



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attendees: See the table at the end of the minutes.

A copy of the recording can be found [here](#). Dan welcomed everyone and started the meeting. Dan invited each of the new officers to introduce themselves.

Nathan Moore, CDPHE – Nathan reported on the fee setting effort, clean water 14 and the water quality roadmap. Clean Water 14 is a policy for gravity fed de-watering to occur without a permit. It's a low-risk kind of

discharge. Typically, the discharges are to municipal systems. They are looking to expand the types of discharges that qualify. It would not include industrial sites and typically would include things like foundation de-watering. The expansion of the policy is out for comment which are due at the end of the month. They are still working on the implementation plan.

Jesse asked about underpasses with de-watering pumps and if they would be included. Nathan would have to check to see if they were included and invited Jesse to comment if he thought the language should be changed. It doesn't include wastewater treatment plants because they are industrial. It does include drinking water treatment facilities.

The fee setting process is continuing. He explained that the CDPHE needs to obtain the spending authority from the legislature. He shared that some of the new staff that were hired are onboard and getting trained. Justine asked about the consultant that's being hired to improve process efficiency focused on domestic treatment systems. The work has been scoped and is beginning. He'll need to update progress in the future. They aren't anticipating any budget cuts.

Work on the Road map is continuing. They will likely be looking for feedback on the processes as they continue.

Kindra Brewer from the non-regulatory group, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). She shared some slides about the different sectors they focus on. Some agencies prefer to maintain their own cybersecurity processes. They are

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broken out by region and are closely aligned with FEMA. In Region 8 there are several cybersecurity advisors.

For wastewater treatment systems, the threats are primarily from terrorists who are monitoring our systems, mostly from China. As wastewater treatment plant systems go online, they need to be sure they have adequate cybersecurity protocols. CISA is here to help organizations that need cybersecurity expertise. The government recognizes that many small, especially rural, organizations may not have specific expertise to ensure cybersecurity.

They provide services free of charge; they're already paid for by tax dollars. She referenced their service catalogue describing what services they offer. They can help organizations that 'are having a bad day' and are under attack. They can help restore the system and be proactive to prevent future attacks. She shared her contact information for anyone who would like more information and to sign up for alerts about cybersecurity vulnerabilities, [Kindra.brewer@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:Kindra.brewer@cisa.dhs.gov).

If CISA knows an organization's IP address, they can help watch for vulnerabilities. They have good resources on their website, [www.cisa.gov](http://www.cisa.gov). Any information that an organization shares is secure and can't be subpoenaed. She encouraged anyone who is attacked to report it to the FBI ([www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)) and local law enforcement. In Colorado, it's been a struggle to get wastewater treatment organizations to reach out.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Regulatory Updates –**

NWRI Feasibility Funding – Amy discussed how the committed funds have been coming in. Already more money has been collected than was requested. A decision was made to send all the money to NWRI and ask them to return any overages when the project is done. Members can decide at that time what they'd like to do with the returned funds. Most entities who wanted to contribute, wanted to contribute, so we decided to keep collecting and any extra funds could be spent on regulatory efforts.

Legislative Issues – Erin Bertoli, Metro Water Recovery reported on developments since the last meeting. Metro has been collecting the topics and ideas from the council and other stakeholders. The fee setting process is not addressing the underlying issues for the permit backlog. Efficiency is a key topic where the issues include simplifying some of the processes that make permitting particularly complex and difficult. Transparency and accountability issues include the interpretation of the 180-day rule that delays progress. AZ could provide a useful model. Communication is another issue so that the permittee knows that the information about their permit information is being released to the public. She would love to talk to any organization that is supportive with lobbying abilities.

Justine reported on conversations she'd been having with CDPHE staff. Erin encouraged anyone with other permitting issues to share them sooner rather than later. The council is well positioned to help provide a unified voice for the wastewater sector. Dan asked the membership for any thoughts they have on a legislative effort. Bret noted the amount of additional funds CDPHE is asking for and that it would be nice to be clear on how it would be spent. Wes spoke in support of a legislative effort. It's hard to know exactly how to proceed, which topics to address first. The next step is probably to determine which organizations have the resources to pursue a legislative effort. Erin is happy to be helpful in determining how best to move forward.

The proposed bill would be an orbital bill that would be associated with the budget (rather than an individual legislator's bill).

PFAS Biosolids Risk assessment – Dan reported on progress on the risk assessment and making sure everyone is aware and prepared for the report. The effort hopes to coordinate messaging around the risk assessment.

