



**Minutes of
July 12, 2006 Meeting
Littleton/Englewood WWTP**

In Attendance:

Calvin Youngberg	Longmont
Amy Woodis	Metro WRD
Floyd Bebler	City of Boulder
Jacob McDaniel	Metro WRD
Dennis Schump	Greeley
Tim Woodard	Westminster
Claudia Cummins	Aurora Water
Wesley Carr	CDPHE-CWQCD
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Vicki Card	Colorado Springs Utilities
Tim Grotheer	PCWA
Mary Gardner	L/E WWTP
Carol Webb	City of Ft. Collins
Ron Russell	City of Ft. Collins
Robert McEvoy	Arapahoe County Water
Anthony Tuka	City of Broomfield
Nikki Stefonick	Metro WRD
Bobby Oligo	Aurora Water
Bear Steib	Aurora Water
Bill Todino	Evergreen Metro District
Jeannie Bowser	Administrative Assistant, CWWUC

I. Biosolids - Wesley Carr, CWQCD

A copy of Wes Carr's presentation is attached to these minutes. Wes will send the Council a copy of his draft proposal. The Division's proposal is due to the Water Quality Control Commission in September. Some of the issues being discussed include co-application/blending and setbacks. Also the Division proposes to clean up the nexus between Solid Waste regulations and the Biosolids regulations. A copy of Wes's presentation and the Draft Methodology for Determining Agronomic Rates for the Beneficial Use of Biosolids are attached.

II. Updates

- **RMWEA Liaison Report** – Ken Rutt reported

- The Annual Conference will be September 13th in Vail. Members discussed again having an information table at the Conference and the number of man hours required to have the table staffed. It was suggested that the Council have an unmanned information table with membership information available for the taking.
- Pelican Lakes Golf Club will again be the site of the **7th Annual Operations Challenge Golf Tournament**. Register [online](#) to play or be a sponsor.
- The 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Water Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2006 at Fox Hollow Golf Course. Registration form and additional information can be found on the [website](#).
- Water for People next monthly meeting is Wednesday, July 19th.
- Young Professionals meeting is Thursday, July 13th.
- PWO Seminar in Leadville from July 31st - August 4th.
- Water Reuse Conference Workshop, August 10, 2006 at the Colorado School of Mines.
- The Water Distribution Committee is planning a one-day seminar/workshop tentatively set for November 2, 2006 in Colorado Springs. Training units will be offered. If you are interested in making a presentation, please let Ken know.
- The AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference SM and Exposition (WQTC) is scheduled for November 5-9 in Denver. See the [AWWA website](#) for details.
- **Annual Meeting** - The Council's annual breakfast meeting will be on Monday, September 11th in Vail. Dennis Stowe will give a presentation on Mentoring at the conference. Mary Gardner is working on materials for the information table.
- **Nominating Committee** - Claudia Cummins volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee and will present a slate of officers at the August meeting.
- **Water Utility Council (CWUC) Update** – Meeting was cancelled. No report.
- **Selenium Proposal Status** – Nancy reported as follows:
 - Funding has been received to complete Task #2 and Task #3 of Chadwick Ecological proposal. If additional funding is received, a study of the bioaccumulation rate for selenium (Task #1) would be completed. Additional funding may be forthcoming from Suncor and Cripple Creek. The information garnered from our studies will be submitted to the EPA.
- **Nutrient Study Pledges**– Sufficient funding has been received to enable Stave Canton to attend the Nutrient Workgroup meetings through mid 2007.

- **Newsletter** - Members thanked Mary Gardner for the newsletter. Mary reminded members to make their submissions for the newsletter name and also to provide her suggested topics or articles for upcoming newsletters.
- **Water Quality Forum Retreat** - Dave Akers will attend the Council meeting in August and discuss the Divisions policy on Sanitary Sewer overflows. The WQF has established of an official SSO Reporting Workgroup. If you have volunteered to be on this workgroup before, please again indicate your interest (sign up sheet passed around at the meeting). Members discussed recent communications from the Division indicating that cracks in residential basements may lead to classification of overflow waters being considered waters of the State. Members questioned the Division's regulatory authority for taking enforcement action on SSOs as EPA has dropped the SSO issue. A member mentioned that if the State is asking facilities to provide additional funding for the Division, then staff time should be spent on priority issues.

The WQF also established a workgroup that will be lead by Janet Kieler to discuss to need for any changes of Regulation 61, Colorado Discharge Permit Regulation.

III. Open Discussion


- **Temperature Stakeholders Workgroup** - Mary and Amy are attending the stakeholders' meetings. Temperature attainment issues are shifting to the 303(d) listing methodology workgroup that Phil Hegeman is leading. Metro was asked for temperature data and they will submit information to the Division relevant to the thermal shock issue. Members are encouraged to submit any data they have to Aimee Konawal. The Division's current proposal will include numeric standards for magnitude. Frequency and duration will be included in a guidance document. The EPA appears to be open to adoption of a narrative standard. An alternative proposal from the Temperature Workgroup may be developed as an alternative to the Division's proposal. Members noted that more weight is given to a position when both the water and wastewater sides are working together on an issue, which is the case for temperature, as temperature is also a big issue for water providers around the state. If you are submitting data to Aimee, please send a copy to Mary Gardner or Amy Woodis so they can include that information if the Temperature Group submits an alternate temperature proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 9, 2006 at 1 PM at L/E WWTP

Agronomic Rate

- Formulate statewide agronomic policy
- Reclamation vs. agricultural rates
- Cumulative pollutant rate tracking
- Greater flexibility
- Equitable implementation across state



Streamlining

- Streamline permitting, approval & reporting process
- Global regulation changes - clean-up, spelling, etc.
- Explore permit expiration or deactivation requirements
- Extractable versus total recoverable metals
 - align local, state & EPA requirements
- Soil pH requirements
 - align local, state & EPA requirements




Co-Application/Blending

- Address requirements applicable to blending biosolids with:
 - Septage
 - Agricultural wastes
 - Water treatment plant residuals
 - Manures



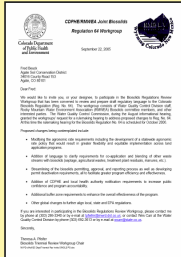
Setback/Buffer Zone

- Evaluate existing notification/buffer zone requirements
- Address additional buffer zone requirements as necessary
- Increase confidence/accountability through good housekeeping/best management practices
- Build tools to bridge the communication gap



Participation Invitation

- September 22, 2005
 - Approx. 80 letters sent requesting participation
 - County Health, Rural Water
 - USGS, USDA
 - Sierra Club
 - Soil Conservation Districts
 - County Planners/Zoning
 - Academic Experts
 - Others



Other Issues

- Department of Agriculture
 - Fertilizer Regulations
 - Sewage sludge v.s biosolids
- CDPHE Solid Waste Regulations
 - Compost regulations/requirements
 - Solid waste focus – site, geology, other considerations
 - WQCD focus – compost process/quality
 - Currently working on elimination of overlapping requirements

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