

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES  
of the  
Board of Water Commissioners**

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**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

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**Open Session**

A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday, April 14, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference: <http://zoom.us/join>, Meeting ID: 954 4879 6904, Password: 662269 or via Dial-in: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 954 4879 6904. Consistent with the Supplemental Public Securities Act, the designated meeting area was accessible to the public. Members of the Board present during the Regular Meeting were:

**Gary M. Reiff, President  
Craig Jones, First Vice President  
H. Gregory Austin, Vice President  
John R. Lucero, Vice President**

Board employees and others present during portions of the meeting were:

J.S. Lochhead, CEO/Manager	J. Kearns, Contract Specialist
J.A. Anderson, Chief of Staff	D. Lopez, IT Support Specialist
A.C. Bricmont, Chief Financial Officer	J. Martin, Project Engineer
J. Brody, General Counsel	C. Mbakogu, Division Sr. Analyst
B.D. Good, Chief Administrative Officer	L. Morales, Community Relations Sr. Specialist
D. Gorgemans, Chief Internal Auditor	K. Oligney, Director IT Infrastructure
M. King, Chief External Affairs Officer	C. Palmore, Division Analyst
R. Mahoney, Chief Engineering Officer	J. Park, IT Application Sr. Developer
T.J. Roode, Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer	K. Petrik, Director Engineering - Construction
E. Abbott, IT Program Manager	C. Proctor, Communication Sr. Specialist
S. Abram, Director Financial Planning and Performance	K. Riegle, Attorney
S. Adamkovics, Finance Sr. Analyst	U. Sharma, Treasurer

M. Alvarado, Drafting Supervisor  
D. Arnold, Attorney  
R. Badger, Planning Manager  
A. Cavallaro, Paralegal  
J. Christensen, Contract Specialist  
E. Cinchock, Division Sr. Analyst  
N. DiMascio, Attorney  
P. Freeman, Business Operations  
Manager  
J. Heath, Engineering Manager

J. Shaw, Community Relations Sr.  
Specialist  
L. Southard, Administrative Sr. Assistant  
J. Stokes, Director Enterprise Project  
Management  
P. Williams, Executive Assistant  
F. Albanese, Financial Investment News  
C. Lane, Platte Canyon Water and  
Sanitation District  
R. Moore, Stifel

## INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Commissioner Reiff called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Upon motion regularly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Commissioner Herzmark was found to be absent for good cause and was excused.

### 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.

### Legislative Update

Ms. Morales reported that there are currently over 500 bills under consideration by the General Assembly. She informed the Board that SB21-1260, which is the water resources component of the state economic stimulus plan, would allocate a total of \$20 million to the Colorado Water Conservation Board to implement the Colorado Water Plan. She stated that HB21-1226 would provide Colorado Parks and Wildlife with the authority to conduct roadside inspections for aquatic nuisance species and SB21-221 would eliminate the current \$1 million limit on grants distributed under the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program. She indicated that SB21-197 would prevent Denver Water from designating its own workers' compensation doctor and would expand the pool of providers who are considered authorized treating physicians.

Ms. Morales mentioned that Colorado House Representative Jeni Arndt, a champion for water projects, has been elected the next Mayor of Fort Collins, and her seat in the legislature will be filled in the next couple of months.

The Board requested that the legislative briefing papers provide specific identification of Denver Water's level of support for various proposed bills.

## 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: MINUTES FROM MARCH 10, 2021**

Approved the Minutes from the March 10, 2021 Board Meeting.

**2. ITEM II-A-2: MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2021**

Approved the Minutes from the March 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

**3. ITEM II-B-1: RALSTON DAM UPSTREAM CONTROL RENOVATION PROJECT**

Mr. Heath presented the Board with the Ralston Dam Upstream Control Renovation Project update, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit A. He reported that the Ralston Dam Upstream Control Renovation Project consists of draining the Ralston Reservoir in order to replace and refurbish the original 1930's outlet works infrastructure. The upstream control of the dam, which has not been operational since the 1970's, needs to be established to meet the State Engineer's recommendations and mitigate dam safety risks. He noted that records from the 1930's weren't as thorough as they are today, and this will be the first time the Ralston Reservoir has been drained since it's construction, so he anticipates the possibility of unknown risks that cannot be determined until the Reservoir is drained.

