



WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

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Monday, September 22, 2025

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jack Hilbert called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Jack Hilbert (Dist. I)
Vice Chair Donald Langley (Dist. I)
Regular Member James Eklund (Dist. I) (remote)
Regular Member Clark Hammelman (Dist. II)
Regular Member Jim Maras (Dist. II)
Regular Member Evan Ela (Dist. III)
Regular Member Mickey Conway (Dist. III) (remote)
At-Large Tricia Bernhardt

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Jack Hilbert asked for comments or a motion to approve the August 25, 2025 Water Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Approve the August 25, 2025 Water Commission Meeting Minutes
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Jim Maras
SECONDER: Clark Hammelman
AYES: Jack Hilbert, Donald Langley, Jim Maras, Clark Hammelman, Tricia Bernhardt, Evan Ela, James Eklund, Mickey Conway
NAYS: none
ABSTAIN: none

2. Referral Items for Possible Consideration – a “No Comment” will be provided for any and all items unless the Commission indicates otherwise

a. No Referred Items

3. Discussion and Action Items

No items were discussed.

4. Information Items

a. Parker Water & Sanitation District Presentation

Presented by Ron Redd, Director, Parker Water & Sanitation District.

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Ron Redd provided a comprehensive overview of Parker Water's current and future water supply strategies, including groundwater resources, reuse systems, conservation programs, and long-term infrastructure planning. He highlighted the district's innovative water supply modeling tool, smart meter rollout, and partnerships such as the Platte Valley project and Reuter Hess Recreation Authority.

Commission members asked questions about Parker Water's service boundaries and inclusion process, the operation and legal status of senior water rights, the structure of tiered residential water rates, the impact of the Perkins Canal on water modeling, the approval process for reducing irrigated landscape areas in new developments, the dimensions of the proposed Platte Valley pipeline, and the distinction between AMI and AquaHawk smart meter technologies.

b. Douglas County Water Plan Update

Presented by Will Koger, Principal, Forsgren Associates.

Will Koger updated the Commission on the progress of the Douglas County Water Plan, including data compilation from providers, groundwater volume calculations, and policy case studies. He noted discrepancies between state and county growth projections and explained that the team is currently working on integrating the data, with further discussion planned with staff.

The Commission and presenter had a question-and-answers session. Questions discussed included: integration of growth projections, conservation versus land use policy, timeline for draft completion, and availability of presentation materials for community outreach.

c. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Kati Carter, Assistant Director, Planning Resources, informed the Commission that due to the holiday season, the November and December meetings will be held one week earlier than usual, on the third Monday of each month.

5. Member Discussion

Vice Chair Donald Langley asked whether the December 15 meeting would include the draft of the water plan for review. Will Koger clarified that the draft is expected in January or February 2026.

6. Adjournment

Chair Hilbert declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.