

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

Denver Water Administration Building  
1600 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Denver, CO  
Board Room, First Floor

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 991 1147 3080, Password: 819176  
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 991 1147 3080

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

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**Open Session**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, December 15, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room, Room 106, 1600 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, Colorado and via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 991 1147 3080, Password: 819176 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 991 1147 3080. 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. Joseph, Attorney
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	D. Lopez, IT Support Specialist
R. Badger, <i>Acting</i> Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	J. Lorton, Director Accounting
A.C. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	J. Martin, Project Engineer
J. Brody, General Counsel	D. Martinelli, Finance Associate Analyst
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	C. Mbakogu, Division Sr. Analyst
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	P. McCormick, Project Engineer
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
	I. Oliver, Director SOS

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T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer  
E. Abbott, IT Program Manager  
S. Abram, Director Finance Plan & Performance  
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst  
B. Akins, Finance Analyst  
D. Arnold, Attorney  
T. Bray, Interagency Project Manager  
D. Brinker, Engineering Manager  
C. Brummitt, Attorney  
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal  
J. Daly, Finance Sr. Analyst  
F. Davis, Rates Manager  
C. Dick, Engineer Sr.  
K. Forbes, Director Human Resources  
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager  
E. Gleason, Engineer Sr.  
C. Gonzalez, Internal Auditor  
A. Hase, Engineer Associate

C. Palmore, Finance Sr. Analyst  
J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer  
L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant  
D. Raitt, Engineering Manager  
A. Rettig, Finance Supervisor  
K. Riegle, Attorney  
U. Sharma, Treasurer  
L. Southard, Business Operations Support  
R. Stitt, Planning Manager  
J. Taussig, Director EMSS  
J. Walter, Finance Analyst  
P. Williams, Executive Assistant  
C. Anstaett, Black & Veatch  
Z. Branham  
M. Brasfield, Communications Specialist  
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District  
C. Martin  
G. Zamensky, Black & Veatch

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:00 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.

### **Ceremonies, Awards and Introductions**

Mr. Gorgemans introduced and welcomed Mr. Gonzalez, who recently joined Denver Water as an internal auditor. Mr. Gonzalez previously worked as an auditor in the healthcare industry and is looking forward to contributing to the team at Denver Water.

## 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: STRONTIA SPRINGS SMALL HYDRO EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT – CONTRACT 504849**

Approved Contract 504849 with Canyon Industries, Inc. for the manufacture and commissioning of a new hydropower turbine and generator for the contract period from December 15, 2021 to November 27, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,010,230.

**2. ITEM II-A-2: SECOND AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRACT FUNDS FOR BENTLEY SYSTEMS INCORPORATED – CONTRACT 10202**

Approved the Second Authorization to Contract 10202 with Bentley Systems Incorporated for ProjectWise Connect subscription services, for an extension of the contract period through December 31, 2024, and an additional \$496,500, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$760,275.

**3. ITEM II-A-3: INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE – CONTRACT 505028**

Approved Contract 505028 with the City and County of Denver, Department of Transportation, for the contract period from October 21, 2021 to October 21, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

**4. ITEM II-A-4: RTD ECOPASS CONTRACT – FIFTH AMENDMENT – CONTRACT 16601B/501321**

Approved the Fifth Amendment to Contract 16601B/501321 with the Regional Transportation District for the EcoPass service, for an extension of the contract period through December 31, 2022, and for an additional \$18,207, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$309,380.

**5. ITEM II-B-1: GROSS RESERVOIR EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR – CONTRACT 504903**

Mr. Martin presented the Board with the Gross Reservoir Expansion update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He reported that the 2002 drought was the catalyst for addressing water supply reliability and forming new partnerships, both statewide and regionally, with the common goals of protecting Denver Water's watersheds, providing water security, and benefitting the environment. Over the past 20 years, this process has led to key partnerships and accomplishments, including the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement, the Grand County Mitigation and Enhancement Coordination Plan, the Greenback Cutthroat Trout Recovery, and the Learning by Doing cooperative, to name a few.

Mr. Martin stated that as the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project (GRE Project) gets underway, safety is the main objective and will be achieved through a number of safety improvements. Local mitigation measures and enhancements have also been introduced in order to reduce community disruptions. Once complete, the raised dam will stand 471 feet tall and triple the size of the reservoir to 119,000 acre-feet, creating Denver Water's second largest reservoir.

