



## **2A Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting** **Minutes**

**2-4 p.m., August 15, 2024**

**Location: 401 Large and Teams**

Attendees included Sam Acosta, Douglas Conlon, Richard Mulledy, Tim Biolchini, Erin Powers, City Councilor David Leinweber, Bobby Ingels, Eric Stedman, Kendra Keating, Fadil Lee, Mayor Yemi Mobolade, Maren McDowell, Brenda Roy, and Christina Aragon.

Public Works Director, Richard Mulledy, started the meeting by introductions of existing members and new members. He then provided a broad overview of the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) and discussed recent position changes such as his new role as Public Works Director and Erin Powers as acting Stormwater Enterprise Division Manager. Sam Acosta asked which Council member would now be assigned to the Board, and Richard was unsure but would confirm that information and report back to the Board.

Richard continued by introducing Brenda Roy who provided the financial overview and update. She provided a review of the operating budget for the year, explaining budget plus rollover. Richard explains the acronyms used in Brenda's presentation, such as "CD" for Consent Decree, and described how the Consent Decree ties into SWENT billing. She also discussed what comprises each budget category, and discussed how SWENT sets goals and surpasses requirement and production goals. SWENT has collected 96% of what we billed through 2023, and the rest will be captured through liens against homes. Over a 24-month period, we run about 99.7% collected rate. Increased revenues are a result of the rate increase and city growth. Brenda explains we analyze city development every 6 months to capture all new development for billing purposes. Brenda discussed the pending implementation of "Phase 5" with Colorado Springs Utilities, which would mean 100% of the billing would be completed CSU. Phase Five is the final phase of SWENT's goal to move all billing processes to CSU.

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A question was posed during the meeting regarding the investment of Stormwater revenues. Brenda provided the following information post-meeting:

The attached spreadsheet reflects the interest earnings that are allocated to Stormwater and all other departments on a quarterly basis. Stormwater interest is posted to the 7850 Revenue ledger and can be seen on the monthly revenue reports:

- SW Q1 Interest Allocation      \$125,940.55
- SW Q2 Interest Allocation      \$129,921.67

The quarterly investment performance reports are posted to the City's website at <https://coloradosprings.gov/accounting/page/investment-policies-reports?mlid=9736>. The 2024 performance summary interest earned is slightly different. The performance summary reflects interest earned, even if not received by the City yet. The City records interest on a cash basis (via the spreadsheet) and trues it up for accrual basis at year-end. So, the accrued interest does not get fully recorded until the end of the year.

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Tim provided a project schedule of current and future projects for 2024, including the status of ongoing projects. Discussion arose regarding the costs increase of construction materials. Bobby Ingels asked if the City accepts any alternatives for boulders. Tim explained sculpted concrete structures have been used as well as structures accommodating various boulder sizes instead of just the larger, more costly boulders. Richard and Tim discussed channel stabilization options and how criteria is driving the industry toward a more natural path versus the full concrete channels. Tim continues by providing a brief description of each ongoing and upcoming project for the remainder of 2024 and beginning of 2025.

Richard and Erin opened a discussion with the group regarding the Drainage Criteria Manual (DCM) updates asking if the members have any comments or questions about the revisions. Discussion continues about flexibility in the criteria with construction costs being higher, as well as water quality alternatives. Revisions in Chapter 2 (Submittals/ Procedures) are discussed.

As the meeting is wrapping up, Tim offers to take the SAC members on a tour of Stormwater projects before the next meeting in November.

Adjournment at 3:40.