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Date: January 25, 2019
To: Utilities Board
From: Aram Benyamin, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: **Communication to Utilities Board**

1. November 28, 2018 Economic Development Sub Committee Minutes:
(See attachment)
2. Board Request Tracker:
(See attachment)
3. Weekly Water Update:
 - 2019 Year-to-date Consumption: 858.1 million gallons, which is .52 percent less than at this point in 2018.
 - There are 180 days of demand in local storage.
 - There are approximately 2.7 years of demand in storage system-wide.(See attachment)
4. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:
There are various upcoming volunteer opportunities including the following this weekend:
 - **January 26** - Ronald McDonald House Bi-Monthly Clean Up
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - **January 26** – Bridge Building – National Society of Professional Engineers
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - **January 26** – Cheyenne Mountain Zoo – Take Down Zoo Lights
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.(See attachment)

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 (November 28, 2018 Economic Development Sub Committee Minutes)
- Attachment 2 (Board Request Tracker)
- Attachment 3 (Weekly Water Update)
- Attachment 4 (Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities)

c: Officer Team



**Minutes
Economic Development Sub-Committee
Colorado Springs Utilities Board
November 28, 2018
9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Rosemont Conference Room
Plaza of the Rockies South Tower, 5th Floor, 121 S. Tejon Street**

Sub-Committee Members Present: Sub-Committee Chair, Jill Gaebler; Andy Pico; City of Colorado Springs Staff: Bob Cope City of Colorado Springs Economic Development Manager; Jariah Walker, Urban Renewal Executive Director; Tammy Fields, Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Chief Economic Development Officer

Ex Officio Member present: Denny Nester, City Auditor

Sub-Committee Member excused: Bill Murray

Colorado Springs Utilities Staff present: Cindy Newsome; Jennifer Mora; Jessica Thiel; Matt Dudden; Dave Grossman and Toni Bircher

City of Colorado Springs Staff present: Ken Burgess, Division Chief – Utilities Division, City Attorney's Office

The meeting convened at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes Review

The minutes of September 26, 2018 were reviewed for posting.

Sub-Committee Chair, Jill Gaebler, announced that Dan Malinaric, Chair of the Chamber/EDC Board of Directors, will replace Arthur Ortegon as a member of the Economic Development Sub-Committee beginning with the January 23, 2019 meeting.

Economic Development CC Conference Highlights

Ms. Cindy Newsome, Manager, Office of Economic Development, provided an update on the EDCC Drive Lead Succeed Conference held on October 24, 2018 and reported that sessions on many topics were offered including: Development Finance, Transportation Ballot Initiatives, Smart Cities, Challenges to Growing Colorado's Technology Sector, Advancing Colorado's Economy, Opportunity Zones, Importance of Site Certification and Disruptors in the Energy Industry.

Sub-Committee Members Denny Nester and Tammy Fields reported on sessions they attended at the conference.

Sub-Committee Member Andy Pico arrived at 9:27 a.m.

2018 Sub-Committee Accomplishments and 2019 Draft Sub-Committee Work Plan

Ms. Newsome thanked the Sub-Committee members for devoting their time to the Sub-Committee and stated that their work has helped advance Economic Development goals and she discussed the 2018 focus areas and the 2019 work plan. She reported that completion of the Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) Utility Infrastructure for an Urban Planning Area assignment will be a focus for early 2019 and touched on other 2019 focus areas for the Sub-Committee.

Office of Economic Development Strategic Projects

Ms. Newsome confirmed that the Office of Economic Development (OED) is aligning strategies with the Colorado Springs Utilities Strategic Plan.

Discussion Items

- Organizational reporting area for OED
- Colorado Springs Utilities Organizational Chart
- Project alignment for a proactive approach
- Energy intensive projects
- Block chain
- Energy availability

Ms. Newsome reported that the strategic projects for the OED are utilities site capacity assessment, supporting the municipal government and community master planning efforts, infill/redevelopment: utility infrastructure of urban planning areas, the airport/commercial aeronautical zone master plan, energy intensive prospect approach and evaluation of the economic development toolbox.

Sub-Committee Chair Gaebler commented that having Colorado Springs Utilities participating in the Master Plan and the Transportation Plan discussions is good for the community, rate payers and customers.

Utilities Policy Advisory Committee Assignment Update

Ms. Newsome provided an update on the current Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) assignment, Utility Infrastructure for Urban Planning Areas. She highlighted key discussion points from the September, October and November UPAC meetings and discussed the assignment next steps and disclosed that the final recommendation from UPAC would be presented to the Utilities Board the at February 20, 2019 meeting.

Discussion Items

- Colorado Springs Utilities benefits of redevelopment
- Downtown master plan coordination
- Strategies for many areas of Colorado Springs
- Flexible funding for prospective projects

2019 Economic Development Partner Funding Update

Ms. Newsome reported on the 2019 funding availability and reported that a Partnership Agreement is being drafted and will be presented to the Economic Development Sub-Committee at the January 23, 2019 meeting. She reported that applications for funding would be available on the OED website in January 2019 and that the applications would be presented to the Sub-Committee for review at subsequent meetings.

