



**Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 12th, 2024**

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

John got the meeting going and a copy of the recording can be found [here](#). John welcomed everyone and started the meeting.

Nathan Moore, CDPHE staff – Nathan reported on progress that the next meeting of the Road Map working group is Thursday, June 13th at 11. This is a multi-year work group whose objectives are to identify where feasibility issues exist with proposed stream standards and then develop strategies to address the issues. One of their first efforts is to hire a National Water Research Institute (NWRI) panel of experts to evaluate the issues.

The toolbox will be developed next year. The arsenic temporary modification was extended to 2029. The Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) may be willing to consider more temporary modifications as the feasibility effort continues. The WQCD will begin identifying permittees that may have issues and reach out to them.

Implementation of the Dredge and Fill bill is beginning. Nathan put a link in the chat <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/dredge-and-fill-engagement>. Isolated wetlands may be added back into the waters that are regulated. Stakeholder meetings are also shown on the webpage in the link.

Andrew noted that there was a modification to the industrial permit that was issued regarding PFAS.

Discussion Items

Regulatory Updates –

Katie reported on the fee regulation work group is taking a break during the summer. The WQCD is submitting a budget request to the Joint Budget Committee. The rule-making hearing on fee setting may be delayed. There is hope that there will be better reporting on performance metrics. Andrew Callaghan noted that during the issues meetings, the WQCD noted that the other environmental regulators, air and waste specifically, are completely fee funded. The legislature has a role in water quality protection and it might be a good idea to have some of the water quality permitting

subsidized by state funds. For air and waste, only the polluters are billed. For water quality pollution, it's caused by sources that don't have permits.

Regulation 64 – Katie talked with staff at WQCD and they concluded it would be efficient to keep it closed for now. The RMWEA biosolids committee is the group that usually starts working on revising Regulation 64. The committee will start working on red-lining the existing regulation in preparation for the next tri-ennial review.

Bret Icenogle reported on the flexibility and feasibility of the issues that Nathan touched on. The NWRI panel selection committee met on May 29th. There are a lot of challenges to selecting an appropriate group given that the regulation is currently undefined. Bret and Dan are working on the selection committee with their next meeting on June 20th. John thanked Bret and Dan for their work and noted how the outcomes are better when many members of the regulated community participate.

Chemical Evaluations – Dan and John reported that there have been calls with Andrew Sayers-Faye. They've been meeting every 2 to 3 weeks with slow progress. Using existing aquatic life standards may expedite the Chemical Evaluations parts of the permit renewals. There isn't any problem with chemical evaluations since there haven't been any permit renewals in a while. Mostly they're trying to put dates on when responses can be expected from the WQCD. The Minnesota guidance on permit renewals is being reviewed as part of the conversations. Anyone who has interest or concerns with the Minnesota guidance should reach out to Dan or John. The guidance includes a manual that organizations can work through prior to a renewal. Wet testing of potential chemicals is considered a back stop not the default, providing a lot more certainty about what could and couldn't be approved. It also included a piloting period to allow more flexibility in chemicals that could be considered.

Andrew Callaghan asked about situations where there currently isn't a water quality standard but there is concern. Does that default to a wet test? Sometimes narrative standards are used with wet testing also required.

Jesse Schlam reported that Fort Collins plans to review all the chemicals on their permit and those they might want to add and start working through the chemical evaluation steps. Part of the exercise is to help Andrew Sayers-Faye understand the challenges. Hopefully it will be enlightening.

Water Quality Form Updates - Meghan reported that the retreat is July 25 and 26 at the SPUR campus. She's not sure about the agenda and encouraged people to send her ideas about what should be added. She hopes they spend some time on the feasibility workgroup. 2025 workgroup rationales survey should be going out soon.

(Meghan sent a message after the meeting with a message and link:
<https://mailchi.mp/af088439785d/wqf-may-20-2024-meeting-10329018?e=bbaff6a635>

Barbara Biggs Memorial Fund– Amy reported that the MOU is ready for signature. She'll work with Julie to get it signed. Any other organization wanting to sign one is encouraged to reach out to Amy. An application form has been created and is getting finalized. We're pretty much ready to go.

