

CAC minutes for the meeting of March 16, 2023

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alyssa Quinn, Chair, Distributor Representative
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
Jim Berkley, Denver Citizen Representative
Mike Eytel, West Slope Representative

CAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Mathai, Denver Citizen Representative
Jim Fitzmorris, Homebuilders Representative

DENVER WATER STAFF

Sara Behunek
Andy Hill

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Tim Flynn

Opening Remarks

5:02 p.m. – 5:12 p.m.

- Approval of February minutes – Charley moved, Alan seconded, all in favor.
- Approval of March agenda – Alan moved, Mike seconded, all in favor.
- No public comments.

CAC Business

5:12 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

- Member updates:
 - This is Jim Berkely's last meeting as he is moving to Portugal!
 - Colorado Water Wise is updating their Best Practices Guidebook for water conservation. They are hosting a series of stakeholder meetings open to the public about the update, both in person and virtual. Alyssa will send around more details. Peter Mayer and the Brendle Group are assisting on the update. Interested parties can also sign up to attend on the Colorado Water Wise website.
 - Colorado Water Wise has also been working collaboratively on a Native Grass Guidebook, supported by a CWCB grant. The guidebook will include a web tool.
- Uinta Basin Railway draft letter
 - Andrew and Charley have worked on a draft letter to the Denver Water Board, encouraging Denver Water to continue to pay attention to this issue. A draft letter has been sent to the CAC.
 - Alan suggested adding more language to the letter noting this is an issue the CAC cares about and would like the Board to pay close attention to.
 - Andrew agreed to make additions to the letter.
 - Mike agreed that this is an issue that those he represents on the West Slope care about.

- CAC members confirmed they support sending the letter.
- Ashley and Sara agreed that the first step is to send the letter, then the Board will decide if they'd like to add this to a Board meeting agenda based on what ask is included in the letter.
- Charley doesn't believe the letter should be an "ask" but bringing awareness to an issue the CAC feels strongly about.
- A final draft of letter and various attachments will be sent out to the CAC for final review and approval by email.
- Denver citizen representative position update
 - A recruitment notice has been drafted and the application is open on the website. Ashley will send out the notice to the CAC when it is ready for distribution.
 - Ashley will convene the interview volunteers with hopes to vote on a candidate at the May meeting.

Denver Water Presentation

5:40 p.m. – 6:16 p.m.

- External Stakeholder Engagement Plan Update, Sara Behunek, Government and Community Relations Manager
 - Strategy 1: Improve Denver Water internal processes and tools for information sharing.
 - Strategy 2: Develop and implement a plan to improve the relationship with stakeholders within our source watersheds.
 - Strategy 3: Develop and implement plan to improve relations and coordination with city and county of Denver.
 - Strategy 4: Expand accessible outreach and engagement opportunities.
 - Strategy 5: Improve accessibility and internal knowledge of resources for external stakeholder engagement and support the development of brand ambassadors throughout the organization.
- Discussion

Next Meeting

- Colorado River Update
- Government & Community Relations Overview

Adjourn

6:25 p.m.