

AGENDA

Denver Board of Water Commissioners

Denver Water Board Room, 1600 W 12th Avenue, Denver, Co 80204 and

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 882 3417 6376 - Passcode: 600590 or

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Members of the public are welcome to attend either in person or by video conference

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 9:00 a.m.

I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

A. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

B. Public Comment and Communications

At this point in the agenda, the Board may allow members of the public to address the Board on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the agenda for action. Speakers wishing to address a specific Action Item will be invited to address the Board when the item is being considered. Three minutes are allowed for each person unless the President determines otherwise.

1. Distributor Communications
2. Citizen Advisory Committee Communications

C. Ceremonies, Awards and Introductions

D. Legislative Update Andrew Hill 10 minutes

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Items

Items listed below are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion and vote. If any Board member desires discussion beyond explanatory questions, or corrections to the Minutes, the President may order that item to be considered in a separate motion and vote.

1. Minutes from March 8, 2023
2. Minutes from March 22, 2023

B. Individual Approval Items

1. 2023 Raw Water Ditch Rates Angela Bricmont 5 minutes

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III. POLICY MATTERS

IV. EXECUTIVE UPDATE

- A. CEO Update**
- B. CFO Update**
- C. Operations Update**

V. BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

- A. Briefing Paper**
- B. Report**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

VII. TRUSTEE MATTERS

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may adjourn the regular meeting and reconvene in executive session on topics authorized by D.R.M.C Sec. 2-34.

- A. Confidential Report**

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 12, 2023

Board Item: II-B-1

2023 Raw Water Ditch Rates

Action by Consent

Individual Action

Purpose and Background:

The purpose of this Board item is to propose rates to recover the costs associated with delivering water through four ditches which Denver Water manages or leases shares including the High Line Canal, City Ditch, Burlington Ditch, and Harriman Ditch. Most of the raw water delivered by the ditches is used for irrigation.

A rate study is completed annually for each ditch with rates set to recover annual operations and maintenance costs, annual depreciation of assets, as well as a rate of return on assets. Based on its annual review, staff recommends a rate increase for Harriman Ditch. There were only minor changes for the remaining three and therefore no changes are recommended.

Harriman Reservoir and dam is located on the southwest corner of South Kipling Parkway and West Quincy Avenue in Littleton in Harriman Lake Park. Denver Water owns and operates the reservoir, uses it to deliver irrigation water to six customers, and bills those customers annually. Each of the owners has rights for a share of the annual yield of Harriman Reservoir water, with the yield varying by owner. Customer shares currently account for 75% of Harriman Reservoir's annual yield and Denver Water retains the remaining 25%.

The dam was rehabilitated in 2014 to meet the Colorado State Engineers Office's regulatory requirements and, in the process, it was restored to its full capacity for storage. Total project cost was approximately \$4.5 million. Approximately 75% of the dam construction costs were shared across all six customers based on their proportionate share of rights to use the water. Denver Water paid the remaining costs. Customers have the option to pay for their portion of the project in lump sum. Of the six customers, two have paid off their portion.

Harriman Ditch has seen an increase in operations and maintenance over the past three years in relation to debris removal and vault clean up. For this reason, staff is recommending a rate increase from \$146.48 to \$182.96 per inch right or approximately \$0.74 per thousand gallons. This will increase revenues by \$12,184 over 12 months. The increase in the annual bill is between 4.5% and 6.7% except for the Federal Corrections Center and Pinehurst Country Club as they have paid off their portion of the dam rehabilitation.

Budget and Schedule:

The increase to the annual rate will generate an additional \$12,184 in revenue over the next 12 months.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends increasing the annual rate for Harriman Ditch from \$146.48 to \$182.96 per inch right.

Approvals

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Anderson, Chief of Staff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard B. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica R. Brody, General Counsel | <input type="checkbox"/> Robert J. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela C. Bricmont, Chief Finance Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas J. Roode, Chief Operations Officer |

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