He outlined the schedule and next steps for the GRE Project, explaining that construction of the dam will start on April 1, 2022 and continue over the next five years. In 2022, work will commence on the dam's foundation, with foundation treatment and grouting continuing into 2023. The two-year project of raising the dam will begin in 2024; work on the spillway and finalizing the project will continue in 2026; and cleaning the site and refilling the reservoir is slated for 2027.

Mr. Martin acknowledged the Board, Denver Water leadership, and staff that have contributed to the Gross Reservoir project over the last 20 years.

Commissioner Reiff commended staff for an exceptional job and Board members, past and present, for their phenomenal work and commitment.

Approved Contract 504903 with Kiewit-Barnard Joint Venture to construct the Gross Reservoir Expansion project dam raise for the contract period from December 15, 2021 to July 16, 2027, for a total contract amount of \$531,519,402.

Approved an Owner-directed program contingency budget of \$12,000,000.

**6. ITEM II-B-2: GLENMOOR COUNTRY CLUB POTABLE WATER TAP AND AMENDMENT TO RAW WATER LEASE – CONTRACT 504991**

Commissioner Reiff recused himself from discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Mr. Roode reported that the Glenmoor Country Club desires a six-inch commercial potable water tap to be used for blending with its non-potable water supplies in exchange for surrendering its 170 acre rights in the High Line Canal. The six-inch tap is subject to a System Development Charge (SDC) assessed by Denver Water and a separate SDC assessed by Southgate under Contract 504990.

Mr. Roode thanked Mr. Slade and Mr. Arnold for their contributions to this agreement, which is an important step in achieving the goals of the High Line Canal transformation.

Approved Contract 504991 with Glenmoor Country Club for a six-inch potable water commercial tap and amendment of the raw water lease between Denver Water and Glenmoor dated August 22, 1995.

**7. ITEM II-B-3: SOUTHGATE WATER DISTRICT POTABLE WATER TAP FOR GLENMOOR COUNTRY CLUB – CONTRACT 504990**

Commissioner Reiff recused himself from discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Approved Contract 504990 with Southgate Water District for a potable water tap at Glenmoor Country Club for the contract period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$297,298.

**8. ITEM II-B-4: ELEVEN MILE STATE PARK LEASE – CONTRACT 505097**

Mr. Ransom presented the Eleven Mile State Park update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He provided background on Denver Water's recreation management team and a brief history of the Eleven Mile State Park Property in Park County, emphasizing that Denver Water has a long history of relying on partnerships with stakeholders in the community to assist with recreation management.

He stated that Eleven Mile State Park was first leased to the State of Colorado (Game, Fish, and Parks Division) in 1970 to allow the State to develop Eleven Mile State Park. Since then, Denver Water has developed a 50-year history with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, which has a proven track record of managing recreation on the site and taking care of its natural resources. This property is one of Denver Water's larger and busier recreation sites, and visitors come year-round for the many recreational amenities the park offers.

Approved Contract 505097 with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, renewing a 25-year lease for the Eleven Mile State Park Property, for the contract period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2046.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

### 9. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Lochhead reported that he attended a meeting of the Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) to exchange ideas and develop initiatives and solutions for the use and management of the Colorado River Basin's water supply. In its 22nd year of drought, the Basin has witnessed Lakes Powell and Mead reach their lowest levels during 2021.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Lochhead explained that the Upper Basin states will require multiple years of major snowfalls in order to ease the ongoing drought. He emphasized the need for additional discussions about dealing with the situation, in the short and long-terms, and continued collaboration with water users in both the Upper and Lower Basins.

### 10. ITEM IV-B: CFO UPDATE

Ms. Bricmont reported that the Board will receive the November financial update.

### 11. ITEM IV-C: OPERATIONS UPDATE


Ms. Anderson highlighted key ideas shared and exchanged at the quarterly leadership connection meeting held at the PPA Events Center. Denver Water's leaders have been working together this past year on nurturing trust in the organization and learning about the value of fostering a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I). As part of this work, leaders identified the DE&I guiding principles that will inform the framework of the upcoming Strategic Plan refresh. These principles will ensure that the work in DE&I is not a standalone

effort but is tightly woven into the goals and objectives of Denver Water's Strategic Plan, creating clear initiatives related to DE&I with associated metrics to measure its success.

She noted that staff is in the process of developing a plan to integrate DE&I concepts into the organization and offering education and awareness workshops for all employees in 2022.

### ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Meeting at approximately 9:40 a.m.

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