

2011 Fort Collins Water Board Annual Report

January 2012

2011 Board Members

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Action Items

Building Code Green Amendments: the Water Board recommended the proposed building code green amendments pertaining to water for residential and commercial construction be adopted by Council.

Oxbow Levee Remnant Parcel Sale: the Water Board voted to recommend Council approve the sale of this parcel to the adjacent property owner.

City Utility Rate Philosophy and Purpose Statement: Water Board recommended that City Council consider approval of the proposed Financial Strategy and Rate Design Philosophy, consistent with staff's recommendation and this Board's recommended changes (noted below):

1. Adoption of the Water Conservation Plan as a Council-adopted policy.
2. Discussion of "pay as you go" versus debt philosophy.
3. Remove rankings on the prioritization list.
4. Add "natural" to "efficient use of resources".

Instream Flow Recommendation: Water Board recommended to City Council that Council take action to implement Policy ENV 24.5 of the newly adopted Plan Fort Collins by putting resources toward it, designating a lead agency (Natural Resources Department), and to adopt a work plan to implement a feasibility study.

Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Fort Collins, the City of Longmont and Platte River Power Authority Relating to the Operation of a Joint Customer Information System: the Water Board recommended adoption of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the cities of Fort Collins and Longmont and Platte River Power Authority for the operation of a customer information system required for the maintenance and billing of customer accounts.

Appropriation Request for Relocation of Utilities in Mason Corridor: Water Board recommended that City Council approve the proposed appropriation ordinance to fund the relocation of water and wastewater facilities in the BRT/Mason Corridor.

2002 Storm Drainage Revenue Bonds: the Water Board recommended that the City Council approve the ordinance appropriating the proceeds from the refunding bonds to pay off the 2002 bonds, and the Storm Water Enterprise Board to approve the issuance of the refunding bonds and amending ordinance 8.

2012 Water/Wastewater Budget Exceptions and Rate and PIF Recommendations; 2012 Stormwater Budget Exceptions and Rate and PIF Recommendations: the Water Board recommended City Council adopt the proposed 6 percent across the board water rate increase and the 8 percent across the board wastewater increase for 2012. The Water Board recommended City Council adopt the proposed changes to the 2012 plant investment fees for water, wastewater, and stormwater. The Water Board recommend City Council approve the Water and Stormwater Funds' 2012 proposed exceptions to the 2011-2012 Budget.

Poudre River Floodplain Regulations: the Water Board recommended the existing floodplain regulations be retained, but that additional consideration to implementing specific life safety and property damage criteria and increased preservation of natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain that would enhance and support the current regulations be incorporated with the process to adopt the new Floodplain Rules and Regulations for the State of Colorado as approved by the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

Stormwater Criteria Manual: the Water Board recommended Council approval of the proposed Fort Collins Stormwater Criteria Manual as attached to this Board packet and recommends incorporating the proposed Stormwater Criteria Manual update into the City of Fort Collins Land Use Code and the City of Fort Collins Municipal Code, as appropriate.

Construction Specifications Update: the Water Board recommended approval and adoption of the Standard Development Specifications for Stormwater, Water, and Wastewater Construction including the process outlined for future updates.

Water Supply and Demand Management Policy: the Water Board prepared a letter of support to City Council for the draft policy incorporating comments made during the board meeting with assistance as needed from staff. The Water Board reviewed the letter and voted to endorse the letter of support at the December meeting.

Amendment to City Code Section 26-236 Regarding Exemptions to Connect to the City's Public Sewer System: the Water Board recommend approval to the City Council of amendments to Chapter 26-236 of the City Code relating to requirements to connect to the City's public sewer system.

Committee and Proposed Gray Water Legislation: the Water Board recommends to the City Council Legislative Review Committee that they consider supporting the concept of a proposed bill (enabling legislation) that would permit cities to set up standards and guidelines governing the use of graywater in their communities.

Recommendations on Legislative Review by the LFL: the Water Board voted to encourage City Council to direct Utilities staff to be more involved in monitoring, tracking, and testifying on state legislation and policy regarding water issues as appropriate. The Water Board also voted

to authorize its Legislative, Finance, and Liaison Committee to monitor state legislation and be enabled to send informational memos on bills that the LFL believes should be of concern or interest directly to the Council Legislative Committee. The memos would not suggest a position in support or opposition but would describe the issues and potential impacts to the City.

Easements

The water board reviewed and approved the following easement requests:

Request from Larimer County for an Underground Storm Sewer Pipe on Property Owned by City Utilities

Easement Request for the Sanctuary West Development

Stormwater Easement - Creekside Park

Maxwell Farm Conservation Easement Water Use Agreement

Easement on City Property to Public Service Company of Colorado

Presentations

Army Corps of Engineers Briefing on Halligan-Seaman Reservoir Projects

Floodplain Regulations: No Adverse Impact Option

Fluoride Regulations Update

2011 Raw Water Rental Rates and Delivery Charges

Lower Cache la Poudre and Urban Creek Water Quality Report

Upper Poudre Wildfire Watershed Assessment

CIPO Project Update

2009 Global Reporting Initiative Report

Agricultural Water in Larimer County

2010 QualServe Benchmarking Presentation

Utilities for the 21st Century

Drinking Water Quality and Annual Consumer Confidence Reports

MS4 Stormwater Permit Annual Update

Authorizing Conveyance of a Non-Exclusive Utility

Watershed Program (Protection of Raw Water Quality and Supply)

Nutrient Regulation Changes and associated impacts

Smart Grid Technology Update

Nutrients and Water Quality Memo

Standing Committees

Conservation and Public Education Committee

Engineering Committee

Legislative, Finance, and Liaison Committee

Water Supply Committee

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