



**Minutes of
June 14, 2006 Meeting
Littleton/Englewood WWTP**

In Attendance:

Calvin Youngberg	Longmont
Sharon Davis	Metro WRD
Floyd Bebler	City of Boulder
Amy Woodis	Metro WRD
Dennis Schump	Greeley
David Meyer	Westminster
Claudia Cummins	Aurora Water
Paul Grundemann	Centennial Water & Sanitation
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Todd Dahlberg	Colorado Springs Utilities
Martha Hahn	PCWA
Gayle Packard	Niwot Sanitation District
Andrew Hawthorn	Glendale
Ron Falco	CWQCD
Paul Ferraro	Ferraro Associates

I. CWWUC Mentoring Program and CWQCD - Ron Falco, CWQCD

Ron commented as follows:

- The Mentoring Program will continue working with the Division
- District Engineers to work with the Mentors
- Division web page linkage to the Mentoring site is underway
- Inspection letter - Ron is working on language; POTWs only, not private facility.
- Mentoring Program to request list of permittees; also those entities that are having problems
- September - District Engineers will be at the RMWEA Conference in Vail. We can arrange a meeting to interact with the Mentoring Program Committee and Mentors/Mentees. Ron has had meetings with the District Engineers regarding Mentoring.
- The Division appreciates what the Council is doing to help POTWs with problems.

Notes:

- Amy Woodis suggested having a Facilitator for the Month to monitor the Bulletin Board. Members will be volunteered unless they opt out. Jeannie will send out an email regarding this.
- State District Engineers to use the Bulletin Board to post problems POTWs are having.
- Send Brochures/Guidebook to District Engineers via email and hard copies.

News Items from Ron:

- Ron will become the Drinking Water Program Manager in 2 weeks.
- The Division will need to find someone to backfill his present position.
- Spill Reporting issues in process at the Division
- The Division is preparing a Self Certification Program for major facilities. The Division would visit them only every four years vs. every year. This is for the Clean Water Act only and is a voluntary program. The benefits to the POTWs have not been identified. The Council has some concerns. Some do not want to participate while others do.

II. Seminar Report - Paul Grundemann

Paul summarized the seminar as follows:

The annual Wastewater Utility Council permit negotiation workshop was held in Durango on May 17, 2006.

There were 20 attendees mostly from the southwestern portions of the State.

Presenters included: Greg Brand, CDPH&E district engineer, Janet Kieler, CDPH&E permit unit manager, Dennis Stow, Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant manager, Pat Nelson, CH2M Hill Sr. water quality engineer and myself.

The attendees were very interactive and appreciative of the information provided. Several were particularly interested in the potential impacts of the new ammonia criteria.

Special thanks to RMWEA for taking care of the logistics.

Overall the seminar went well. We should continue the seminar elsewhere, maybe in the Vail area of Leadville area in 2007. Ammonia with permitting one more year. It was suggested to change the title to "Implementing Regulatory Changes and Permitting."

III. Updates

- **RMWEA Liaison Report** – See attached email report.
- **Colorado Water Utility Council (CWUC) Update** –
 - Paul G. met with the CWUC at their recent meeting to discuss a joint water and wastewater mentoring program. They are very interested in making a Water and Wastewater Mentoring Program. The water mentors

would come from the water utilities. Funding is a problem for CWUC at this time since they are under AWWA.

- Paul G. recommended that we do a combined website. Questions raised included: Do we want to help private entities? Will Mentors be held liable? See the Mentorship Agreement regarding liability.
- Combining the Water & Wastewater Mentoring Programs now (no opposition from members), but maybe separate them later.
- Do a joint presentation at the RMWEA Conference in Vail in September.

It was moved by David Meyer and seconded by Paul Grundemann that the CWWUC fold the CWUC into the Wastewater Mentoring Program and that CWWUC will cover the cost through the end of the year. At that time, Paul Ferraro is to assess the combined program and report to the CWWUC. The motion passed unanimously.

