

CAC minutes for the meeting of February 16, 2023

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Ross, Vice Chair, Denver Citizen Representative
Nona Shipman, Secretary, Public Interest Group Representative
Alan Hassler, West Slope Representative
Emily Meek, Suburban Customer Representative
Charley Garcia, Environmental Representative

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Alyssa Quinn, Chair, Distributor Representative
Lisa Mathai, Denver Citizen Representative
Jim Berkley, Denver Citizen Representative
Mike Eytel, West Slope Representative
Jim Fitzmorris, Homebuilders Representative

DENVER WATER STAFF

Andy Hill
Ashley Denault

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tim Flynn

Opening Remarks

5:00 p.m. – 5:08 p.m.

- Approval of February agenda and January minutes – Alan moved, Charley seconded, all in favor.
- Icebreaker.
- Public comment – no comments.

CAC Business

5:08 p.m. – 5:29 p.m.

- Member Updates
 - Charley brought up the Uinta Basin Railway project. He has worked with Trout Unlimited on this issue. The group wrote a letter to various government officials opposing this project, outlining environmental issues and threats. Charley sent a supplemental document to the CAC about this.
 - Andy Hill joined the CAC to address the project, which would involve crude from Utah being shipped via new rail lines to existing rail lines and passing through Colorado. There was an Environmental Impact Statement and various governing and responsible agency have approved the project. There are already hazardous materials being moved through the Moffat Tunnel and, as such, Denver Water's risk analysis does not see this project as significantly increasing the organization's risk.
 - Alan asked about re-opening the Dotsero to Minturn railroad for projects like this. Andy was unsure of the status of that item.
 - Andrew asked if the CAC wants to weigh in with the board on the Uinta Basin Railway project. Andrew and Charley agreed to draft a letter to the Denver Water Board requesting they pay attention to this project and keep it in consideration; he will send a draft to the CAC for thoughts and opinions.

- Andrew updated the group that the Lead Advisory Committee has not met in a while but will be reconvening in a couple weeks.

CAC Work Session

5:29 p.m. – 6:07 p.m.

- 2023 work planning and meeting structure discussion
 - Denver Water is considering what topics they would like the CAC's opinions on such as a rate refresh, landscape MOU, water efficiency, etc.
 - The CAC can set up summer tours at Gross Reservoir and the SPUR Campus.
 - Nona reviewed the topics the group mentioned last meeting.
 - Charley would like to see presentations from Denver Water on communication and education tools the CAC can employ.
 - Alan and Charley expressed concern over Denver Water information not being effectively communicated to the West Slope.
 - Ashley provided an overview on the Moffat Project and how it is connected to the Windy Gap Bypass Project, Learning by Doing and the Gross Reservoir Expansion Project.
 - Ashley will compile the thoughts and opinions shared from the past couple meetings to plan out presentations for the year; she asked if the group would prefer to go deeper instead of wider with presentations. Charley said it might be helpful if presentation materials were provided before the meeting.
 - Tim Flynn requested a presentation about Windy Gap.
- Denver citizen representative
 - Jim Berkley will be stepping down from the CAC. His last meeting will be in March.
 - Ashley will send out the announcement to the CAC.
 - Andrew, Alan, Emily volunteered to be a part of the interview committee. Jim also offered to participate.

Adjourn

6:12 p.m.