



**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 10th, 2024**

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

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Julie got the meeting going and a copy of the recording can be found [here](#). Julie welcomed everyone and went over the agenda.

Nathan Moore, CDPHE staff – Nathan reported that the Road Map work group will be meeting later in January. The road map is no longer an attainable goal by 2027. There will be more to report by late February. They will be looking for stakeholder feedback through the work group.

The Feasibility work group will be modeled after the Fee Setting work group. They will try to accommodate all levels of engagement. He went over some of the topics the Feasibility work group may address including Discharger Specific Variances (DSV) development, temperature standard attainment and timelines for addressing the issues. Water quality trading may be another topic that could be relevant to the work of the group. He is concerned about expanding the topics the Feasibility work group has to address. Engineering discussions shouldn't happen for several months. The council is trying to figure out the participation level that's appropriate for the organization.

The Fee Setting work group is ongoing. They received the council's comments and have responded. The council is trying to be patient and wait for additional information. It's important that the regulated community understand the need for increased fees because they will need to inform their rate payers about the increases. Nathan hopes that the fee increases will be low enough so as to not significantly impact treatment rates. They understand the importance of meeting the permitting production targets. They also recognize the inefficiencies from working from a position of crisis.

They are having a conversation about pre-public notice. They are interested in continuing the conversation and are just trying to figure out how to do that. They're confident they can find a solution that works for all the stakeholders. Nathan reported that the governor's office should be reporting imminently on the Gap Waters issue.

Dan DeLaughter, PFAS bill – Dan reported that Sen. Cutter has introduced a bill that would expand on an effort started in 2022 to focus on sources of PFAS. Artificial turf that contains PFAS is one of the foci. Cookware is another. He suggested that if

anyone has some additions that might be appropriate to add to the bill, such as carpet cleaning products and ski wax, they should reach out to the legislator or to Dan. She's looking to engage support from industry groups such as the council. The council expressed support for the bill in concept and looks forward to receiving updates from Dan.

## Discussion Items

**Regulatory Updates** – Gabe reported that he sent his comments about Regulation 22 under separate cover. The response to comments on the Fee Setting work group was disappointing in that the WQCD is essentially saying no to time tracking. He also thinks what's missing is a recognition that the public pays for the permitting program and deserves accountability. There are very few permit modifications currently sent to notice in any month in part because a permit under administrative extension can't be modified. It would be helpful if agendas and meeting materials could be posted well in advance of the meetings. Organizations have been penalized for not meeting permits that are in administrative extension because they can't modify them.

If the WQCD isn't going to track their time, maybe there could be a phased approach where fees are increased incrementally, permit writers are hired incrementally and production is reported as the staffing increases occur. The immediate question is if the council wants to be patient or escalate the issue.

Since the delay in permit renewals has not resulted in any environmental or public health impacts, maybe permits that are currently under administrative extension could be considered renewed. The inefficiency comes in the renewal process. We may be able to help the Division simplify the process based on past performance. The environmental conservation groups may disagree that the environment has been protected.

Julie reported on her efforts to have the CWWUC participate in the Feasibility Workgroup. Julie reached out to 3 consultants to get some scopes of work. The council might want to wait until after the work group does some work before we hire expert help. The council might be better served by someone from academia rather than an engineering consultant. It might also be worth waiting until after work starts to figure out what we need. Having a budget in mind would be very helpful. It's likely that there will be enough council members attending the meetings so that we don't need to hire someone to attend the meetings, at least not for a while. Maybe a panel of experts would be useful.

The Colorado Monitoring Framework is having a collaborating meeting. It might be worth bringing the idea of a webinar or a panel of experts on the issues. The issue will be on the agenda to follow up next month. There might be a need for a special subgroup. The subgroup volunteers so far are: **Wes, Jesse, Joshua, Cole, Julie, Gabe.**

**Chemical Form Evaluation Subcommittee** – John reported that they have been having good conversations. They have some good things to present at the permits webinar. They've narrowed it down to three (3) topic areas that they're working on. The engagement is encouraging.

**Water Quality Forum Updates – Meghan Wilson** – Meghan reported in the chat:

The next membership meeting will be Jan. 22 at 12:30. I think it will be shorter than usual but don't have an agenda yet. Agenda should be posted by end of next week at <https://colowqforum.com/cleanWater/meetings/> . Thank you!

**Drinking Water Council Updates – Cynthia Lane** – Cynthia reported that there was a press release today that the current Drinking Water leader is stepping down but she doesn't think it will impact anything coming from the federal government. It is believed that the Denver Water exception to the lead and copper rule of the Safe Drinking Water Act is likely to be the only one in the county. The council could comment on the phosphate addition to drinking water requirements as the optimal way to reduce lead levels. Public health concerns seems to trump clean water concerns on the issue without compelling arguments. The nutrient issues are likely to remain secondary.

