

**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: 969 0779 6615, Password: 126863  
or Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 969 0779 6615

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

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**Open Session**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, September 22, 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: 969 0779 6615, Password: 126863 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 969 0779 6615. 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	J. Luthye, Community Relations Sr. Specialist
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	R. Millendez, Procurement Specialist
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	J. Mitchell, Financial Planning & Performance Manager
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	I. Oliver, Director SOS
R. Marsicek, Chief Water Resource Strategy Officer	

T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	C. Palmore, Division Analyst
E. Abbott, IT Program Manager	J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer
S. Abram, Director Finance Plan & Performance	R. Pence, Engineer
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst	C. Proctor, Communications Sr. Specialist
B. Akins, Finance Analyst	L. Quintana, Administrative Sr. Assistant
D. Arnold, Attorney	K. Riegle, Attorney
R. Badger, Planning Manager	J. Seagren, Distribution Relations Manager
A. Cerchiaro Barros, Contract Specialist	L. Schulz, Customer Relations Manager
S. Behunek, Public Affairs Manager	U. Sharma, Treasurer
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal	J. Shaw, Community Relations Sr. Specialist
Y. Cha, Procurement Manager	L. Southard, Administrative Sr. Assistant
S. Chesney, Director Public Affairs	J. Spitze, Director IT PMO & Enterprise Projects
E. Cinchock, Division Sr. Analyst	J. Taussig, Director EMSS
R. Davis, Finance Analyst	J. Walter, Finance Analyst
P. Freeman, Business Operations Manager	P. Williams, Executive Assistant
M. Garfield, Customer Relations Manager	A. Witheridge, Lead Scientist
K. Greenleaf, Administrative Sr. Assistant	D. Colvin, Leonard Rice Engineers, Inc.
S. Hansz, Engineer Sr.	R. Descallar, Pageant Media
D. Herrera, IT Program Manager	C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and Sanitation District
A. Hill, Attorney	T. Lowe, Bancroft-Clover Water & Sanitation District
A. Ingram, Procurement Supervisor	E. Murphy
K. Legg, Records Management Manager	M. Nelson
J. Lorton, Director Accounting	

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:02 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. Roode announced that Denver Water received the 2021 Hero of the River award from the Greenway Foundation at the Gala on the Bridge event for its introduction of the Lead Reduction Program Plan (LRP) as an alternative to adding orthophosphate to the drinking water system. In December 2019, Denver Water received a variance from the EPA for the LRP, which is the first such variance of its kind awarded by the EPA in the Nation. Mr. Roode commented that the celebration was a good event and Ms. Poncelet accepted the award on behalf of Denver Water. The Board Members offered their congratulations.

## 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: 2021/2022 CATHODIC PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS – CONTRACT 504768**

Approved Contract 504768 with Kantex Industries, Inc. for the 2021/2022 Cathodic Protection Improvements for the contract period from September 22, 2021 to June 2, 2022, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,344,573.

**2. ITEM II-A-2: SOUTH BOULDER CANAL REPLACEMENT AT STATE HIGHWAY 72 WITH JEFFERSON CENTER METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT 504979**

Approved Intergovernmental Agreement 504979 with the Jefferson County Metropolitan District No. 1 for the replacement of 131 feet of the South Boulder Canal with precast box culvert and installation of protective chain link fence for the contract period from September 22, 2021 to February 18, 2022, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$232,744.

**3. ITEM II-A-3: FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE SCHWARTZWALDER MINE – CONTRACT 503438**

Approved the First Amendment to Contract 503438 with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for technical support for the Schwartzwald Mine for an extension of the contract period through December 21, 2023, and an additional \$183,000, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$483,000.

**4. ITEM II-A-4: ADOPTION OF DOUGLAS COUNTY'S LOCAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Approved the Resolution adopting the Douglas County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021 as it pertains to Denver Water.

**5. ITEM II-A-5: TWELFTH AMENDMENT WITH IRON MOUNTAIN FOR OFFSITE RECORDS STORAGE – CONTRACT 500393/11278A**

Approved the Twelfth Amendment to Contract 500393 with Iron Mountain for offsite records storage for an extension of the contract period through December 31, 2022, and an additional \$60,000, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$550,504.