Chemical Evaluations – Dan reported that there was a productive conversation with regulators from MN. They de-briefed with Andrew Sayers-Faye. They have one staff person working about 20% of the time on the Chemical Evaluation forms. They are able to be so efficient because their chemical evaluation process happens independently from the permitting process. MN likely has more dilution and probably isn't as stringent as CO in anti-degradation. They keep a database on the chemicals that is available online. They allow a wider variety of wet testing species. CDPHE is hiring, especially for feasibility which would include chemical evaluation forms.

Eagle River Temperature Issue – Justine reported that the Town of Eagle will not have numerical limits in their permit. There is a request to have a Rulemaking hearing in 2026 on Regulation 31. CDPHE seems to be understanding the importance of including feasibility in permitting. Caroline Byus shared that the implementation is not consistent with the regulations. Justine shared information about Eagles' hearing in the chat. Eagle River Parties' comments in Regulation 31 Issues Scoping hearing:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MVI3YCRIDrXDnBhjYvhU6PMRQRpXcAKQ/view> Full Reg. 31 ISH record here:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10zc5ayfh9Cm1SdHo\\_I5SyByA12etqg4B](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10zc5ayfh9Cm1SdHo_I5SyByA12etqg4B)

Water Quality Forum Updates - Meghan reported that the next membership meeting is Monday, 11/18, 12:30 – 2:30. Topics will include a review of PFAS monitoring results from David Dani at CDPHE and discussion of One Water Collaboration with some folks from Denver and the Mile High Flood District, plus work group updates. The agenda will be posted here sometime this week: <https://colowqforum.com/cleanWater/meetings/>

The permit renewal workgroup has met and Dan is the Chair. They will have to prioritize because there are a lot of topics. Justine added a link to the topic form - Permit Renewal Data & Communication Needs - current form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSeqqsDULVWawRLVmaMWciL876WIZuuCioBDaT0IMh7k\\_fg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSeqqsDULVWawRLVmaMWciL876WIZuuCioBDaT0IMh7k_fg/viewform)

**Drinking Water Forum Updates** – Brandon reported that forum heard about the Lead and Copper Rule updates as well as other issues.

**CMF Liaison** – Dan reported that CMF continues to work to coordinate efforts on topics of concern in the water quality community.

**Website Updates** – Amy reported that the website has been updated and is ready for review. She requested that any additional changes be made no later than **Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. The site will go live at the end of the year.

<https://cowastewater.regencyinteractive.net/>

CWWUC Proposed Budget - October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025				
Description	Budgeted 2025	2024 Actual	(Under) / Over Budget	Comments
<b>Assets/Revenues</b>				
Carry Forward	\$ 100,000	\$ 81,416	\$ (18,584)	as 9/30/24
Membership Dues	\$ 88,000	\$ 92,009	\$ 4,009	\$4,000 for Temp.
Total Assets and Revenues	\$ 188,000	\$ 173,425	\$ (14,575)	
<b>Liabilities/Expenses</b>				
Description		Total Unrestricted	(Under) / Over Budget	
Accounting Fees (Form 990)	\$ 650	\$ 240	(410)	New Accountant
Accountant Fees (Audit)	\$ 500		(500)	
Management Fees	\$ 36,000	\$ 24,277	(11,724)	
Bookkeeper	\$ 400	\$ 325	(75)	
Misc	\$ 175		(175)	
Website	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,045	(155)	
Quickbooks (access for 2)	\$ 780	\$ 730	(50)	
Insurance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,428	(72)	
Legal Services	\$ 30,000	\$ 11,470	(18,530)	
Regulatory fund	\$ 5,536	\$ 25,000	19,464	less than last year because we put \$10K to NWRRI panel
Education/Lobbying	\$ 1,000		(1,000)	
Biggs Memorial Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	-	
CMF Membership	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,671	(29)	
Reg 22 Remaining Agreement	\$ 7,559		(7,559)	Temperature
2024-2025 Total Liabilities	\$ 88,000	\$ 67,186	(20,814)	
2024-25 Net Income / (Loss)	\$ 100,000	\$ 106,239		

**Board Action Items** – Wes moved, and Jim Heckman seconded a motion to approve the invoices as presented. The vote was unanimous to approve payment of invoices presented.

