



Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14th, 2024

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

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

Nathan Moore, CDPHE staff – Nathan reported on funding for the National Water Research Institute (NWRI) funding logistics. An additional \$150,000 needs to be raised. Northglenn committed \$4,000; Fort Collins committed \$7,500; Julie thought Centennial could commit \$10,000. Broomfield may be able to commit \$10,000. To contact NWRI directly, contact ssharkey@nwri-usa.org. Nathan asked that the CWWUC commit to track the funding as it comes in. **Amy** can send out a message to the members and ask how much they're willing to commit. That way we can get a sense of the level of commitment and if people are willing to pay directly to NWRI or if they need to send to CWWUC and need an invoice from CWWUC. CWWUC can reach out to SPCURE, BMW and others to see if they also want to contribute.

There was a Roadmap meeting where delay of adoption of nutrient standards was discussed. Having a technical feasibility approach first may be the best way to proceed. Changes to standards would be incorporated through changes to Reg. 85. Using Reverse Osmosis (RO) for everything is impractical. Making changes to Reg. 85 would provide benefits to dischargers who weren't in the VIP program. Would there be additional benefits to current VIP participants? That is one of the details that will need to be worked out in revisions to Reg. 85. The approach seems like a more productive path forward. It has and can lead to faster progress in protecting water quality.

Discussion Items

Regulatory Updates –

The discussion about NWRI funding continued with how much the CWWUC can contribute to the NWRI meeting. At the last meeting we discussed that the problem statement for the NWRI effort would be completed and we may not need all the money we were accumulating for the 2027 hearing. Support was expressed for CWWUC contributing to the NWRI effort. The effort appeared to be very collaborative with everyone participating getting to contribute input.

A key question is to make sure the outcome will be a benefit to the CWWUC. There is a strong possibility that the results of the work will be broader than just nutrients and will also cover a number of issues of concern in Colorado. Having discharger variances for every treatment plant is unsustainable for either the plants or the regulators. We need to continue to participate in the other work groups. This is an important opportunity embark on a new, more collaborative approach.

The amount CWWUC contributes may depend on how much others commit to contribute. Wes moved and Jesse seconded a motion to commit to contribute \$10,000 from the CWWUC budget regulatory line item to the NWRI effort. The vote was unanimous. If more money is needed we can revisit taking more money out of the regulatory fund. **Amy and Julie** will contract NWRI to see how to transfer funds.

Reg 61 Rulemaking hearing – there are only a few changes proposed mostly related to terminology. There is also a proposed change to the public notice timeline. There is an issue in the delay of the WQCD posting comments received in a timely manner. The Board Officers decided to get party status for a cost of \$2,500. Brandon moved to approve, Andrew seconded, a motion to pay the \$2,500 fee. **Blair abstained**. A file had been sent out in advance the meeting describing in more detail the changes proposed in the hearing.

Regulation 64 non hearing – Bret reported that the WQCD proposed not to make any changes to Regulation 64. In lieu of potential changes with PFAS, is there anything we would want to do? The triennial review will be next week. The topic is really just to remind us that we need to track progress on biosolids. **Julie or Gabe** will testify in support of the WQCD position. Jesse moved that we are in support of not opening up Reg. 64 at this time. Mark Thomas seconded. There was unanimous approval. **Blair abstained (again)**.

Fee bill – Erin Bartlett, the Metro lobbyist, reports that Sen. Kirkmeyer is interested in discussing with the CWWUC how permittee fees are calculated. She is on the Joint Budget Committee for the legislature. She's been very engaged in water quality issues. The council should consider what messages we want to convey. She considers the council her stakeholders and is interested in hearing from us. (e.g. We want to foster a good relationship with key legislators. Better communication with regulatory staff. Timekeeping and other accountability issues.) **Julie** will begin compiling a list of issues. Please send any issues to her. **Amy** will include a request for questions for Sen. Kirkmeyer with the commitment for funding for NWRI request.

Other – Temperature issues and Eagle Water and Sanitation District's new limit, along with Nitrite. They have a 5-year compliance period for compliance with the temperature standard even though their effluent has virtually no impact on the temperature in the receiving waters. Current technology will not meet either the TIN or temperature limit. They are concerned that their plan will be denied. Does the council want to comment on

the permit modification for Eagle? The Town will put together a letter for the Council to consider signing in support of Eagle's position. Comments are due September 9th. **Amy** will forward the letter to the Council and solicit support from the members prior to signature.