Mr. Heath explained that the project scope includes replacing the primary intake upstream control valve, in-filling and abandoning the auxiliary intake, refurbishing the slide gate in the valve chamber, constructing a new primary intake structure to house the new upstream control valve, installing hydraulic piping from the valve house to the primary intake structure, and rock scaling and slope stabilization above the primary intake structure.

In response to a question from Commissioner Austin, Mr. Heath explained that the team is taking a proactive approach in applying a special coating to the intake structure to mitigate any invasive mussel-related issues.

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Approved Contract 503158 with American West Construction, LLC for the construction of the Ralston Dam Upstream Control Renovation Project for the contract period from April 14, 2021 to June 10, 2022, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,345,900.

## POLICY MATTERS

### 4. ITEM II-A-7:           FOOTHILLS TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AMENDMENT

Mr. Petrik presented the Board with an update on the Foothills Treatment Plant Filter Media Replacement Project and Amendment, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in these Minutes as Exhibit B. He reported that the Foothills Treatment Plant has 16 filter basins that require filter media replacement. In order to minimize impacts on plant production, the replacement is scheduled for completion over a four-year period, during the winter months.

Due to issues encountered during construction, only three of the planned four filter basins were completed during Phase I of the project. Five filters were replaced during Phase II of the project, bringing the project back in line with the four-year projected schedule. Phase III includes replacing five filters during 2021, and Phase IV includes replacing three filters through 2023.

Mr. Petrik recommended that the Board consider a concurrent amendment to the original filter media contract for Phases III and IV with Velocity Constructors for approximately \$2.5 million. He noted that the benefits of amending the original contract for the final Phases III and IV include minimal disruption to the project's progress, in addition to saving cost and staff time. This contract amendment will be brought to the Board for approval at a later date.

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

### 5. ITEM IV-B:           CEO UPDATE

Mr. Lochhead reported that he attended a panel hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator (EPA), Michael S. Regan, which included utility directors, public officials, and community leaders from across the country to discuss water infrastructure and President Biden's American Jobs Plan that proposes investing \$111 billion in water infrastructure. A focus of the discussion was on opportunities to reduce lead in drinking water. Denver Water's

Lead Reduction Program was also discussed, including its emphasis on health equity and environmental justice. He noted that, overall, it was a good opportunity to showcase the Lead Reduction Program on a national platform.

He also reported on a site visit to the Northwater Treatment Plant to join the construction team in celebrating the milestone of reaching one million person-hours that have gone into the project. He extended congratulations to Mr. Mahoney and Mr. McCormick for their leadership, noting that about 2.5 million person-hours are anticipated to go into completion of the project.

#### **6. ITEM IV-B CFO UPDATE**

Ms. Bricmont, Ms. Sharma, and Ms. Moore provided an update on the Series 2021A bond sale scheduled on April 21, 2021. They explained that a change was made in the structuring of the coupons in the notice of sale, thereby providing more flexibility for investors. The original Resolution, which sets forth the parameters for the sale and was approved by the Board on January 27, 2021, has not changed. Ms. Moore indicated that Denver Water once again received a Triple-A rating due to its strong financial metrics, among other factors. She also noted that the market is strong and there is a lot of investor interest in Denver Water bonds.

#### **7. ITEM IV-C OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Mahoney informed the Board about a landslide issue at the recently completed Ralston Spillway. He noted that work to reinforce the spillway walls and stabilize the issue is underway and emphasized that this is not a dam safety issue since the landslide is past the Ralston Dam location.

### **BRIEFING PAPERS & REPORTS**

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

The Board received a Briefing Paper for Legislative Update, a copy of which is incorporated and attached to these Minutes as Exhibit C.

## ADJOURNMENT

No further business appearing, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into an Executive Session at approximately 9:46 a.m.

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*Jim Lochhead*  
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Secretary

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*Gary M. Reiff*  
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President