Checks for Signature in November		
2422 - NWRRI	\$ 50,600.00	pass through for panel
2423 - Amy Conklin	\$ 3,150.00	services in Oct.
2424 - Vranesh and Raisch	\$ 6,890.48	

Approval of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, minutes. Jim Heckman moved, and Wes seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

2025 Budget – Amy reviewed the budget presented in the agenda. She noted that the funds for NWRRI would be tracked separately and would be recorded in the QB files. She has started the process of preparing the tax return. Wes moved and Jesse seconded a motion to approve the

budget with revisions to increase the Legal Services line item to \$30,000 and decrease the Regulatory Fund line item to \$5,536.

Open Discussion – How does one become a member? Contact Amy at [amy.conklin@comcast.net](mailto:amy.conklin@comcast.net)

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

**Attendance**

Amy Conklin, Coordinator  
 Erin Bertoli  
 Kindra Brewer

Nathan Moore  
 Andrew Sayers Fay  
 Justine Beckstrom

Member	Last	First	email	
Peublo	Callaghan	Andrew		
St. Vrain	Arnold	Alex		x
Mount Crested Butte	Bembenek	Adam		
SPR	Stucky Acob	Andrea		
	Berlman	Annie		
		Anthony		x
Grand Junction	Firl	Ashley		
Longmont	Bilgin	Azra		
	Johnson	Ben		
	Green	Bethany		
Security	Bernard	Brandon		x
Cherokee	Zembles	Brandon		x
	Zachman	Brad		
S. Platte Renew	Corning	Blair		x
	Stanfield	Bent		
	Burks	Bryan		
	Icenogle	Bret		
	Z	Brian		
	A	Brianne		
Pinyon	Byus	Caroline		x
St. Vrain	Kampman	Chris		x
Boulder	Sigmon	Cole		
	Bieker	C		
	Lane	Cynthia		x

South Platte Renew	DeLaughter	Dan		x
	Richardson	Daniel		
Montrose	Bries	David		x
	Louch	Dave		
	Kurz	David		
Lafayette	Jackson	David		x
	Bonsall	Desirray		
Broomfield	Trejo	Diana		x
Broomfield	Cowell	Dawn		x
Mott Macdonalds	Farias	Elizabeth		x
Dominion	Bahn	Evan		
		Heather		
C Springs	Greeno	Hunter		
	Smith	Gary		x
Louisville	Venette	Greg		x
Silverthorne	Kruckeberg	Jason		
	Shivvers	JD		
Fort Collins	Schlam	Jesse		x
Black Hawk	DiToro	Jessica		
Fountain	Heckman	Jim		x
Monument	Kendrick	Jim	jfkendrick@q.com	x
Metro Water Recovery	Dorsch	Jim	jdorsch@mwr.dst.co.us	x
Gypsum	Hancock	Jim		
Loveland	Creaghe	Joe		
Greeley	Kunovic	Joe		x
	Coyle	Jon		
Longmont	Gage	John		x
	Moore	Jonathan		
	Watkins	Joshua		x
Westminster	Nims	Josh		
	Tinetti	Julie		
	Koplitz	Katie		
	Cline	Kelly		
Grand Junction	Carson	Kurt		
	Swenson	Lauren		

	Haxby	M		x
Eagle	Harris	Madeline		
	Freyre	Manuel		
	Parker	Mark		
	Christiansen	Mark		x
	Volle	Mark		
	Koch	Mark		
NFRWQPA	Thomas	Mark		
	Deminski	Mary		
	Paterniti	Mary		
Boulder	Wilson Outcalt	Meghan	<a href="mailto:wilsonm@bouldercolorado.gov">wilsonm@bouldercolorado.gov</a>	
Boulder	Mimna	Melissa		x
	Morgan	Mike		
	Fabbre	Mike		x
	Hoffman	Mike		
	Marcum	Mike		
Broomfeild	Monacelli	Natalie		
Aurora	Harmon	Nick		
	Marusin	Nick		x
C. Springs	Zeitlow	Patti		x
	Heald	Roy		x
	Kim	Randi		x
	Calkins	Sam		
	Harcus	Scott		
Northglenn	Stanley	Shelley	<a href="mailto:sstanley@northglenn.org">sstanley@northglenn.org</a>	x
Eagle	Wilson	Stephan		
Westminster	Wilson	Tara		x
Fremont	Ormandy	Toby	tormandy@fsd.co	x
	Kraft	Tanner		x
	Eldridge	Tyler		
	Eaves	Wally		x
		Vic		x
Plum Creek	Martin	Wes		x
	Zachman	Brad		