

Buena Vista Water Advisory Board

Minutes of June 15, 2023

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kelly Collins at 6:34 pm at BVPW meeting room & on a Zoom format

Attendance and Introductions

In attendance were: Roy Gertson, Kelly Collins , Shawn Williams, Rick Bieterman, Jeff Ollinger, Tony LaGreca, Andrew Rice and Guest Dan Niemela (hydrologist) on Zoom

Agenda Adoption Motion By Roy, 2nd by Andrew to approve agenda as presented, motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May 18, 2023 Motion by Jeff , 2nd by Rick to approve the minutes. Vote by members approved.

Public Comment: none

Business : 1. WAB reviewed the water dedication and Reservation responses, along with Shawn's comments.. Kelly formalized the response in a memorandum entitled "Comments on Proposed Water Reservation and Dedication" to be sent to Town Council. Jeff made a motion to accept the document and Kelly 2nd motion. Approved by membership vote.

Dan (representing S.Main) had some detailed concerns and questions to be addressed for the final plan, including Augmentation certificates percentage limits, Well 3 & 4 design goals, Are Augmentation certificates legal water rights; policies with UAWCD and augmentation certificate dedication values. These questions will be addressed with the final plan development.

Master Plan would need to be updated for use of augmentation certificates , along with actual growth rates, facility needs and water rights.

WAB had some concern , who can finalize the Town plan, and policy including any Municipal Code Changes? Al Smith of Swiftwater Solutions could be a candidate.

2. Conservation Plan update: Kelly presented ideas of the scope with additions from the WAB . A formal RFP will be developed

3. WAB involvement with Town water Rights: WAB would like to proceed with priority projects with the Town's water attorney. Development of a procedural spreadsheet with criteria based on cost and benefits would also be very useful. Further discussion for next meeting.

4. Shawn & Jeff worked on the OWTS expectations & rules for the Water Protection District guidelines.

WAB Recommendations: 1. The Bray -Allen water right being tributary to the Arkansas River can apply for Return Flow credits from the BV Sanitation Outflow.

2. Rick mentioned the new Kiosks along a walking path in McPhelmy Park, **that could have various water education topics**. Project is funded by a Common Ground Grant with Chaffee County. Project is being coordinated by the BV Recreational Board.

Next meeting: July 20 , 2023

Seeing that there was no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested

Motion by Kelly , second by Roy to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson , Board member