

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

Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 925 1894 9251, Password: 812381  
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**Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

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**Open Session**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, April 28, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 925 1894 9251, Password: 812381 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 925 1894 9251. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

**Gary M. Reiff, President  
Craig Jones, First Vice President  
H. Gregory Austin, Vice President  
Paula Herzmark, Vice President  
John R. Lucero, Vice President**

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

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	R. Marsicek, Planning Manager
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	J. Martin, Project Engineer
A.C. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	C. Mbakogu, Division Sr. Analyst
J. Brody, General Counsel	P. McCormick, Project Engineer
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	L. Morales, Community Relations Sr. Specialist
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
M. King, Chief External Affairs Officer	C. Palmore, Division Analyst
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	C. Proctor, Communication Sr. Specialist
E. Abbott, IT Program Manager	D. Raitt, Engineering Manager
S. Abram, Director Finance Plan & Performance	K. Riegle, Attorney
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst	U. Sharma, Treasurer
M. Aragon, Director Customer Relations	J. Shaw, Community Relations Sr. Specialist

D. Arnold, Attorney  
J. Bandy, Planning Manager  
D. Bennett, Director Water Resource Strategy  
C. Brummitt, Attorney  
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal  
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs  
N. Elder, Planning Manager  
J. Finehout, Community Relations Sr. Specialist  
T. LaPan, Landscape Sr. Architect  
D. Lopez, IT Support Specialist

L. Southard, Administrative Sr. Assistant  
J. Stokes, Director Enterprise Project Management  
P. Williams, Executive Assistant  
A. Woodrow, Community Relations Sr. Specialist  
J. Crockett, Jacobs  
M. Dino, Squire Patton Boggs  
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District  
S. Ravel, Mott MacDonald  
L. Suer, Jacobs

## 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.

### Legislative Update

Mr. King announced that Denver Water has retained the services of Michael Dino of Squire Patton Boggs to assist with federal policy matters. Mr. Dino stated that it is a privilege to work with Denver Water.

Ms. Morales presented the Board with a legislative update, noting two bills on which Denver Water has taken a supportive position. Senate Bill 21-237 moves the Forest Health Advisory Council to the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and renames it the Forest Health Council. This bill also specifies that the governor should appoint the majority of the members, and it requires council to report annually to the legislature and the governor. Senate Bill 21-240, which is part of the state economic stimulus plan, allocates \$15 million to the Colorado Water Conservation Board for watershed restoration and flood mitigation grants, dedicating a portion of the funding to statewide watershed analysis.

Ms. Morales was available to answer any questions regarding the Legislative Update Briefing Paper. The Board had no questions.

## 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:           FOURTH AMENDMENT WITH SHORT AND BRENNAN ARCHITECTS FOR QUIVAS BUILDING RENOVATION – CONTRACT 504308**

Approved the Fourth Amendment to Contract 504308 with Short and Brennan Architects for Construction Phase Services for an extension of the contract period through December 17, 2021 for an additional \$43,475, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$322,920.

## POLICY MATTERS

**2. ITEM III-A:           LEAD REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Ms. Woodrow presented the Board with an update on the Lead Reduction Program (LRP), a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. She reported that the project team is continuing to meet all regulatory deadlines and project milestones, and Denver Water crews and contractors continue to replace lead service lines (LSLs) ahead of schedule. As of the end of March, Denver Water has replaced just under 25% of its annual LSL replacement goal. Overall program expenditures for 2021 through the end of March are just over \$6 million.

She noted that COVID-19 protocols put in place last year are still being implemented to ensure safety and protection, particularly when working in customer homes. New Brita filters continue to be distributed to customers enrolled in the program, and it is anticipated that filter surveys will be sent out later this summer. The program's ongoing community and digital engagement efforts continue to raise program awareness through online, remote, and social media platforms. Denver Water's partner, iNow, has distributed flyers promoting their virtual help desk, which provides assistance to customers enrolled in the program in six different languages.

**3. ITEM III-C:           NORTHWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Mr. McCormick presented the Board with the Northwater Treatment Plant Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He highlighted the team's progress in the field, noting that the majority

of structures on site are under construction and starting to take shape, and crews are preparing to pour the base slab for two clearwells with diameters the length of a football field. The project schedule continues to meet critical path deadlines despite multiple weather delays in February and March.

He highlighted that the project is only \$700,000 short of its overall minority and women-owned enterprise (MWBE) target spending, which is the result of an increase in MWBE value with the existing contractor. There are no adjustments to the total project cost curve, which is at about \$214 million spent to date. The estimate at completion (EAC) is \$512 million, and the project forecast remains at \$7.5 million below budget with 40% of construction complete. The project team remains focused on safety, quality, COVID-19 protocols, and the schedule, with about 18-20 months away from completing many of the structures on site.

Mr. McCormick also reported a partial allowance release for Work Package 8 for site finishes, with continued allowance releases as the project nears completion. These funds were included in the Total Construction Cost Amendment, with an EAC of \$8 million for this work package.

Commissioner Reiff thanked Mr. McCormick and the team for the continued progress on site.

#### **4. ITEM III-D: WATER SUPPLY UPDATE**

Mr. Finehout presented the Board with the Water Supply Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C. He reported that typically snowpack this time of year has peaked. The South Platte River Collection System snowpack is at 96% of normal peak and the Colorado River Collection System appears to have peaked at 88% of the normal peak. Looking ahead, based on the streamflow forecast, Denver Water's probable maximum reservoir storage in July will be about 93% full. Based on current conditions, with increasing South Platte streamflow forecasts, below-normal temperatures, and below-average demand, Denver Water's Water Shortage Preparedness Committee will not be recommending a drought watch at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the collection system conditions and update the Board if there are any shifts in conditions that warrant a change in recommendations.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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

Ms. Sharma reported on the success of Denver Water's bond sale, which was completed on April 21, 2021. She noted that the \$350 million bond sale was the largest in Denver Water's history with the bonds selling at the historically low interest rate of 1.97% all in interest costs. The Series 2021A Bond proceeds are anticipated to fund a portion of 2021 and 2022 capital costs for some smaller projects but also larger projects underway, including the Northwater Treatment Plant, Conduit 16, the Lead Reduction Program, and the Gross Reservoir Expansion.

Ms. Bricmont reported that the First Quarter Performance Report will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Raitt presented the Board with the Gross Reservoir Outlet Works Modification Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit D. He explained that the Primary Outlet Works is located down a tunnel about 200 feet underground. It was originally constructed in the 1950's with a modification performed into the 1970's, but most of the original equipment was left in place. The scope of the modification included demolition of the 1970's pipe manifold and post-tensioned concrete encasement of valves, and installation of a new 72" penstock pipe, including installation of new electrical, HVAC and instrumentation systems. Contractors worked around the clock, seven days a week, to complete the project on time, on schedule, and within budget. The Primary Outlet Works was back in service within 6½ months on April 14, 2021. He commented that the project was challenging and involved a great team effort and thanked the Board for their support on this project.

## BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

### 7. ITEM V-A-1: BRIEFING PAPER FOR LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

## ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:33 a.m.

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*Jim Lockhead*  
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Secretary

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*Gary M. Reiff*  
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President