**Barbara Biggs Memorial** – Amy and Julie reported that the meeting with The Greenway Foundation has been delayed. The next step for the council is to figure out what criteria they want to propose for potential fund recipients. **Cynthia** and **Evan** volunteered to join the subcommittee with **Julie, Brandon, Nona Shipman from MSU One World One Water and Ryan Aides from the Greenway Foundation**. **Amy** will send a potential list of criteria to the subcommittee for discussion at their meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has ideas about criteria for recipients of the Barb Biggs Memorial Fund should contact Amy.

**Accounting Services** – The Executive committee is supporting a recommendation to switch in accounting services. **Amy** will get an estimate from Ted and bring the issue back to the council.

**Board Action Items** – Jesse moved and Andrew seconded a motion to approve the invoices as presented. The vote was unanimous to approve payment of invoices presented.

Approval of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes. Jesse Moved and Roy seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

**CMF Collaboration meeting** – The council needs to approve the task order for CMF. **Julie** will send it to the Executive Committee to get an email vote. The CMF

collaboration meeting is on January 30<sup>th</sup>. **Julie** will send the meeting notice to **Amy** to distribute.

Shelley brought up the issue of site visits for permit writers. She'd like the council to consider having set days for inviting others besides CDPHE permit writers to attend site visits. **Shelley** will talk to **Julie and Amy** about setting up a schedule on our website.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

Attendance

Amy Conklin, Coordinator

Gabe Racz

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Nathan Moore

| Member             | Last       | First     | email  |   |
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| Peublo             | Callaghan  | Andrew    |  | x |
| Longmont           | Noble      | Annie     |  | x |
| Security           | Mills      | Anthony   |  | x |
| Grand Junction     | Firl       | Ashley    |  | x |
| Roxborough         | Biggs      | Barb      | <a href="#">Gone but not forgotten. RIP dear friend</a>            |   |
| Greeley            | Johnson    | Benjamin  |  | x |
| South Platte Renew | Corning    | Blair     |  | x |
| Security           | Bernard    | Brandon   |  | x |
|                    | Loveland   | Brandon   |  | x |
| Pinyon             | Byus       | Caroline  |  | x |
| Boulder            | Sigmon     | Cole      |  | x |
| Platte Canyon      | Lane       | Cynthia   |  | x |
| South Platte Renew | DeLaughter | Dan       |  | x |
|                    | Richardson | Daniel    |  | x |
| City of Broomfield | Cowell     | Dawn      | <a href="mailto:dcowell@broomfield.org">dcowell@broomfield.org</a> | x |
| Montrose           | Bries      | David     |  | x |
| Lafayette          | Jackson    | David     |  | x |
| Black Hawk         | Trejo      | Diana     |  | x |
| Mott Macdonalds    | Farias     | Elizabeth |  | x |

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| Dominion             | Bahn         | Evan     |  | x |
| Silverthorne         | Kruckeberg   | Jason    |  | x |
| Fort Collins         | Schlam       | Jesse    |  | x |
| Black Hawk           | DiToro       | Jessica  |  | x |
| Fountain             | Heckman      | Jim      |  | x |
| Monument             | Kendrick     | Jim      | jfkendrick@q.com   | x |
| Loveland             | Creaghe      | Joe      |  | x |
| Metro Water Recovery | Dorsch       | Jim      | jdorsch@mwr.dst.co.us  | x |
| City of Longmont     | Gage         | John     | John.Gage@LongmontColorado.gov   | x |
| Aurora               | Handzo       | John     |  | x |
| Cherokee             | Watkins      | Joshua   |  |   |
| Centennial           | Tinetti      | Julie    |  | x |
| Metro                | Koplitz      | Katie    |  | x |
| Eagle River          | Harris       | Madeline |  | x |
| Northglenn           | Freyer       | Manuel   |  | x |
| C Springs            | Christinasen | Mark     |  | x |
| Aurora               | Kelley       | Meghan   |  | x |
| Boulder              | Wilson       | Meghan   | <a href="mailto:wilsonm@bouldercolorado.gov">wilsonm@bouldercolorado.gov</a> | x |
| Boulder              | Mimna        | Melissa  |  | x |
| Mount Crested Butte  | Fabbre       | Mike     |  | x |
|                      | Hoffman      | Mike     |  | x |
| Aurora               | Harmon       | Nick     |  | x |
| C. Springs           | Zeitlow      | Patti    |  | x |
| St. Vrain            | Fleck        | Robert   |  | x |
| Security             | Heald        | Roy      |  | x |
| Centennial           | Calkins      | Sam      |  | x |
| Northglenn           | Stanley      | Shelley  | <a href="mailto:sstanley@northglenn.org">sstanley@northglenn.org</a>         | x |
| Town of Eagle        | Wilson       | Stephan  |  | x |
| Westminster          | Wilson       | Tara     |  | x |
| Fremont              | Ormandy      | Toby     | tormandy@fsd.co  | x |
| Woodmen Hills        | Eaves        | Wally    |  | x |
| Plum Creek           | Martin       | Wes      |  | x |