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Board of Water Commissioners

Denver Water Administration Building
1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO
Board Room, First Floor

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Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Open Session

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, August 12, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference: Join Zoom Meeting Here, Meeting ID: 870 7406 7947, Passcode: 213041 or via Dial-in: (719) 359-4580, Meeting ID: 870 7406 7947, Passcode: 213041. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

Tyrone Gant, President
Stephanie Donner, Vice President
Dominique Gómez, Vice President
Craig Jones, Vice President
Gary Reiff, Vice President

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

A. Salazar, CEO/Manager
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff
A. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer
J. Brody, General Counsel
Y. Cha, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
J. Ross, Interim Chief Engineering Officer
L. Glen, Customer Care Supervisor
C. Gonzales, Internal Sr. Auditor
L. Grube, Board Coordinator
J. Gutman, Scientist
J. Harclerode, Communications Sr. Specialist
A. Heidema, Director Engineering - Property
D. Hughes, Engineer Sr.
A. Ingram, Procurement Supervisor

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S. Abram, Director Financial Planning & Performance
A. Alvarado, Public Affairs Lead
M. Aragon, Strategic Project Leader
J. Archer, Engineering Manager
J. Arriaga, Business Operations Sr. Support
S. Authery, Division Analyst
D. Babyak, Construction Project Sr. Manager
J. Bandy, Planning Manager
S. Behunek, Public Affairs Manager
T. Birt, Planner Associate
L. Bissey, Paralegal
C. Blanck, Drafter Associate
J. Bowers, Distribution Relations Manager
D. Brooks, Engineer Associate
T. Causby, Customer Care Supervisor
H. Carroll, IT Manager
K. Carroll, Business Support Supervisor
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal Sr.
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs
G. Chesonis, Engineer Sr. LTE
C. Clark, Engineering Manager
D. Cogan, Health Services Manager
M. Craig, IT Support Manager
E. Crain, Procurement Specialist
M. Crosswright, Executive Assistant
F. Davis, Rates Manager
N. Elder, Planning Manager
L. Ellingson, Engineer Sr.
P. Fassio, Water Distribution Supervisor
M. Fickes, Treasury Sr. Analyst
C. Fikan, Finance Analyst
G. Fisher, Planning Manager
B. Flack, Water Quality & Treatment Lead
D. Geon, Customer Relations Manager
S. Jefferson, IT Support Sr. Specialist
A. Joseph, Attorney Sr.
A. Lainis, Engineer
J. Martin, Strategic Project Leader
M. McGavin, Engineer Sr.
K. Naso, Engineering Sr. Specialist
K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
C. Palmore, Business Sr. Analyst
J. Potts, Finance Sr. Analyst
C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist
D. Randall, Engineer Sr.
B. Ransom, Recreation & Open Space Manager
K. Riegle, Attorney Sr.
S. Riley, Water Treatment Sr. Tech Adv.
A. Saldivar, Community Relations Specialist
K. Schulte, Grants Administrator
L. Schulz, Customer Relations Manager
J. Slawson, Data Scientist
L. Southard, Business Operations Sr. Support
V. Verde, Engineer
J. Walter, Finance Sr. Analyst
H. Walters, GIS Sr. Analyst
D. Ward, Engineer Associate
J. Wittler, Attorney Sr.
C. Gray, City of Arvada
B. Kroeger
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District
M. Miller, Black & Veatch
B. Richards
M. Shipman
K. Spencer
E. Wenzler
J. White
A. Wilhite

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INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Gant called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Public Comment and Communications

Commissioner Gant issued an invitation to members of the public to comment to the Board on any matters not included in the meeting Agenda.

Public Comment:

In support of Piney River Ranch, three speakers emphasized the importance of the facility to the local community, including its recreational, economic, and cultural value. They urged the Board to preserve the existing infrastructure and public access while evaluating future options, requested additional time and flexibility to explore viable solutions and partnerships, and encouraged Board members to visit the site to better understand its significance and operational needs before making decisions regarding its future.