- In further discussion, Sharon recommended that the evaluation be done in October 2006. Paul G. recommended that we use the printed brochures for the Wastewater Mentoring Program until they run out, then use Combined Program brochures and information. Hopefully, CWUC will contribute to the cost of the Mentoring Program by January 2007.
(White paper from Sharon to be included)

- **Legislative Report –**

- HB 1337 WQCD Improvement Fund and Violation Penalties is now law. Penalties have not increased, but are put in the Trust Fund.
- S 171 is now law. Drinking Water, ISDS, and Biosolids fees have been moved to the CWQCC from the Board of Health.

- **Selenium Pledge Status –** Nancy reported as follows:

- Metro has pledged \$5,000.
- We need the amount soon to begin the project for a December 2006 completion.
- Assessment letters will not be sent until it is determined that enough pledges have been received to proceed with the project.

- **Nutrient Study Pledges–** Metro has pledged \$3,000.

- **Mentoring Program Pledges–**

- Pledges: Centennial, \$1,000; Pueblo, \$500; Colorado Springs, \$500; Plum Creek, \$500.

IV. Open Discussion

- Paul G. mentioned that the Council should tell the Division what spills need to be reported versus asking them what is reportable. Todd, Amy and Calvin will develop a Spill Report for the Council to review and adopt.

- Paul G. mentioned that at the recent Commission Hearing, the Commission recommended that a Drinking Water Committee be formed within the Water Quality Forum.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2006 at 1 PM at L/E WWTP

RMWEA Liaison Report:

- The RMSAWWA is looking for members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. We currently have openings for position of Trustee. If you are a member of AWWA and are interested in becoming active in the Section, we have a job for you. Please send an e-mail to [Terry Franklin](#) or call Terry at 970.244.1495.
- RMWEA is also looking for nominations for leadership positions. Specifically, Secretary (one-year term) and Trustee (three-year term) are open. Please contact [Tom Dingeman](#) (970.350.9365) by June 30.
- **JTAC:** Thursday, June 22nd - Tour of Boulder 63rd St. WTP presented by Steve Paylick of the Boulder Reservoir WTP and Kirk Olds of MWH. See the RMSAWWA [website](#) for details and to register. Or register by [e-mail](#) or phone at 720.286.5252
- **RMWEA Award Nominations Sought!** Take the time to recognize your fellow individuals or facilities for their achievements to our industry. Details are available on the [RMWEA web site](#) under Awards Committee.
- **RMSAWWA Awards:** To encourage excellence in the water profession, RMSAWWA provides annual awards for outstanding service. Additional information and applications can on the [website](#). Application deadline is July 15, 2006.
- The Publications Committee **Photo Contest** is still happening! Please see the March issue of Rumbles for this month's winner. See the [websites](#) for details on how to enter.
- 'Tis the season again - for **GOLF!** Pelican Lakes Golf Club will again be the site of the **7th Annual Operations Challenge Golf Tournament**. Come play at the course with the most shoreline in the WORLD and benefit RMWEA Operations Challenge at the same time. The tournament will raise funds to sponsor TWO local teams at WEFTEC '06 in Dallas. Register [online](#) to play or be a sponsor.
- 'Tis the season again - for MORE GOLF! 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](#).

Upcoming PWO Seminars:

- Silverthorne PWO Seminar on June 29th.
- Leadville from July 31 - August 4. Please see the [website](#) for more details.
- **Water Reuse Conference Workshop** on August 10, 2006 at the Colorado School of Mines. Sponsored by the Joint Water Reuse Committee. Co-sponsored by RMSAWWA, RMWEA, and the Water Reuse Association. The theme of the workshop is Colorado Water: Reuse it or Lose it! Registration deadline is August 1, 2006. More information on the [website](#).

Thanks,

Kenneth D. Rutt

Wastewater Division Superintendent

City & County of Broomfield