



## CWWUC Approved Minutes – February 12, 2020 Meeting

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### **1. Introductions**

### **2. Guest speakers**

#### **a. Nicole Rowan, CDPHE**

- i. Discussed member concerns about Preliminary Effluent Limits (PELs) which often times are slow to get to utilities and can delay a utility's ability to move forward with design for expansions, etc.
- ii. The state considering providing an option for utilities to apply for permit modifications ahead of the site application process – which would include compliance schedules.
  1. Opportunity to reduce tension and the permit will then go through public comment.
  2. Another tool to assist utilities in moving through the process.
  3. PELs and Site Approval can still be applied for at the same time.
- iii. PELs are designed to be conservative and intended to be used as a long-term planning document.
- iv. Contemplating if it makes sense for small domestic WWTP to be covered under the General Permit rather than going through individual PEL process.
- v. The Division is re-evaluating when PELs need to redone. Right now, any PEL that is older than 18 months old has to be redone.
- vi. The Division is prioritizing PELs for site applications now. The Division does not have the resources to provide scoping PELs as they are extremely time consuming.
- vii. If permits are on administrative extension, then permits cannot be modified (outside of contact updates) until the basin hearing comes around. In this case the PEL process makes the most sense.
- viii. Nicole said that third party PELs will not be allowed, as they do not save time as the Division has to do a complete review of all assumptions and still have to calculate a PEL.

- #### **b. Tyler Wible, Colorado State University: Presentation on overview of eRAMS (available on the website).**

### **3. Board Action Items**

#### **a. Approval of invoices for payment**

- i. Corona Environmental Consulting - \$1,890 (approved by vote)
- ii. Vranesh & Raisch - \$6,337.50 (approved by vote)



- b. Approval of December minutes

#### 4. Discussion items

- a. PFAS legislation

- i. Board members of Water Utility Council and CWWUC met with Division.

Discussed some of the issues with PFAS policy:

1. Concern about liability associated with the policy, lab questions regarding monitoring and testing (are there enough labs), and Amendment L001 section of the legislation.
2. The Division has provided a summary of the workgroup available at:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N90c6IY6moC0aarnw8VFbgeqCq\\_bUxvi](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N90c6IY6moC0aarnw8VFbgeqCq_bUxvi)
3. Additional information, including the draft policy, redline and recording of the meeting is available at:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N90c6IY6moC0aarnw8VFbgeqCq\\_bUxvi](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N90c6IY6moC0aarnw8VFbgeqCq_bUxvi)
4. The first permit term for WWTF will be monitoring only.
5. The Division has left it open so that they can set limits if they need to – such as the EPA coming out and saying it has a dire impact on health.

- b. Greenhouse gas reporting legislation

- i. Possibility to get more information from Metro on how they calculated GHG in future meetings.
  - ii. Looks as though the CWWUC comments helped to prevent required reporting for Domestic WWTF.
  - iii. Air Quality Control Division is willing to meet with CWWUC after the rulemaking hearing

- c. Colorado Monitoring Framework Update

- i. Set-up a group for PFAS but need more funding for that. They brought in some outside experts, toxicologist, and reviewed analysis.
  - ii. Wes asked if there a formal request for funds. The total cost is \$30K. They have a total of \$19K right now. The formal request is to give them some funds.
  - iii. Motion to support the CMF for
    1. Motion to support at \$3000 (approved)

- d. Podcasts?

- i. Blair Corning requested ideas for podcasts.

