



Approved Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13th, 2021

1. Guest speakers

a. **Nicole Rowan (CDPHE)** – State updates and gathering information from members on SolarWinds Cyber Incident (*see email below*)

i. COVID 19:

1. There should be more information soon as they are updating their website for vaccines for utilities workers in Phase 1b. As soon as there is more information Nicole will pass it along and there will also be information through COWARN
2. Rapid testing is still available.
 - a. JM Grebenc commented that it is not just the workers in close proximity to wastewater that need to be vaccinated in order to keep the staff healthy.
 - b. Nicole commented that the staff at CDPHE is aware of that.
3. The Monitoring Collaborative Dashboard is active now:
<https://cdphe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/d79cf93c3938470ca4bcc4823328946b>
4. Epidemiologist from CDPHE will be happy to provide an update to the CWWUC, which will get meeting scheduled soon.

ii. Division updates:

1. The state budget is stable right now.
2. Staffing: They are finally resuming hiring and they currently have one position open for an environmental protection specialist. There are two upcoming open positions for a permit writer, and a workgroup leader for TMDL.

iii. Regulation and policy development:

1. 10-year roadmap – There will be a focus on feasibility. Pueblo will be providing example of selenium.
2. There will be a meeting on the 24th of February. Details will be on the website soon.

iv. Stakeholder efforts:



1. Dredge and Fill – February 4th. Will talk about finalizing the white paper and presenting it.
 - v. SolarWinds Feedback: They are trying to understand how wide-spread SolarWinds is used.
 1. There were no issues to report by CWWUC members, however if there is anything that needs to be reported, people should call Nicole Rowan.
 - vi. There is a permits webinar on January 14th.
 - vii. There is a new chemical evaluations form, that has been revised to improve clarity. If people want to see it they can go to:
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wq-per-forms>
 1. Chemical evaluations will be discussed in the April permits webinar. If you have additional questions, please let Meg Parish know.
 - viii. The Division is looking for ways to let permit writers focus on calculations, so they are trying to work on how to streamline the comment process. They have used Google forms as a pilot and they have decided not to work with that. They are using a new form that can be found at: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/wq-per-forms>
 1. If you want to send a PDF of the comments that is great, however please use the Word version and submit that as well as that is what they will be working from.
 - ix. Comments were submitted to EPA on the Groundwater Hydraulic Rule for the County of Maui (this will be shared with CWWUC members).
- b. Gabe Racz – I&I and Chemical Evaluation/Polymer Use**
- i. I&I
 1. Concerns about I&I – every renewal has included I&I conditions with vague statements about why. The primary question is who needs them and who does not?
 2. If conditions are included, then they should be those that good I&I programs meet.
 3. Wes Martin, Hunter Greeno, Andra Ahrens, Rob Fleck, Katie Koplitz to attend a meeting with Meg Parish on January 15th to provide information to the Division from a utility point of view about I&I programs, and issues/concerns about I&I in permits.
 4. There needs to be criteria around how I&I will be implemented in permits, in particular for 208 planning agencies.



5. An overview of meeting with Meg along with presentations from the people who provided an overview of their I&I programs for the next CWWUC meeting.

ii. Chemical Evaluation Form:

1. The things that are most problematic on the new form:
 - a. Estimation of effluent concentrations of chemicals used.
 - b. The Division will request aquatic toxicity, and nothing can go forward without that.
 - i. There is general language in Reg 61 that says they are allowed to ask for general information.
 - ii. If the chemical evaluations are important Julie Tinetti state that they should be included in the roadmap.
 - iii. Put chemical evaluations on the agenda for discussion with the Division at the next CWWUC meeting.
 - iv. Katie Koplitz suggested that we provide examples to the Division if we are going to have this as an agenda item.
 1. Todd Fessenden of Erie recommended that we put together a letter regarding concerns not being heard by utilities that are having the same issues.
 2. The Council will collect information from members with respect to denials due to chemical evaluations.
 3. For the next meeting it could be a benefit to ask the Division if there could be a list of commonly used pre-approved chemicals.

2. Board Action Items

- a. Approval of invoices for payment
 - i. Corona Environmental: \$1,450
 - ii. Vranesh & Raisch: \$528
 - iii. Rose Melville, CPA: \$225
 - iv. Motion to approve made and seconded: Approved
- b. Approval of December minutes – Change TNORM to 18 months



- i. Motion to approved made and seconded: Approved with change.

3. Discussion items

- a. Reg. 31 – There is a Reg 31 hearing coming up with a stakeholder meeting scheduled for January 19th for site specific longevity plans. The Division’s proposal is due to the Commission at the end of this month. Commission will approve a hearing notice in February. Prehearing statements likely in March.
 - i. Things of interest:
 - 1. Longevity plans for site specific standards- how future reviews will be done
 - 2. Changes to temp modifications
 - 3. Changes to antidegradation to bring them better into alignment with the statute
 - 4. Standards that are not usually applied – in particular for aluminum which will probably be added in the basin hearings.
- b. Updates on TENORM
 - i. The Division is going to start accepting applications for registration January 14th. There is not form but you can send an email to Jim Grice.
 - ii. They are hoping to get comments about the Guidance prior to the meetings.
 - iii. They are looking for plans or studies to be submitted ahead of time.
 - iv. They are requesting that people submit methods that they are using for review to expand on the list that they have.
 - v. Labs that are being used is Hazen and ALS.
- c. Other updates
 - i. Reg 100 comments:
 - 1. The hearing is scheduled for two weeks from January 12th.
 - 2. Cynthia Lane will be providing comments consistent with the letter. She would like to know if she is able to speak for both the CWWUC and the CWUC. Members agreed that she should do that. Cynthia will provide a copy of the script ahead of time.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at 1:00 pm