



WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

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Monday, July 28, 2025

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Hearing Room

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Hilbert called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for a roll call.

PRESENT: Chair, Jack Hilbert (Dist. I)
Vice Chair, Donald Langley (Dist. I)
Regular Member Clark Hammelman (Dist. II)
Regular Member Roger Hudson (Dist. II)
Regular Member Jim Maras (Dist. II)
Regular Member Evan Ela (Dist. III) (arrived after roll call)
At-Large Sean Tonner
At-Large Tricia Bernhardt

2. Approval of Water Commission Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2025

Chair Hilbert asked for comments or a motion to approve the June 23, 2025, Water Commission Meeting Minutes.

Roger Hudson moved to approve the June 23, 2025, meeting minutes.

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Roger Hudson
SECONDER: Jim Maras
AYES: Jack Hilbert, Donald Langley, Clark Hammelman, Roger Hudson, Jim Maras, Evan Ela, Sean Tonner, Tricia Bernhardt
NAYS: none
ABSTAIN: none

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

a. SB2025-017 Bloom Preliminary Plan

Don Langley commented on an error in the "will serve letter" from Parker Water, which showed a presumptive demand of 0.7-acre feet per single-family equivalent taps (SFE) instead of the current 1.1-acre feet per SFE. A corrected letter has been sent to the developer. Clark Hammelman added that this is a good example of a mid-size development working with existing water providers, avoiding independent well-digging.

- b. SB2025-020 Crest View, 2nd Amendment

No comments were made on this item.

- c. SP2025-050 5377 N State Highway 67

No comments were made on this item.

- d. ZR2025-004 Highlands Ranch Planned Development, 81st Amendment

Clark Hammelman referenced the Highlands Ranch Planned Development during his comments on item A, highlighting it as another strong example of a developer collaborating with an existing water provider to align with long-term planning efforts.

4. Discussion and Action Items

No discussion and action items were presented at this meeting.

5. Information Items

- a. Highlands Ranch Water Presentation

Rick McCloud, Water Resources Manager at Highlands Ranch Water and Sanitation District, presented an overview of the district's approach to ensuring a reliable water supply for its 110,000 residents across 35,000 homes.

Rick McCloud and members of the Water Commission had a question-and-answer session.

- b. Douglas County Water Plan Update

Terence Quinn, Director of Community Development, provided an update on the Douglas County Water Plan. He noted that the Board of County Commissioners are eager to accelerate the development of a draft plan by the end of 2025. The objective is to complete the technical analysis by year-end, with public workshops and presentations scheduled to begin early in 2026.

Will Koger, Vice President and Division Manager at Forsgren, offered additional details on the revised process and confirmed that LRE, the consulting firm, is aligned with the expedited timeline.

6. Member Discussion

Tricia Bernhardt provided a summary of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) tour with Castle Rock Water, which was attended the previous week by four commission members—Donald Langley, Clark Hammelman, Tricia Bernhardt, and James Eklund—as well as members of the Community Development staff. She noted that Castle Rock Water is currently engaged in a pilot program for ASR systems and described the tour as highly informative.

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Commission members also discussed a recent video filming at Rueter-Hess Reservoir with Commissioner Teal and staff.

7. Adjournment

Chair Hilbert declared the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.