



## Approved Minutes

**Wednesday, February 10th, 2021**

### **1. Discussion items**

- a.** TENORM: Wes to describe the request from CDPHE for information exchange.
  - i. The division had a few questions raised about grit and rags in the guidance documents for TENORM. The council had been discussing meeting with Jim Grice and Shaia about processes, etc. Wes is looking for one or two other utilities that may be interested in discussing their processes, and if possible, the numbers they are seeing. We already have a couple engaged. If you are interested email Shonnie at [admin@cwwuc.org](mailto:admin@cwwuc.org)
- b.** Updates: RWEA and Facility Operator Board:
  - i. The water and wastewater utility council shared an opinion on what we may be hoping was addressed. Cynthia presented that to the Facility Operators Board. Cynthia presented the testimony that was a condensed version of the letter developed. There was a lot of conversation back and forth. Where they ended is, they agreed to give out of state operators the same testing cycle protocol that they give in-state operators. 6-month period in which you have multiple opportunities to test and pass. The one quirk is if they are not able to pass after multiple attempts, they do have to go back to the beginning level. It should be added to the policy and posted soon.
  - ii. It has worked out fairly well for operators to get training on-line for the licensing. Trainers and engineers have stepped up to help with the process. They do not allow on-line testing.
  - iii. Go to the Webpage Steps to become Certified  
<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/ccwp-steps-to-becoming-certified>
- c.** EPA Workforce Grant: There is a grant with applications due on March 26<sup>th</sup> for an EPA grant up to \$500,000 for workforce development. Shonnie and Cynthia Lane to follow-up.
- d.** The meeting in March will be used for strategic planning.
- e.** Julie Tinetti met with the Standards Committee: Met with Dana Winkelman, CSU Colorado Cooperative Unit Manager. They are done with their Johnny Darter study – they would like to do a Tier II water study as they have open tanks. Anyone that is interested in being involved should contact either Julie



Tinetti or Dana Winkelman. CSU, Pueblo, and South Platte Renewal expressed interested.

- f. Blair Corning asked if there was anyone who might be interested in presenting or has topics for the Streaming Water Podcast. Send your ideas or presenters to Blair Corning.
- g. Covid vaccines for water wastewater is available March 5<sup>th</sup>. Classified in 1b-3. For people coordinating for the utility, it will be managed through the employers similar to how the school districts are doing now.

## 2. Board Action Items

- a. Approval of invoices for payment – Approval of invoice for Corona Environmental Consulting - \$1,579.31 - Approved
- b. Approval of January minutes - Approved

## 3. Guests (to start at 2 pm)

- a. **Nicole Rowan (CDPHE)** – State updates
  - i. There is some information on COVID vaccinations for utilities coming soon.
- b. **Chemical Evaluation Form Discussion:** Interactive discussion with CWWUC members, Meg Parish and Nicole Rowan
  - i. **Kevin Healey, Young Life case experience for denial on sodium carbonate was played.**
    - 1. **Meg:** For facilities that do not have wet testing already it is tricky. Where it is possible, we try to give information on the front end. They see facilities fail WET testing because of higher TDS all the time. They are doing this out of concerns for WET failure. They want to figure out how they can be clearer with their expectations. They also want to note that since Young Life is under enforcement – they have the discretion to make that decision as to whether or not it is a substantial change.
    - ii. There are at least 16 denials that have occurred with commonly used chemicals around the world, which is assisting with compliance for things like phosphorous.
    - iii. **Michelle:** CDPHE is going to focus first on how they send out memos as they are really supposed to be a Request for Information (RFI) to start with, not a denial. If the information is not provided, then it becomes a denial. They are denying applications because they are not complete.
    - iv. They are seeing a variety of things, such as chemicals that have not been included in previous applications. All polymers have acrylamide



which has a standard. There are previously undisclosed proprietary ingredients in the chemicals.

- v. **Meg:** More people are looking at new chemicals to be compliant with nutrient standards. They are trying to make the application for renewal clearer.

For complete recording of the meeting and chemical evaluation discussion please go to:  
<https://coronaenv.zoom.us/rec/share/QgsmaSIPbVI8ZNezm2JxcoZ2UtOwbm02Va3jYOI-3iJKjEZEWwPjOTLmBDNHe9h.CvLGceSQ7WfsnQLM> Passcode: xy9xDmS!

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