Dan reported on the WRMA rationale for the work group on permit renewal, data requirements. He is putting together an outline of the work group. He's interested in volunteers to help him put together the outline. **Jesse Schlam and Melissa Mimna** volunteered to help. He encouraged anyone else who is interested to send him comments.

Chemical Evaluations – John and Dan reported that the group is trying to walk Andrew through a sample permit renewal process. The point is to help Andrew understand the issues from a permittee perspective and understand responses they're getting from WQCD that aren't helpful. He may address some issues around wet testing in the next permits webinar. Guidance from other states seem to have a lot more input from toxicologists than permit writers which injects some reasonableness into the process.

Water Quality Form Updates - Andrew Neuhart reported that the forum went pretty smoothly. EPA will be coming out with pre-treatment and PFAS guidance. Effluent guidance updates should also be coming out before the end of the year. There were some very powerful brainstorming efforts. The WQCD understands that just pursuing RO in CO is a bad idea, they just need to document why it's a bad idea.

Drinking Water Forum Updates – Julie and Brandon reported that the backflow issue has been temporarily resolved. The PFAS MCL stakeholder group will start next week. Fire retardants issues are coming back up because of the recent fires. Brandon has opened up conversations with the back flow inspectors to make sure they have proper training.

CMF Liaison – Dan reported that the CMF Board met and is planning for an annual meeting.

Barbara Biggs Memorial Fund– Amy reported that the BBMF fundraiser will be Thursday August 22nd will be the Greenway Foundation's Reception on the River with fundraising for the BBMF. Let Amy know if you're interested in attending.

Website – Amy reported that the Board met with Regency Interactive, as website management company. They sent a proposal to refresh the website and host it that is included in the packet. Site refreshing would cost \$899 and hosting would be \$180 per year after that. There may be additional fees charged if additional work products are

requested. Member discussion and approval are requested. The goal in moving the website maintenance to an outside firm is to place ownership and maintenance of the site firmly in the organization’s control, rather than have it rest with a coordinator. Jason reminded us about accessibility issues associated with websites. Documents attached on the website are hard to make accessible.

Board Officer Nominations in September and Elections in October

– Julie reminded the membership that nominations for Board positions would be made next month with elections in October. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should reach out to Julie or any other Board Officer (not Amy, in this one case). **Amy** will try to include a draft ballot in next month’s agenda, along with appropriate policy documents.



Current		Proposed	
Chair	Julie Tinetti	Chair	Dan DeLaughter
Vice Chair	John Gage	Vice Chair	
Treasurer	Dan DeLaughter	Treasurer	Dawn Cowell
Secretary	Bret Icenogle	Secretary	
Director	Wes Martin	Director	

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

Checks for Signature in August 2024		
2411 - Amy Conklin	\$ 1,750.00	July coordinating
2412 - Vranesh and Raisch	\$ 428.50	Invoice #47197

Approval of July 10th, 2024, minutes. Jesse moved and Wes seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as presented.

Open Discussion – No one had any topics.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 11th at 1:00 pm

Attendance

Amy Conklin, Coordinator
 Nathan Moore
 Andrew Sayers-Fay
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 Mark K
 Andrew Neuhart

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

Silverthorne	Kruckeberg	Jason		x
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		x
Greeley	Kunovic	Joe		x
	Coyle	Jon		
Longmont	Gage	John		
	Moore	Jonathan		
	Watkins	Joshua		x
Westminster	Nims	Josh		x
	Tinetti	Julie		x
	Kopplitz	Katie		
	Cline	Kelly		x
Eagle	Harris	Madeline		x
	Freyre	Manuel		
	Parker	Mark		
	Christiansen	Mark		x
NFRWQPA	Thomas	Mark		x
	Deminski	Mary		
	Paterniti	Mary		
Boulder	Wilson Outcalt	Meghan	wilsonm@boulder.colorado.gov	
Boulder	Mimna	Melissa		x
	Morgan	Mike		x
	Fabbre	Mike		x
	Hoffman	Mike		x
	Marcum	Mike		x
Broomfield	Monacelli	Natalie		
Aurora	Harmon	Nick		x
C. Springs Security	Zeitlow	Patti		x
	Heald	Roy		x
	Calkins	Sam		
	Harcus	Scott		
Northglenn	Stanley	Shelley	sstanley@northglenn.org	x

Eagle Westminster	Wilson Wilson	Stephan Tara		x x
Fremont	Ormandy Kraft Eldridge Eaves	Toby Tanner Tyler Wally	tormandy@fsd.co	x x
Plum Creek	Martin Zachman	Wes Brad		x