



Approved Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13th, 2021

1. Guests

a. Meg Parish (CDPHE) – State updates

i. Amy Konowal - Interim Clean Water Program Manager –

- 1 **COVID-19-** Not much different than before. CDPHE continues to be remote.
- 2 **Staffing** – Nicole Rowan is the new Director and may come back to CWWUC meetings in the near future.
 - a **Clean Water Program Manager** should be filled by the end of the year

3 **Regulation and Policy Updates** –

- a The Water Quality Roadmap efforts are shifting to November 18th to lakes nutrient criteria development at next meeting on November 18th.
- b Voluntary Incentive Program – They are working on a marked-up policy. It will not be changed significantly but will likely have some clarification. Will be getting it out before the November meeting.
- c Workgroups coming up-
 - i MS4 issues, Reg 84,
 - ii Permits webinar on October 14th is on Water Quality Planning targets and what has been learned and how it intersects with chemical evaluations. They will discuss how limit scope PELs might be appropriate for chemical approvals. They are also going to be talking about nutrient criteria to alleviate small system concerns.
 - iii Workgroups underway:
 - 1 Temperature workgroup
 - 2 NILS workgroup,
 - 3 Chemical evaluation discussion on October 17th. They have put out a form that if you have questions for that forum, you can put them there.

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS>

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- 4** Other workgroups There will be a 303(D) listing methodology meeting on October 14th, including data submittal process, recap of e-coli discussion and also about Reg 31 provisions for lakes refuge, and monitoring and evaluations requirements.
- 5** Colorado dredge and fill is on hold.
- 6** Biosolids and PFAS workgroup have no current meetings scheduled.
- 7** Aluminum workgroup – had initial meeting. The Division is not participating in this workgroup.
- 8** Reg 22 on-going discussions.
- 9** Links for information on workgroups: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/Water-Quality-Control-Division-Permits-Webinar>
- 10** Also check the Water Quality Forum website for more information on workgroups.
- 11** NILs Subworkgroup October 6 recorded meeting located here: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hx4QwqpibKcs9xwakcGZfdux0fU1p8Cd>

iv Federal updates

- 1** WOTUS - Foundational rule making followed by a second rule making is expected. They are holding listening sessions that the
- 2** 401 water quality certification – there is no new information.
- 3** Infrastructure bill is moving forward.
- 4** EPA will issue a PFAS roadmap this fall
- 5** Groundwater and hydrologic connection – Colorado have been looking at connection between

hydrologic connection between ground and surface water.

- 6 EPA - There is a strategic action plan put out on harmful algal blooms that include an event tracking and monitoring program. There is a report that provides support for state development of nutrient standards.

- a <https://www.epa.gov/office-inspector-general/report-epa-needs-agencywide-strategic-action-plan-address-harmful-algal>

- 7 Selenium – 304(A) – Colorado is making sure that their work on selenium is consistent with the Feds.

- a <https://www.epa.gov/wqc/aquatic-life-criterion-selenium>

- 8 EPA published a 2021 climate action plan.

- a <https://www.epa.gov/climate-adaptation>

- d Permit Mods for PFAS may go into effect in the first of the year. Delayed due to two comments that were not addressed.

- i Suncorp and Aurora permits will be going to public notice on November 11th.

- b. **Charles Schaefer (CDM Smith)** – Presentation on Water Research Foundation Project #5042: Assessing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Release from Finished Biosolids (recording available at https://youtu.be/x_EuZna1whw)

- c. **Gabe Racz** – Updates and discussion

- i. PFAS responsive comments and status report – They intend to issue final permit modifications at the end of November

- 1 There were two responsive comments they missed the first time around and Gabe does not feel it is important to submit responsive comments on those.

- 2 Next steps for the Councils is to review the final permits and if there are questions bring those to the meeting in December.

- ii. NIL's workgroup update – For anyone with a discharge to a reviewable stream.

- 1 The background is that in permit renewals the Divisions practice is to start over again and come to a decision which may be different than their previous determinations on anti-degradation.

2 Workgroup is on implicit NILs – The first step of antidegradation review is to determine if a permit renewal will allow an increased water quality impact. If you had a permit limit, then simple. If not, then effluent data used to determine if the parameter was in your effluent to determine concentration and load. If it is determined that the load and concentration will not cause increased impact, they will not change the permit. The problem is there is often not enough data to provide good information. If there is not enough data then you don't get a NIL you go straight into anti-degradation review.

a Next step - the Division will provide guidance memo for comment.

b See link above for NILs workgroup.

d. Dawn Cowell – RMWEA update

- i.** Looking for participation in an upcoming winter planning meeting – January 13th or January 20th and would love CWWUC representation. They will use this meeting to figure out volunteer needs.
- ii.** They are having a kick-off celebration at No. 38 for all the new officers on October 28th.
- iii.** They are sending four ops teams to WEFTEC for Ops Challenge.
- iv.** Distribution and Collection short school is coming up – registration is open. Check-in is on November 4th.
- v.** There is a Broncos social and canned food drive at Rhino Beer Garden on December 21st from 6:15 pm to 9:30 pm.

2. Board Action Items

- a.** Approval of invoices for payment
 - i.** **Corona – \$2,788.76** - Approved
 - ii.** **Vranesh & Raisch - \$4,379.50** - Approved
- b.** Approval of July minutes - Approved

3. Discussion Items

- a.** Coordinator search update – two interviews scheduled
- b.** Metro presentation – Katie Koplitz

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