Ceremonies, Awards, and Introductions

Mr. Gant introduced Mr. Jeremy Ross, Denver Water's Director of Engineering Projects, noting that he will serve as Interim Chief Engineering Officer following Mr. Mahoney's retirement last month.

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 JULY 8, 2026**

   Approved the Minutes from the July 8, 2026 Board Meeting.

2. **ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM JULY 22, 2026**

   Approved the Minutes from the July 22, 2026 Board Meeting.

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3. **ITEM II-A-3: SECOND AMENDMENT TO HAZELTINE PUMP STATION BUILDING, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL – CONTRACT 505761**

   Approved the Second Amendment to Contract 505761 with Hensel Phelps Construction Co. for the Hazeltine Pump Station Buildings, Mechanical, and Electrical project, for the contract period from April 22, 2026 to December 29, 2027, and for an additional $8,851,887, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed $21,401,777.

4. **ITEM II-A-4: 2026/2027 VAULT MODIFICATIONS 64TH AVENUE PUMP STATION INLET VALVES & PRV VAULT – CONTRACT 506527**

   Approved Contract 506527 with American West Construction, LLC for the 2026/2027 Vault Modifications project, for the contract period from August 12, 2026 to July 16, 2027, for a total contract amount not to exceed $944,000.

5. **ITEM II-A-5: FIRST AMENDMENT TO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO – CONTRACT 10246A/500264**

   Approved the First Amendment to Contract 10246A/500264 with Public Service Company of Colorado for sale of electricity generated by four Denver Water hydroelectric facilities, for an extension of the contract period by one year, through March 31, 2028.

6. **ITEM II-A-6: APPROVAL OF 2026 DCIP RESOLUTION**

   Adopted and approved the resolution authorizing the CEO/Manager to submit a Fiscal Year 2026 DCIP grant application for the Strontia Springs Security and Communications Hardening Project and, if awarded, to execute any resulting grant agreement and related documents negotiated by Denver Water's General Counsel. A copy of the Resolution is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A.

POLICY MATTERS

7. **ITEM III-A: QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

   Ms. Abram presented the Board with the Q2 2026 update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. She provided a brief update on the 2026 Denver Water Business Plan performance and highlighted

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portions of the organizational scorecard metrics. She reported that the Q2 forecast reflects approximately $20 million in anticipated drought-related revenue reductions and updated operating expense reductions, partially offset by increased costs for chemicals, utilities, waste disposal, repairs, and maintenance. Capital variances are primarily related to the accelerated Hazeltine Pump Station project and timing shifts in other major projects. The Marston Disinfection Improvements project is projected to be more than $10 million below its original cost estimate.

Mr. Roode explained that drought conditions and ongoing construction activities at Gross Reservoir have limited operational flexibility and required greater use of alternative water sources that are more susceptible to algae growth during the summer months. To address this issue, powder activated carbon is being used, which is contributing to the chemical cost increases. He also highlighted ongoing coordination among operations, capital projects, water quality, and distribution teams to maximize available water supplies, complete critical infrastructure work, and maintain regulatory compliance.

8. ITEM III-B: DROUGHT UPDATE

Mr. Fisher, Ms. Chesney, and Ms. Schultz presented the Board with the Drought Response Update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C. Mr. Fisher reported that the past year has been among the hottest and driest years on record, with precipitation significantly below normal and monsoon rains largely absent. If current conditions persist, reservoir storage projections indicate storage levels of approximately 60% full by next March. Staff continue to prepare for a range of potential conditions next year while closely monitoring weather and snowpack forecasts.

Mr. Fisher stated that customer demand reductions have not yet reached the targeted 20% savings, due in part to exceptional weather conditions. In addition to the lack of rain events, many customers who are complying with the two-day-per-week watering restriction have been watering for longer durations due to the heat. Using water-use data and GIS tools, enforcement efforts are increasingly focused on customers who are not complying with drought restrictions. Outreach has progressed from education to warnings and fines, with enforcement resources directed toward the highest water users and repeat violators to support conservation goals and ensure fairness for customers complying with restrictions. Staff are also recommending an early end to the lawn watering season in October to achieve additional water savings and help preserve supplies for 2026.

