

# **WATER BOARD MINUTES**

**April 15, 2019**

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

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

The April 15, 2019 meeting of the Longmont Water Board was called to order by Chair Todd Williams at 3:00 pm at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Todd Williams, Renee Davis, Kathy Peterson, and Roger Lange. John Caldwell arrived at 3:03 pm.

Council Liaison Present: Marcia Martin

City Staff Members Present: Ken Huson, Wes Lowrie, Nelson Tipton, Kevin Boden, Francie Jaffe, Maureen Wallace, and Heather McIntyre

Public in Attendance: Phil Willis

### **2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Board member Peterson to approve Water Board's March 18, 2019 minutes with the exception that Vice Chair Davis adjourned the meeting; the motion was seconded by Board member Davis. The motion passed 4-0.**

### **3. WATER STATUS REPORT**

Staff member Nelson Tipton gave the current water status report on behalf of District 5 Water Commissioner Shera Sumerford. The flow of the St. Vrain at the Lyons gage at 8:00 am today was 56 cfs with an historical average of 75 cfs for this date.

Ralph Price Reservoir at Button Rock Preserve is at 6,373.5 feet, equaling 10,937 acre feet. Currently there is 36 cfs being released from Ralph Price Reservoir.

Union Reservoir is at 10,540 acre feet, down approx. 2,228 acre feet.

The call on the St. Vrain Creek is Highland Reservoir #3, Admin Number 11642.00000, with a priority date of 11/15/1881. Currently there is only one ditch running, which is the Hagers Meadow (1.4 cfs).

The call on the Main Stem of the South Platte River is Pruitt Inlet Canal, Admin Number 53300.00000, with a priority date of 12/06/1995.

Local storage at the end of March was approximately 69%. Typically, storage is around 65% at this time.

Snowpack for the Upper Colorado is at 131%, the South Platte is at 118%, and St. Vrain Creek is at 110%.

Board member John Caldwell arrived at 3:03 pm.

**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. City of Longmont's 2019 Water Supply and Drought Management Plan**

Staff member Wes Lowrie presented the City's 2019 Water Supply and Drought Management Plan and reviewed its details. Using a variety of metrics to gauge water supply in drought conditions during a 7-year period, the Plan outlines 3 levels of response for the City to conserve its water supply and to preserve the quality of life in Longmont. The City is currently operating under a Sustainable Conservation Level, utilizing best management practices to conserve water resources. At Level One, conditions will moderately impact the City's supply vs. demand; Level Two would severely impact the City's supply vs. demand; and Level Three would critically impact it. These levels would be implemented by City Council based on Water Resources staff and Water Board's monitoring drought indicators and forecasting raw water availability.

After further discussion and review, a motion was made by Board member Caldwell to recommend that City Council accept the 2019/2020 Water Supply and Drought Management Plan and remain at the Sustainable Conservation Drought Level response. The motion was seconded by Board member Lange; the motion passed 5-0.

## **8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

### **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.

### **B. Water Demand Evaluation Update**

Staff member Huson reported that the Water Demand Evaluation is nearly complete. It is interesting to note that the results of this evaluation are similar to the results from the last Water Demand Evaluation done for 2008-2011. Whereas the previous report was compiled based on one-year data from 2007, the report currently being finalized is based on data from the last 17 years, due to better technologies available. In addition, this report will include data with a GIS layer where water supply/demand can be calculated for each parcel within the City's boundaries. Water demand over the 17 years included in the study indicate a downward trend.

Staff is working to finalize the report and hopes to bring it formally to Water Board at next month's meeting.

## **9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

### **A. Review of Major Project Listing**

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

## **10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND WATER BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Informational items and correspondence were included in the packet. Staff member Huson expanded on the information included about the court's ruling on the Windy Gap federal case. The federal government has set the briefing schedule with briefs by both sides due to the court by the end of August. A final verdict could be rendered approximately 6-12 months after the briefings are submitted.

**11. ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

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

**12. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before Water Board, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:44 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Water Board will be held on May 20, 2019, at 3:00 pm at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, CO 80501.

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**Todd Williams, Water Board Chair**

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**Date**

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**Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary**

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**Date**