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

June Checks to sign		
2405 - Studio 4130	\$ 440.00	Inv. 297228, website
2406 - Vranesh and Raisch	\$ 966.05	Inv. 46630, 46823, JB legal svcs
2407 - Vranesh and Raisch	\$ 292.00	Inv. 46631,46824, GR legal svcs
2408 - Amy Conklin	\$ 1,312.50	May Coordinating

Approval of May 8th, 2024, minutes. Wes moved and Katie seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

Open Discussion

Amy will send a copy of a letter NACWQA is sending regarding objecting to reductions in State Revolving Funds to all the members when it's available from Gabe. Wes moved approving signing a letter objecting to reductions in SRF funding, Katie seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Wes noted that websites are going to have to be ADA compliant by July 1st. The legislature passed a bill, <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1454> that extends the date of compliance to July 1st, 2025. Amy will reach out to our website consultant to ask for his input. **Katie** will reach out to Metro's group working on compliance. The issue of the website is on the calendar for discussion in August. We are pretty sure nonprofits are exempt but need to get clarification.

John reported that Longmont may be looking into evaluating wetlands for cooling as part of the green infrastructure bill that passed. Plum Creek is part of a Virridy study but it isn't looking particularly effective. John is willing to present to the group as they move forward.

AI – Amy expressed concern that she received a message asking for permission for artificial intelligence to record the meeting. Andrew reported that City of Pueblo asks that their employees not give AI permission to access anything. Meghan shared an article from Zoom about the topic, <https://community.zoom.com/t5/Meetings/Read-ai/m-p/113884>. For now, we won't allow AI access to our meeting recordings (but it'll be back).

Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 10th at 1:00 pm

Attendance

Amy Conklin, Coordinator

Nathan Moore

Andrew Sayers-Fay

Member	Last	First	email	
Peublo	Callaghan	Andrew		x
St. Vrain	Arnold	Alex		
SPR	Stucky Acob	Andrea		x
	Berlman	Annie		x
		Anthony		x
Grand Junction	Firl	Ashley		x
Roxborough	Biggs	Barb	Gone but not forgotten. RIP dear friend	
	Johnson	Ben		
	Green	Bethany		
	Bernard	Brandon		
	Zachman	Brad		x
S. Platte Renew	Corning	Blair		x
	Stanfield	Bent		x
	Burks	Bryan		
	Icenogle	Bret		x
	A	Brianne		
Pinyon	Byus	Caroline		
Boulder	Sigmon	Cole		
	Bieker	C		
	Lane	Cynthia		
South Platte Renew	DeLaughter	Dan		x
	Richardson	Daniel		x
Montrose	Bries	David		x
	Louch	Dave		
Black Hawk	Trejo	Diana		
Broomfield	Cowell	Dawn		
Mott Macdonalds	Farias	Elizabeth		x
Dominion	Bahn	Evan		
		Heather		
Silverthorne	Kruckeberg	Jason		
Fort Collins	Schlam	Jesse		x

Black Hawk	DiToro	Jessica		x
Fountain	Heckman	Jim		
Monument	Kendrick	Jim	jfkendrick@q.com	x
Metro Water Recovery	Dorsch	Jim	jdorsch@mwr.dst.co.us	x
Gypsum	Hancock	Jim		
Loveland	Creaghe	Joe		
	Coyle	Jon		
Longmont	Gage	John		x
	Moore	Jonathan		
	Watkins	Joshua		
	Koplitz	Katie		x
	Freyre	Manuel		x
	Parker	Mark		
	Christiansen	Mark		x
NFRWQPA	Thomas	Mark		
	Deminski	Mary		
Broomfeild	Monacelli	Natalie		x
	Harmon	Nick		x
	Marcum	Mike		x
	Morgan	Mike		
	Hoffman	Mike		
	Mimna	Melissa		
Loveland	Creaghe	Joe		
Longmont	Gage	John		
Centennial	Tinetti	Julie		
Metro	Koplitz	Katie		
	Gustafson	M		x
Northglenn	Freyer	Manuel		
ERWSD	Harris	Madeleine		x
C Springs	Christiansen	Mark		
	Thomas	Mark		
Colorado Springs	Paterniti	Mary		
Boulder	Wilson Outcalt	Meghan	wilsonm@bouldercolorado.gov	x
Boulder	Mimna	Melissa		
Gypsum	Hoffman	Mike		

	Morgan	Mike		x
Aurora	Harmon	Nick		
Broomfield	Monacelli	Natalie		
C. Springs	Zeitlow	Patti		
Security	Jurgens	Tad		
	Heald	Roy		
Aurora	Calkins	Sam		
	Harcus	Scott		
Northglenn	Scaggiari	Sherry		x
Westminster	Stanley	Shelley	sstanley@northglenn.org	
Fremont	Wilson	Tara		
	Ormandy	Toby	tormandy@fsd.co	x
	Kraft	Tanner		
	Eldridge	Tyler		x
	Eaves	Wally		x
Plum Creek	Martin	Wes		x