WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR BUDGET AGREEMENT – CONTRACT 505316

Approved Contract 505316 with the Colorado River Water Conservation District for Denver Water's portion of Wolford Mountain Reservoir's annual operation,

maintenance, and rehabilitation costs during the 2022 calendar year, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$427,039.

4. ITEM II-A-4: ADOPTION TO DENVER COUNTY'S LOCAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Approved the Resolution adopting the Denver County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022 as it pertains to Denver Water, with conforming changes.

5. ITEM II-B-1: STRONTIA SPRINGS RESERVOIR DEEP SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT DESIGN PHASE SERVICES – CONTRACT 505333

Ms. Hase presented the Board with the Strontia Springs Reservoir Deep Sediment Removal Project update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. She reported that Strontia Springs Dam and Reservoir was constructed in 1982 with a reservoir capacity of 7,863 acre-feet. The dam is one of twenty dams in Denver Water's collection system and is critical to both Denver Water and Aurora Water's collection systems with over 80% of the water for Denver Water passing through the reservoir.

Ms. Hase explained that the reservoir currently contains an estimated 1.6 million cubic yards of sediment, approximately 18% of the reservoir's original capacity. Sedimentation has been an ongoing issue since the reservoir's original construction and an average of 50,000 cubic yards of additional sediment, equivalent to approximately 5,000 dump truck loads, accumulates annually, with more contributed by wildfires and large runoff events.

In 2019, a Choosing by Advantages (CBA) workshop recommended establishing a long-term sediment management program, which combines both upstream watershed sediment management and periodic sediment removal. The Strontia Springs Reservoir will be the first sediment removal project as part of that program, addressing the deep sediment deposit near the emergency reservoir drain system and hydropower intake. The project goal is to remove about 10,000 cubic yards of sediment to reduce the potential risks that impact facility operations. The design phase will start this fall and continue through 2023 with the construction phase slated for 2024.

In response to questions from the Board, Ms. Hase acknowledged the possibility that the sediment removal will need to be addressed every ten years. Mr. Lochhead added that the sediment accumulation is a difficult and ongoing challenge for which staff has reviewed various options and approaches.

Approved Contract 505333 with Anchor QEA for the Strontia Springs Reservoir Deep Sediment Removal Project – Design Phase Services for the contract period from July 13, 2022 to December 31, 2023, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$434,561.

6. ITEM II-B-2: APPROVAL OF 2023 MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION RATES FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

Ms. Forbes reported on plan design changes for 2023 that will bring Denver Water’s medical, dental, and vision plans closer in alignment with the market, including a High Deductible Health Plan option, enhanced dental benefits, and a decrease in employee contributions for dental and vision coverage.

Commissioner Reiff thanked Ms. Forbes for her team’s work.

Approved the recommended plan design changes and the 2023 Medical, Dental, and Vision Contributions for the 2023 plan year.

POLICY MATTERS

7. ITEM III-B: LEAD REDUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Ms. Woodrow presented the Board with the Lead Reduction Program (LRP) update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. She provided an overview of the LRP Dashboard, highlighting 2022 program accomplishments and goals. She noted that the project team is continuing to meet all regulatory deadlines and corrosion control treatment requirements. The program continues to receive positive feedback from customers, and there has been an uptick in filter usage for cooking, which staff attributes to the program’s successful community outreach activities.

Ms. Woodrow stated that, in combination with the LRP’s many successes, Denver Water is in the process of applying for additional program funding made available through the federal infrastructure bill. Staff has also been meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to negotiate an extension of the lead variance for the remaining 12 years of the program, which was approved for an initial 3-year period in 2019, for a total 15-year replacement period. The final renewal decision from the EPA is anticipated in the fall of 2022.


8. ITEM III-C: AUTHORITY TO BIND DENVER WATER

Mr. Good presented the Board with the Spending Authority Overview, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C. He provided background on the history behind the Board's spending authority, an overview of the current Spending Authority Resolution, and a preview of proposed changes for the Board's consideration, including newly proposed provisions and nondiscretionary categories. He noted that staff is not proposing to change the current dollar thresholds for the CEO/Manager's authority.

In response to suggestions from Commissioner Reiff, Mr. Good thanked the Board for their direction and stated that the revised formal resolution would come before the Board at the July 27, 2022 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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President