

WATER BOARD MINUTES

February 25, 2019

**Service Center Conference Room
1100 S. Sherman Street
Longmont, CO 80501**

REGULAR MEETING

The February 25, 2019, meeting of the Longmont Water Board was called to order by Chair Todd Williams at 3:00 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Renee Davis, Todd Williams, Kathy Peterson, and John Caldwell

Excused Absence: Roger Lange

Council Liaison Present: Marcia Martin

City Staff Members Present: Ken Huson, Wes Lowrie, Nelson Tipton, Kevin Boden, and Heather McIntyre. Lisa Knoblauch and Annie Noble arrived at 3:03 pm.

Public in Attendance: Phil Willis

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

A motion was made by Board member Davis to approve Water Board's January 25, 2019 minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Board member Caldwell. The motion passed 4-0.

3. WATER STATUS REPORT

Staff member Nelson Tipton gave the current water status report. The flow at the Lyons gage at 8:30 a.m. today was 19 cfs with an historical average of 15 cfs for this date. Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve is at 11,226 acre feet, down approx. 4,971 acre feet. The call on the St. Vrain Creek is McCall Lake, with a priority date of 3/15/1909, and there was no call on Main Stem of the South Platte River, which impacts District #5.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

None.

6. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

None.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Monthly Legislative Report

Staff member Ken Huson updated the Board with recent and current water related Legislation Bills that Longmont is tracking. A spreadsheet listing those bills was handed out. There were no bills at this time which required Water Board action.

Water Board discussed one proposed bill that would allow for sea planes to land on Colorado bodies of water. Water Board recommends opposing any bill that would allow sea planes to land on bodies of water in Colorado.

B. IGA with East Cherry Creek Water District, Arapahoe County Water Authority, and United Water for a Water Supply Agreement

Staff member Nelson Tipton asked Water Board for approval of a short-term water supply agreement to exchange decreed water rights with East Cherry Creek Water District, Arapahoe County Water Authority, and United Water, water for water. This short-term water exchange would reduce transit losses as a benefit to the City.

A motion was made by Board member Caldwell to recommend City Council approval of the IGA for a Water Supply Agreement with East Cherry Creek Water and Sanitation District, Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Authority, and United Water and Sanitation District. The motion was seconded by Board member Peterson. Motion passed 4-0.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Monthly Water Supply Update

Staff member Lowrie reviewed Longmont's current and projected water supply with Water Board members, with information that was included in the Water Board packet. At the end of January, the reservoir storage is about 70%, slightly above average. The South Platte River Basin snowpack is above normal at 110% as of February 25, 2019, and the Upper Colorado River Basin snowpack is at 117%.

B. Sustainability Coalition Program

Staff member Lisa Knoblauch presented Water Board with an overview of the Sustainability Plan and the updates that were made to the Plan in 2018. Focus areas for implementation in 2019 are launching the Sustainability Business Program, creating an equity strategy that focuses on access and opportunity, improving energy efficiency for municipal facilities, and monitoring our greenhouse gas inventory. Discussion with the Board followed.

Staff member Knoblauch also shared information about the Sustainability Coalition and invited a representative from the Board to be part of the Coalition. Board member Davis volunteered to be the representative, and Board member Peterson volunteered to be a backup.

C. Union Reservoir Enlargement Land Acquisition Program Update

Staff member Huson reviewed the City's recently purchased properties near Union Reservoir, which helps provide a good buffer now on the east side of the Reservoir. Water Resources has been following a Union Reservoir Property Management Plan adopted by City Council in the 1990s and will be looking at updating this Plan in conjunction with Natural Resources for continuing to manage these properties with agricultural leases.

D. Windy Gap Firing Project Update

Staff member Huson updated Water Board members regarding the Windy Gap Firing Project. Final design has been completed and submitted for final review to the State Board. The final design cost estimate is scheduled to go to City Council as an informational item on March 5, 2019.

E. Longmont's Raw Water Rental Policy Update

Staff member Kevin Boden reviewed Longmont's Raw Water Rental Policy with the Board. Rental programs include a 1977 surplus water rental agreement with St. Vrain Valley School District; an historical lease program where water is leased back to a property owner after annexation until the land is developed; raw water rental agreements with Longmont's Open Space program; long-term and short-term fully consumable raw water rental programs; and the annual surplus

raw water rental program. The City also has a treated water rental program through the Operations Division, in which treated water is leased for construction water through a bulk water hydrant permit.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

A. Review of Major Project Listing

The Board reviewed the most recent Water Board project status report.

Staff member Lowrie stated that the Spring Water Users Meeting will be held on April 9, and information will be sent to the Board as soon as it becomes available.

B. Water Board Annual Report

The 2018 Annual Water Board Report was included in Water Boards' February 25, 2019 packet for their review. Water Board asked staff to submit their annual report to City Council on their behalf.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND WATER BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Informational items and correspondence were included in the packet.

11. ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The next cash-in-lieu review is scheduled for next month's meeting.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Water Board, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Water Board will be held on March 18, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, CO 80501.

Todd Williams, Water Board Chair

Date

Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary

Date