**6. ITEM II-A-6: EMERGENCY WATER DAMAGE CLEAN UP – CONTRACT 504933**

Approved Contract 504933 with Professional Restoration for Emergency Water Damage Clean Up for the contract period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**7. ITEM II-B-1: FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY FEASIBILITY STUDY CAPITOL HILL EXPLORATORY BOREHOLE AND MONITORING WALL – CONTRACT 504897**

Ms. Pence presented the Board with the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project: Capitol Hill Exploratory Borehole and Monitoring Well-Amendment #1, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. She provided a brief overview of the first part of the project for the benefit of the new Commissioners, reporting that the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (ASR) would utilize the Denver Basin aquifer system as a potentially feasible future water supply reservoir.

Ms. Pence explained that the second part of the 2021 project plan involves installing temporary sound walls, drilling an exploratory borehole at the project site (Capitol Hill Pump Station and Reservoir) to conduct geophysical logging, collecting water and rock samples, analyzing water quality and aquifer properties, and monitoring well installation. Drilling will take place on the eastern portion of the property and the borehole will become a permanent monitoring well. Field work will commence in early October 2021.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gant, Ms. Pence noted that the drilling would take about six weeks to complete, and sound walls would be installed to reduce the noise.

Approved the First Amendment to Contract 504897 with Leonard Rice Engineers Water for Part 2 of the Capitol Hill Exploratory Borehole and Monitoring Well Project for an extension of the contract period through June 30, 2022, and an additional \$1,102,246, for a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$1,182,580.

**8. ITEM II-B-2: MASTER AGREEMENT TO FUND A COLORADO RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION RESEARCH PILOT STUDIES PROGRAM – CONTRACT 504993**

Mr. Arnold reported that the Colorado River Basin is experiencing a 22-year long drought, which is affecting water storage levels. The Master Agreement to Fund a Colorado River Basin Conservation Research Pilot Studies Program (Master Agreement) establishes a programmatic funding framework to fund innovative technologies that may lead to significant reductions in the use of Colorado River water and identify future solutions.

Denver Water's funding contribution under the first project agreement will total \$60,000 with funding contributions received from the City of Aurora, Colorado Springs Utilities, the City of Pueblo, and Twin Lakes Reservoir and Canal Company.

Approved the Master Funding Agreement, which establishes a programmatic funding framework between Denver Water, Central Arizona Water Conservation District; The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; Southern Nevada Water Authority; and Central Utah Water Conservancy District to fund innovative technologies that may lead to significant reductions in the use of Colorado River water.

Authorized the CEO/Manager to enter into individual project funding agreements up to a cumulative amount that does not exceed \$300,000.

## POLICY MATTERS

### 9. ITEM III-A: PROPOSED 2022 RATES

Ms. Bricmont provided a first reading of the 2022 proposed rates, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. She reported that the 2022 proposed rates include a 4% revenue adjustment, which will help fund the capital project program to maintain the long-term safe and reliable drinking water supply. This increase follows the lower-than-planned 1.5% increase implemented in 2021 during the pandemic.

Ms. Bricmont provided an overview of the proposed rate structures, explaining that the proposed rates reflect the same Lead Reduction Program (LRP) cost allocation methodology employed in 2021, which includes costs allocated based on the distribution lines for potable water customers plus 19% for Outside-of-City customers. The residential customer bill impacts would be modest. Total Service single family residential customers would see an average monthly increase of \$1.21. For In-City single family residential customers, the average increase would be \$1.34. Fixed service charges and raw water would also see increases in 2022. Denver Water's current and proposed rates for single family households fall within the average range of costs compared with other Front Range water providers.

She noted that the proposed rate increase implementation date is January 1, 2022. The Board will have the opportunity to approve the rate increases at the October 27, 2021 Board meeting.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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

Ms. Bricmont reported that the August Financial Report has been prepared for the Board's review, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit C. She stated that the financial performance measures are within the metrics for overall operating revenues, noting an increase in costs for materials, supplies, and chemicals due to higher manufacturing and trucking costs. Staff will continue to monitor this increase throughout this year and into next year.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Davis explained that the SDC variance, which has seen a positive increase, has been driven by Denver Water's conservative approach in response to the pandemic.

### BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS

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

The Board received a Briefing Paper for the Lead Reduction Program Dashboard, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit D.

### ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Meeting at approximately 9:44 a.m.

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Secretary

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President