



**Minutes of
August 13, 2008 Meeting
L/E WWTP**

In Attendance:

Richard Leger	City of Aurora
Chris Laroe	Bear Creek W&S
Bob Anastov	Aurora
Paul Grundemann	CWSD
Amy Woodis	MWRD
Dave Akers	WQCD
Nancy Keller	Pueblo
Steve Gunderson	WQCD
Andrew Ross	WQCD
Blair Corning	SACWSD
Dennis Schump	Greeley
Tim Woodard	Westminster
Dave Meyer	Westminster
Bret Linenfelser	Boulder
Mary Gardner	L/E
Dennis Stowe	L/E
Tad Foster	Law Office of Tad Foster
Adam Eichby	CDPHE
Jill Piatt Kemper	Aurora
Bill Burks	Tri-Lakes WWTP
Jim Kendrick	Monument San. Dist.
Sharon Davis	Brown & Caldwell
Colleen Young	Greeley
Paul Ferraro	Ferraro Associates, Inc./CWWUC

I. Water Quality Control Division Updates:

• Legislative and General Update, Steve Gunderson

- Strategy Plan. Steve read the Division's Value Statement:

"The Division's core values are:

- 1) achieving positive public health and water quality outcomes;
- 2) recognizing, rewarding, and supporting the hard work and accomplishments of staff;
- 3) collaborating with all water quality management interests; and
- 4) working together to solve problems."

There are problems in implementing the Value Statement:

- 40 to 50 new people in the Division.
- Working with different types of people.
- Workload challenges - need to set priorities.
- Forum Retreat Recommendations:
 - 10-15 minutes before the Forum meeting starts get the issues out and also 10 minutes to discuss drinking water issues.
 - Permits - form an Implementation Workgroup.
 - Antidegradation Policy - revisit the policy. Comments from Council on Antidegradation by August 20, 2008 to Steve.
 - Forum is still a good vehicle to discuss the issues.
- Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ASIWPCA) - Dave and Steve will be attending the September meeting.
- Federal Government reduced funding. Region VIII wants sustainable infrastructures. Grants Program for infrastructures - State seeking to use severance taxes for small communities
- Fee Bill - exploring and thinking about what approach to take for staff increases and additional staff.
- Biosolids/Pretreatment Delegation Legislation may be introduced next session. Comments from members:
 - Implementation - permit staff need to be involved in regulation development.
 - The Division needs to prioritize the issues.
- September 15th morning meeting on nonphenols at DRCOG. Will discuss Variances/Temporary Mods.

The Council likes the direction that Steve is taking the Division.

• **Self Certification Program, Dave Akers**

- The Self Certification Program for major dischargers was done per EPA's requirement. State was interested in self-certification. Now EPA is recommending that the State inspect majors every two years vs. annually. The State will be using the Compliance Monitoring Strategy and Inspection Program recommended by EPA and also maintaining the Self-Certification Program. Several Council members are doing the Self-Certification Program. The program requires extra work, but several will facilities not continue with to use it since the State will be doing inspections every other year.
- Several members mentioned that Self Certification takes weeks vs. a one-day State inspection.
- 40-50 facilities are participating in the Self-Certification Program in Colorado.
- Saves the State time.

- Use a checklist and send it to the State was recommended by a Council member.
- **SSO**
 - EPA to be more involved in the Program.
 - Accountability.
 - State to do an evaluation of 1/2 of 7 facilities - 4 evaluations need to be done (size 10,000 to 100,000 population) by the State next year.
 - State would like to work with the 7 facilities to develop the criteria to perform an evaluation vs. using the EPA's criteria developed by Region IV.
- **Antidegradation**
 - Comments from the Council to the State regarding antidegradation issues to be submitted to Steve Gunderson soon. Paul G. will send an updated version of the November 2006 letter with examples.
- **Permits, Andrew Ross**
 - Staff is now preparing 100% of permits in house. PELs are still being done by consultants.
 - National Workshop - WET - Sublethal Growth - new WET testing is requiring testing for sublethal growth. More information will be available in October.
 - Temperature Guidance is now final and is on the State's website under Policy and Guidance.
 - Region VIII has a new Pretreatment Coordinator, Al Garcia.
 - Converting to EPA's data system regarding Permit Data will start on August 19th when the State system goes dark, and on August 23rd the new EPA system will be functioning.
 - A new permit application will be online in the near future.
 - Workflow System being developed to track all permit status - online.
 - DMRs - online Net DMRs - EPA's new system. More information in the fall.
 - Biosolids hearing set for 2010. Workgroup to begin this fall.

II. Nomination of Officers

The Council approved the nomination of the following officers:

Position	Name	Utility	Telephone
Chair	Paul Grundemann	Centennial Water & Sanitation District	303.791.7181
Vice Chair	Amy Woodis	Metro Wastewater Reclamation District	303.286.3240
Treasurer	Blair Corning	South Adams County Water & Sanitation District	720.206.0463
Secretary	Brett Linenfelser	City of Boulder	303.413.7355
Director	Mary Gardner	Littleton/Englewood WWTP	303.762.2605
Director	Nancy Keller	City of Pueblo	719.553.2862

Members who will not be at the September meeting are encouraged to vote by email.

III. Updates

- Water Utility Council
 - Jill reported on the Forum Drinking Water Workgroup. Drinking water issues to be discussed at the beginning of the Forum Meeting.
 - Snails in Colorado was discussed.
 - Definition of impoundments - backwash into impoundments may need to be permitted as solid waste.
 - Policy 4 - Well operated plants - 9 pages of definition of what a well operated facility is.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Breakfast meeting at the Annual RMWEA/AWWA Conference in
Colorado Springs on September 16, 2008 at 7 AM