

**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, April 12, 2023

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, April 12, 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	S. Dozier, Water Quality Lead
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	L. Duffy, Finance Sr. Analyst
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	N. Elder, Planning Manager
J. Brody, General Counsel	A. Heidema, Director Engineering - Property
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	D. Herrera, IT Application Manager
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	A. Hill, Government Relations Liaison
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	J. Potts, Finance Analyst
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and	K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.

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Maintenance Officer
E. Abbott, IT Application Manager
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst
R. Badger, Planning Manager
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
F. Davis, Rates Manager

R. Stitt, Planning Manager
P. Williams, Executive Assistant
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and
Sanitation District
A. Quinn, Citizens Advisory Committee
L. Wortham

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gómez called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Gómez 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.

Legislative Update

Mr. Hill reported that there are 27 days remaining in the Legislative Session, with many bills in appropriations starting to move. He provided the Board with background on Denver Water's internal process for reviewing bills and the people involved in reaching position decisions. He added that Denver Water is supporting SB23-270 Projects to Restore Natural Stream Systems and SB23-267 Chatfield State Park Water Quality Fee. Staff continues to engage external stakeholders regarding draft legislation addressing the Colorado Open Records Act and changes to the Water Quality Control Division's fee structure.

Commissioner Gómez requested that Mr. Hill keep the Board updated on additional positions taken by Denver Water on legislation that is still pending.

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 MARCH 8, 2023

Approved the Minutes from the March 8, 2023 Board Meeting.

2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM MARCH 22, 2023

Approved the Minutes from the March 22, 2023 Board Meeting.

3. ITEM II-B-1: RAW WATER DITCH RATES

Mr. Potts presented the Board with the proposed 2023 Raw Water Ditch Rates. He reported staff's recommendation to increase the annual ditch rate for Harriman Reservoir from \$146.48 to \$182.96 per inch right, or approximately \$0.74 per thousand gallons, to meet the costs associated with delivering water through the Harriman Reservoir.

Adopted and approved the annual ditch rate increase for Harriman Reservoir water from \$146.48 to \$182.96 per inch right to meet the costs associated with delivering water through Harriman Reservoir, effective immediately.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE**4. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE**

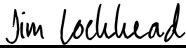
Mr. Lochhead reported on Colorado River Basin matters, recapping the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) actions to regulate water use from Lakes Powell and Mead by initiating a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in response to the historic drought in the Colorado River basin. He explained that the DOI released a statement yesterday, proposing three alternative approaches in its draft SEIS, including the following 1) no action alternative, which describes the consequences of continued implementation of existing agreements with no additional action; 2) action alternative 1, which would cut water use from the lower basin states based on the priority of water rights; and 3) action alternative 2, which would allocate water shortages evenly among the lower basin states by a flat percentage. There is a 45-day comment period open until May 30. Federal officials are expected to announce a formal decision this summer.

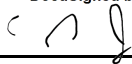
BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS**5. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY**

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

ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:23 a.m.

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Secretary

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President