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Ms. Chesney reported that given worsening drought conditions, the “Use Only What You Need” campaign is shifting toward more urgent and targeted messaging, particularly in areas where additional water-use reductions are needed. New outreach efforts include targeted digital and outdoor advertising, community engagement activities, and localized education campaigns designed to reinforce conservation behaviors and support ongoing enforcement efforts. Since launching on June 15, the campaign has generated increased website traffic, growth in drought-related email subscriptions, higher social media interaction, and increased downloads of landscape transformation resources.

Ms. Schultz reported that following the Board’s declaration of Stage 1 drought conditions, staff quickly implemented a new drought education and compliance program, including new customer communications, online reporting and tracking tools, exemption and appeals processes, employee training, and expanded field coverage, all while maintaining normal operations. She noted that staff will use lessons learned this year to improve future drought response efforts. She also emphasized that the organization’s response demonstrated its ability to adapt quickly under challenging conditions, helping strengthen preparedness and resilience for future drought events.

9. ITEM III-C: MAIN REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Aragon presented the Board with the Main Replacement Program, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit D. He highlighted key performance metrics, value stream experiments, and interagency coordination efforts, reporting that the team remains on track to meet its annual goal of replacing approximately 95,000 feet of water main this year. He noted that the program continues to be a strategic priority and emphasized the importance of coordinating water main replacements with major infrastructure projects to reduce future service disruptions, avoid higher repair costs, and minimize customer impacts. Recent examples included the 5280 Trail project on Acoma Street and the Santa Fe Streetscape Improvement project. Mr. Aragon also recognized Ms. Naso and the Main Replacement Program team for their collaborative and proactive planning efforts.

Commissioner Jones commented on his firsthand account of the team’s progress and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

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EXECUTIVE UPDATE

10. ITEM IV-A: CEO UPDATE

Mr. Salazar reported that he joined Mayor Johnston in launching the Santa Fe Streetscape project, a 2025 Denver bond-funded initiative aimed at improving safety, mobility, and the pedestrian experience in the Santa Fe Art District. He noted that the project will support one of Denver's key cultural and business corridors, which is home to numerous galleries, businesses, and locally owned restaurants.

He also provided an update on community discussions regarding the proposed use of Lot M for Denver Water's emergency response facilities as part of the previously announced agreement with the Denver Broncos. He explained that the replacement facility is operationally necessary and supports Denver Water's planned exchange of approximately 25 acres of clean property with the Denver Broncos, including Lot M. As part of the exchange, Denver Water's objective is to ensure that existing facilities and services can be fully replicated in locations that meets operational needs.

Mr. Salazar emphasized that Denver Water is not the cause of delays in the broader redevelopment effort and continues to work through the planning process in good faith. He reiterated that Denver Water's priorities are to protect ratepayer interests by preserving the value of its assets, ensuring that exchanged properties are of comparable value and condition, and maintaining the operational capabilities necessary to serve approximately 1.5 million customers. He expressed appreciation for the Board's support and optimism that a mutually beneficial solution can be reached, noting that development of a replacement emergency response facility on Lot M remains the most practical and feasible option.

Ms. Brody reiterated the importance of protecting the value of investments previously made by customers to redevelop the campus. She noted that Denver Water is willing to relocate its operations to support broader community and economic development goals, but customers should not bear additional costs or lose the benefit of those investments.

Commissioner Reiff stated that, although Denver Water did not seek relocation, it remains willing to move its facilities provided two conditions are met: ratepayers incur no additional costs and Denver Water can continue providing the same level of service. He emphasized the Board's commitment to being both good

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stewards of ratepayer resources and good community partners, while maintaining the operational capabilities necessary to serve customers. These principles were unanimously supported by the Board.

BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

11. ITEM V-B-1: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received the Monthly Financial Report for June 2026, 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 10:15 a.m.

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Alan Salazar
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Secretary

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President