Plan Future Meeting Agenda Items

The Sub-Committee members discussed upcoming meetings and requested that the December 26, 2018 meeting be cancelled and that the 2019 meetings should move to a quarterly meeting schedule of January, April, July and October.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**Utilities Board Member Direction and Request Tracker
as of 1/25/2019**

Request Code (date/requestor)	Request Description	Staff Lead	Method of Response	Date of Response	Requestor Close
03212018_Board	Schedule Joint Utilities Board/UPAC Regional Collaboration Workshop	Earl Wilkinson	Special Meeting held to update the Board on the North Monument Creek Interceptor project and Discussion with the Cherokee Metropolitan District. The Joint UB/UPAC Regional Collaboration Workshop has not been rescheduled.	10/30/2018	
06202018_Board	Follow-up with the Woodman/I-25 water main leak issue to minimize interference in the future and review if there is a warranty issue.	Earl Wilkinson			
09192018_Board	Affordable Housing: Follow-up with potential program rules to address keeping rents in affordable space; Provide efficiency improvement data and impacts to other DSM programs regarding effects of dollars open and savings achieved.	Eric Tharp; John Romero	Proposed program rules in draft form and will be presented to the Leadership Team at an upcoming meeting.	10/26/2018	
10172018_Board	Keep the Board informed of the date and location for signing event for the U.S. Forest Service MOU.	Earl Wilkinson; Abby Ortega	Meeting with U.S. Forest Service to determine MOU signing date.	11/15/2018	
11152018_Board	Afternoon workshop for New Energy Vision prior to May 2019 approval	John Romero; Michael Avanzi			
11142018_dknight and tstrand	Customer complaint	Melissa Kellione	Two meetings were held with customer and Mr. Strand. The complaint is resolved.	1/4/2019	
11192018_dknight	Customer assistance - water invoice	Melissa Kellione	Staff contacted customer and tested customer's meter. Meter passed and customer was informed of results. The complaint is resolved.	12/19/2018	
12052018_dknight	Bill increase message from customer	Melissa Kellione	Staff contacted customer and resolved the complaint.	12/5/2018	
12142018_dknight	Monitor wastewater main during demolition of a customer's sign on an easement. Work with the owner for risk mitigation.	Melissa Kellione			
12172018_board	Provide comparison information from 2016 Employee Climate Survey with the results and accomplishments in the ensuing 2 years. For a Board Meeting prior to 2019 survey.	Melissa Kellione			

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01162019_board	Prepare a plan for inclusion of broader input to the Board self-evaluations for 2019.	Melissa Kellione			
Ongoing Items					
07202016_dknight	Provide staff support for DOD Resiliency Summit follow up - energy plan	Melissa Kellione/ Eric Tharp	Ongoing		
03302017_Board	Industry micro/mega trends	Dan Noble	Periodically		
03302017_Board	Elected bodies meetings as appropriate	Dan Noble	Ongoing		

Weekly Water Update as of January 20, 2019:

CONSUMPTION:

WEEKLY:

Week of January 14 through January 20, 2019: 289.7 million gallons, average temperature: 34 deg F, precipitation: 0.01 in.

Week of January 14 through January 20, 2018: 298.1 million gallons, average temperature: 35 deg F, precipitation: 0.00 in.

Week of January 14 through January 20, 2017: 289.6 million gallons, average temperature: 35 deg F, precipitation: 0.10 in.

Week of January 14 through January 20, 2001: 333.8 million gallons, average temperature: 17 deg F, precipitation: 0.49 in.

MONTH-TO-DATE:

January 20, 2019: 858.1 million gallons.

January 20, 2018: 862.6 million gallons.

January 20, 2017: 835.2 million gallons.

January 20, 2001: 994.6 million gallons.

YEAR-TO DATE:

January 20, 2019: 858.1 million gallons, precipitation was: 0.21 in.

January 20, 2018: 862.6 million gallons, precipitation was: 0.08 in.

January 20, 2017: 835.2 million gallons, precipitation was: 0.29 in.

January 20, 2001: 994.6 million gallons, precipitation was: 0.52 in.

LOCAL STORAGE:

January 20, 2019 volume is 11.89 billion gallons.

January 20, 2018 was 72.9% of capacity.

January 20, 2017 was 66.8% of capacity.

January 20 normal storage - 1997 to 2001 - is 69.1% of capacity.

January 20 average storage for 30 years - 1981 to 2010 - is 72.9% of capacity.

There are 180 days of demand in local storage.

SYSTEM STORAGE:

As of January 13, 2019, system wide storage volume is 61.9 billion gallons.

There are approximately 2.7 years of demand in storage system-wide.

System storage is at 73.8 % of capacity.

System storage for January 13, 2018 was 83.4 % of capacity.

System storage for January 13, 2017 was 77.7 % of capacity.

Normal system storage - 1997 to 2001 - for January 13 is 75.1 % of capacity.

Average system storage - 1981 to 2010 - for January 13 is 74.1 % of capacity.

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February 2, 2019

Care & Share Food Sort
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

February 9, 2019

Mathcounts Competition
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

February 9, 2019

Project Angel Heart - Meal Delivery
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

****Don't forget to turn in your Pop Tabs to April Speake, MC950
& support Ronald McDonald House Charities****

To view all volunteer opportunities, see additional project information and to register, please visit <http://intranet.csu.org/Pages/VolunteerOpportunities.aspx>