



Minutes
Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC)
Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Blue River Boardroom, 5th floor, 121 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO
and Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Committee members present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Chair Gary Burghart, Rex Adams, Chris Francis, Michael Borden, Hilary Dussing and Katherine Danner

Committee members excused: Vice Chair Larry Barrett, Scott Callihan and Ruth Ann Schonbachler

Staff members present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Natalie Watts, Kerry Baugh, Al Wells, Lisa Barbato, Kim Gortz, Scott Shirola and Monica Indrebo

City of Colorado Springs staff present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: David Beckett

1. Call to Order

Chair Gary Burghart called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of April 6, 2022, UPAC Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Hilary Dussing motioned, and Committee Member Chris Francis seconded the motion to approve the April 6, 2022, meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved with a voice vote.

3. Water Acquisition Funding Assignment

a. Work Session 4 Recap

Ms. Kim Gortz, Water Resource Planning Supervisor, reviewed fund thresholds and processes, parameters for building a fund, potential planning, and cost recovery process. She discussed the funding process where the revenue inflow can contribute to a general fund and a dedicated fund. The dedicated fund is something that could be utilized for water acquisition. Ms. Gortz also detailed the water acquisition scope and how the water system yield must meet parameters in water rights, hydrology, and infrastructure.

b. Consideration Table

Ms. Gortz introduced the consideration table that can be utilized to formulate UPAC's recommendation to the Utilities Board as it maps out the differences between board instructions, thresholds, scope and process inflows and outflows.

Ms. Gortz and Mr. Scott Shirola noted necessary language needed in the policy to allow flexibility of fund management. Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tristan

Gearhart, advised UPAC on funding logistics and metric management using other fund examples.

c. UPAC Recommendation

UPAC Chair Burghart said the committee should avoid an amorphous recommendation and instead, establish a detailed policy recommendation. The UPAC recommendation will consider policy language for implementation of Board Instruction and guidelines. In consideration of the guideline, the committee will take thresholds, scopes, and processes of fund acquisition, management, and disbursement into account.

4. Citizen Comment

None

5. Committee Member General Discussion

None

6. Adjournment

Chair Burghart adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.